



Village of Westchester

July 2012 Newsletter

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From the Desk of The President



President Pulia pictured with the American Legion Col. A.L. Brody Post 1437 at the Memorial Day Ceremony.

CELEBRATING OUR INDEPENDENCE

The Westchester Fourth of July Parade is just days away. As Village President, I am inviting all of our residents and their guests to attend our annual celebration. The parade begins at the corner of Dorchester and Mayfair Avenue at 9:30 AM and will make its way to the Westchester Community Park on Bond Street where complimentary hot dogs will be served by the Westchester Park District. This year's parade will include new participants and entertainment that the whole family will enjoy. A map of the parade route can be found on page 24 of this newsletter.

I look forward to seeing you and your family along the parade route each year as we celebrate our country's historic decision to Declare Independence from Great Britain. Although we were already at war for over a year the Declaration of Independence was adopted by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776 which forever marked this national holiday. The Declaration announced that the thirteen

American Colonies regarded themselves as independent states and no longer a part of the British Empire.

WESTCHESTER FUN FEST

After the parade, the Annual Westchester Fest follows on Friday July 13, Saturday July 14, and Sunday July 15. This will be the 21st year of the Westchester Fest and I'm sure it will be one of the best ever.

On Sunday June 3rd, I had the privilege to preview one of the Fest's acts, which is scheduled to perform at the fest on Sunday July, 14 at 7:00 p.m. Dr. Tom Sullivan's backyard was turned into a musical concert and worldwide radio show for our military troops scattered all over the world. After Tom played a song for the attendees, I was asked to come to the microphone and be interviewed by Steven Tomaszewski, who produces the Soldiers Family TV-Radio Talk to the Troops programs for military personnel that

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Rob Verber

Title: Patrolman

Years: 23

What made you choose this profession?

While serving in the Marine Corps and stationed in California I had the opportunity to train with the local sheriffs police. I found this to be both exciting and challenging.

Describe a good day at work.

Knowing that we can provide both a safe and aware community for residents and business owners.

What is the best part of your job?

In addition to serving in the patrol division I have also been assigned the responsibility as the department's Neighborhood Watch/Community Relations Officer. This additional position has provided me with a unique and challenging opportunity to raise awareness and interact with those within the community in regards to crime prevention at a personal level that I ordinarily would not have. Since I enjoy public speaking this has provided me with a new focus within my profession. Those interested in additional information on crime prevention and/or the Neighborhood Watch program may contact me at rverber@westchesterpolice.com or 708.345.0060 ext. 440.

What advice would you give someone looking to be a police officer?

There are many aspects of law enforcement and crime prevention not only at a municipal level but also in the federal government, private sector and the military. Explore as many of these options as possible and remain persistent in doing so.

What would occur on your perfect day off?

Time away from the department is important. This allows one to "decompress" from the daily stressors associated with the job. Spending time working on projects around the home and motorcycling with friends allows me to do so.

WPD On Foot Patrol...

Chances are if you see a Westchester Police Officer strolling down your block, he is not lost (or looking for his squad car)! During the warmer months, Officers are periodically getting out of their cars and tuning into the neighborhoods they are assigned to patrol. It's an effort for the public and the police to better know each other. So next time you see a COP ("Constable On Patrol") walking down your street, don't be shy. Introduce yourself and your concerns. Help us to in our effort to help you stay safe.



On June 8, 2012, members of the Westchester Police Department volunteered as "Heroes Helping Heroes" collecting \$1200 for Salute, Inc. an organization that assists Military Service Members and their families. To donate or learn more, go to: www.saluteinc.org

Save the date...

National Night Out 2012 will culminate on August 7th, 2012. Over 15,300 communities are expected to take part and the Village of Westchester will be one of them. Residents are invited to join in the community partnership with our local Law Enforcement and Park District. We will begin our celebration with a gathering at Gladstone Park. We will then march down Westchester Blvd. to

Westchester Community Park. After a free swim in the community pool, residents will be able to view a family oriented movie and "picnic in the park." The Westchester Police Neighborhood Watch/Crime Prevention Unit will also be on hand with Safety Tips and Crime Prevention information.

National Night Out is designed to: Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;

Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs;

Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and

Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

For more information about National Night Out, visit www.nationalnightout.org.

Police Blotter

1. At 8:05am on April 9th 2012, a garage burglary was reported on the 700 block of Norfolk. Entry to the garage was forced and taken were a snow blower and lawn mower.

2. At 6:00pm on April 17th 2012, a garage burglary was reported on the 700 block of Gardner. Entry to the garage was forced and nothing was taken from the garage.

3. At 3:45pm on May 5th 2012, a garage burglary was reported on the 600 block of Suffolk. Entry to the garage was forced and taken was 4 bicycles and a lawn mower.

4. At 8:24pm on May 10th 2012, a garage burglary was reported on the 1400 block of Evers. Entry was made via an unlocked service door. Taken was a leaf blower and lawn mower.

5. At 6:35pm on May 23rd 2012, a garage burglary was reported on 1800 block of Belleview. Entry to the garage was forced and taken was a weed whacker.

6. At 1:00am on June 4th 2012, a garage burglary was reported on the 1100 block of Westchester Blvd.



Entry to the garage was forced and taken was a lawn mower.

7. At 6:00pm on June 4th 2012, a garage burglary was reported on the 1000 block of Westchester Blvd. Entry was made via an unlocked service door. Taken was a lawn mower.

8. At 7:45am on June 8th 2012, a

garage burglary was reported on the 800 block of Suffolk. Entry was made via an unlocked service door. Taken was a weed whacker and lawn mower.

9. At 1:30am on June 12th 2012, a garage burglary was reported on the 600 block of Portsmouth. Entry to the garage was forced. Taken was a cordless drill.

Fire Department

Fire Extinguisher Maintenance

Inspect fire extinguishers at least once a month (more often in severe environments).

Fire extinguisher maintenance is important for everyone's safety.

You must ensure that:

- The extinguisher is not blocked by equipment, coats or other objects that could interfere with access in an emergency.
- The pressure is at the recommended level. On extinguishers equipped with a gauge (such as that shown on the right), the needle should be in the green zone - not too high and not too low.
- The nozzle or other parts are not hindered in any way.
- The pin and tamper seal (if it has one) are intact.
- There are no dents, leaks, rust, chemical deposits and/or other signs of abuse/wear. Wipe off any corrosive chemicals, oil, gunk etc. that may have deposited on the extinguisher.



Some manufacturers recommend shaking your dry chemical extinguishers once a month to prevent the powder from settling/packing.

If the extinguisher is damaged or needs recharging, replace it immediately!

IMPORTANT: Recharge all extinguishers immediately after use regardless of how much they were used.

INSPECTION

An inspection is a "quick check" to give reasonable assurance that a fire extinguisher is available, fully charged and operable. The value of an inspection lies in the frequency, regularity, and thoroughness with which it is conducted. The frequency will vary from hourly to monthly, based on the needs of the situation. Inspections should always be conducted when extinguishers are initially placed in service and thereafter at approximately 30-day intervals.

C.P.R Training

The Westchester Fire Department will be providing a C.P.R. course on July 17 at 7:00 PM at Westchester Station 1, 10240 W. Roosevelt Road. Contact Westchester Station 1 708-345-0433 for more information.

Bedroom Fire Safety

Helps You Sleep Soundly at Night

Each year, fire claims the lives of 3,500 Americans and injures approximately 18,300. Bedrooms are a common area of fire origin. Nearly 600 lives are lost to fires that start in bedrooms. Many of these fires are caused by misuse or poor maintenance of electrical devices, such as overloading extension cords or using portable space heaters too close to combustibles. Many other bedroom fires are caused by children who play with matches and lighters, careless smoking among adults, and arson.

The United States Fire Administration (USFA) and the Sleep Products Safety Council (SPSC) would like you to know that there are simple steps you can take to prevent the loss of life and property resulting from bedroom fires.

Kids and Fire: A Bad Match

Children are one of the highest risk groups for deaths in residential fires. At home, children usually play with fire - lighters, matches and other ignitables - in bedrooms, in closets, and under beds. These are "secret" places where there are a lot of things that catch fire easily.

- Children of all ages set over 35,000 fires annually.
- Every year over 400 children nine years and younger die in home fires.
- Keep matches and lighters locked up and away from children. Check under beds and in closets for burnt matches, evidence your child may be playing with matches.
- Teach your child that fire is a tool, not a toy.

Appliances Need Special Attention

Bedrooms are the most common room in the home where electrical fires start. Electrical fires are a special concern during winter months which call for more indoor activities and increases in lighting, heating, and appliance use.

- Do not trap electric cords against walls where heat can build up.
- Take extra care when using portable heaters. Keep bedding, clothes, curtains and other combustible items at least three feet away from space heaters.
- Only use lab-approved electric blankets and warmers. Check to make sure the cords are not frayed.

Tuck Yourself In For A Safe Sleep

- Never smoke in bed.
- Replace mattresses made before the 2007 Federal Mattress Flammability Standard. Mattresses made since then are required by law to be safer.

Finally, having working smoke alarms dramatically increases your chances of surviving a fire. Place at least one smoke alarm on each level of your home and in halls outside bedrooms. And remember to practice a home escape plan frequently with your family.



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are stationed around the world. His program brings together sights and sounds from home to those engaged in doing their duty to protect us all. I was humbled and proud to be part of the show and wished all military personnel around the world a speedy and safe return on behalf of the residents of Westchester. Following my radio appearance, the audience was treated to a preview of what is in store for us at this year's fest from performer "Rockie Lynne". Rockie, a veteran who was assigned to the Army 82nd Airborne, treated us to a variety of music from his "Songs for Soldiers" album as well as commentary about himself and the type of tribute songs he will be performing at our festival on Sunday evening. If the preview is anything like the upcoming performance, we are in for a real treat. Recently Rockie performed for the Chicago Firefighters Union Local #2 at the 4th Annual "Support the Troops" Festival in Countryside, Illinois. Thanks to Tom Sullivan for inviting me to the event and opening up his home to such a talented artist and all those in attendance.

CRUISE NIGHT FUN

For the past several weeks I have seen a host of Westchester residents and visitors at the Monday Night Cruise Nite at the 31st and Wolf Road Plaza. Host Paul Gattuso keeps the entertainment and cars coming from near and far. All are welcome to look at the exotic machinery and enjoy the time with family and friends. The event is free for all. And don't forget the kids ... there is a moon jump.

WESTCHESTER CIVIC THEATRE PREMIER

St. Joseph High School Auditorium was transformed into a Broadway Production on the weekends of June 9, 10 and 16, 17 with the production of "Barbecuing Hamlet." Village Trustee Walter Novak planted the original seed to bring a community theater to Westchester. Building something from scratch to include another level of personality in Westchester, makes our community just that much better. The time and talent expended was well worth the experience. Although Wally did not have an acting role in this production, he has "broken more than a leg" in past performances at both the Divine Infant and Divine Providence Showcase productions



Over 2,000 pounds of asphalt have been removed from streets in various sections of the town.

of years ago. Just ask him about his role in the "Beauty School Dropout" number at the Divine Providence Showcase production. Thank you Wally, all the participants, and behind the scene workers for making the Westchester Civic Theater's first production a success.

UPDATE ON NON-HOME RULE SALES TAX

As communicated in our May newsletter, there was a technical oversight in the referendum passed on March 20, 2012 to pass a 1% non-home rule sales tax to provide revenue for the maintenance of the Village's public infrastructure system, including municipal streets, roads and storm water drainage improvements.

These revenues will be used, in part, to pay for the debt service on bonds to fund infrastructure improvements including the reconstruction of roads in the Village. The Village has not been collecting the sales tax approved by referendum in March. The earliest that it could have been collected is January 1, 2013.

It was determined that the authorizing ordinance prepared by our legal counsel and the ballot printed included a statutory reference for a Retailers Occupation Tax, but failed to include the related statutory reference to the companion Service Tax. These two components combine to become our "Non-Home Rule Sales Tax". They must be passed together; one is not enforceable without the other. The differentiation is that the Retailers Occupation Tax is assessed on your regular purchases at the retail location and the Service Tax is assessed on the materials portion of services engaged in (i.e. home improvement contracts, carpet cleaning). It is important to

Sewer Line Warranty Deadline Extended!

The Village of Westchester is pleased to announce that Service Line Warranties of America (SLWA) is extending the deadline for homeowners to sign up for the discounted monthly price for the sewer line warranty program. The sewer line warranty program provides low cost, worry-free warranty protection for sewer lines. The new deadline is July 15, 2012. Please call SLWA at 855-535-7141 for more information. www.SLWofA.com

note that the non-home rule sales tax percentage remains at 1%.

To correct this technical error, we will have to go back to referendum in November and present the question to the voters to authorize the corporate authorities of the Village of Westchester to levy the Service Tax in accordance with State Statute in order to perfect our Non-Home Rule Sales Tax and protect the revenue source from challenge. The March 20, 2012 referendum passed with an overwhelming 68% of the vote, which affirmed that the residents know how critical this funding is to provide a revenue source for maintaining our roads and infrastructure.

The Village maintains a credit rating of Aa2 as awarded by Moody's Investor Service which is a reflection of our strong financial management and we want to go the extra mile to protect our strong position in the bond market. We want to assure you that we are committed to obtaining these revenues for use in our infrastructure improvement programs and are consulting with our financial and legal advisors to make sure that we are successful in obtaining those revenues for the benefit of the Village.

PUBLIC WORKS PAVING NEWS

The in-house paving program this year is just a little bit ahead of

schedule due to the great weather we have been having. Over 2,000 pounds of asphalt have been removed from streets in various sections of the town. Over 650 tons have been ground off in the area east of Mannheim to Gardner and north of Roosevelt Rd. Another 450 tons from Roosevelt to Cermak Rd and Mannheim to Gardner; 450 tons in the High Ridge Section South of Roosevelt to Cermak Rd. Mannheim to Heidorn Ave. The remaining 500 tons have been removed south of Cermak Rd. and West of Mannheim Rd.

The operation requires a total of 8 public works employees to manage the paving operation. This includes three to operate trucks that pick-up and deliver hot asphalt, one to man the paving machine, three to spread the asphalt, and another to roll the asphalt flat. That accounts for more than half of our total fourteen public works staff. In addition to the paving, the remaining staff are working on reading meters, chipping tree branches, trimming dangerous trees, repairing sewer and water lines, safety striping, vacuuming sewers, removing stumps and performing parkway restoration. Frankly, there are more projects to do than there are bodies to do them. The crew is working as swiftly as possible to complete all the necessary projects.

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All month

Library summer hours are in effect through September 3, Labor Day: Monday-Thursday 9:30AM – 8:00 PM, Friday 9:30 AM – 6:00 PM, Saturday 9:30 AM – 5:00 PM, closed Sundays.

The Page Turners Club for adults and high school students (you could win a NOOK COLOR!) and Youth Summer Reading Clubs continue through July at Library. Stop by the Library for more details about reading clubs.

Monday, July 2

Monday Matinee for Kids featuring "Lights Out" 2:00 PM at Library.

Monday, July 3

WMS Marching Band Rehearsal at WMS (10:30 AM -11:45 AM)

Wednesday, July 4

Westchester Village Hall closed for Independence Day.

Library closed for Independence Day.

Independence Day Mass, 7:30 AM, Divine Providence Church, 2600 Mayfair, 708-562-3364

Saturday/Sunday July 7/8

Revised Mass Schedule for Divine Providence. Sat. 5:00 PM, Sun. 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM, Divine Providence Parish, 2600 Mayfair, Westchester, 708-562-3364

Monday, July 9

Monday Matinee for Kids featuring "Bats In Your Belfry" 2:00 PM at Library.

Wednesday, July 11

Morning StoryTime for children age 5 and younger 10:30 AM at Library.

Friday, July 13

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 8:00AM-7:00PM at Divine Providence Church, 2600 Mayfair, Ave. 708-562-3364

Saturday/Sunday July 14/15

Revised Mass Schedule for Divine Providence. Sat. 5:00 PM, Sun. 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM, Divine Providence Parish, 2600 Mayfair, Westchester, 708-562-3364

Saturday July 14

1:30 pm Owls on the Prowl at Wolf Road Prairie Presented by the Salt Creek Greenway Association www.saltcreekgreenwayassociation.org. 1 Aloha Lane, Hickory Lane Buffer to Wolf Road Prairie, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Police Headquarters, North side of 31st Street west of Wolf Road, Westchester. Presenter Melina Peters, Naturalist, The Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, The Forest Preserve District of Cook County. At least ten raptors are known to Wolf Road Prairie.

The Great horned owl is the largest. Great horned owls are identified by their "horns" or feathered ear tufts on the top of their heads. They are nocturnal and hunt normally at dawn and dusk, feeding primarily on rodents. The Great horned weighs 3 to 4 pounds with a wing span of 36-60 inches. A Great horned and baby were seen at Wolf Road Prairie this May.

Join Melina for an informative program on their courting habits, preferred habitat and how they raise their chicks. Enjoy an up-close and personal look at the resident Great horned owl from the Little Red Schoolhouse who will be the special guest of the day.

Learn about other raptors at Wolf Road Prairie and view some bird artifacts. A hike follows if weather conditions permit. For more information about this free program sponsored by the Salt Creek Greenway Association, email stpsspale@aol.com or call 708-865-8736. Reservations are recommended. Contact us to reserve your space.

Saturday, July 14

Save The Prairie Society invites you to participate in our annual Insect Safari.

Join us on the Prairie to search for insects and then return with us to the Prairie House Porch to study and identify them before releasing them back to the Prairie. Wear long pants and sturdy shoes. Bring a plastic container with air holes if you can. Cancelled if raining. Meet at the Prairie House, 11225 Constitution Dr. at 10 am. \$5 for individuals and \$7 for families. Call 708-354 5512 or visit www.savetheprairiesociety.com.

Monday, July 16

Monday Matinee for Kids featuring "Lone Prairie" 2:00 PM at Library.

"Teen Video Game Night" for teens ages 13-18. 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM at Library. Must sign up in advance at the Adult Dept (708) 562-3573.

Call for photos, info

Kathy Anderson through Arcadia publishing will be writing a book about Westchester. Ms. Anderson is currently looking for pictures of Westchester including; homes, businesses, establishments as well as any pertinent information. The content can be submitted throughout the months of July and August at Westchester Community Church, Monday through Friday between 8:00 AM and 3:00 PM.

Honoring our heroes

"HONORING THE MEN & WOMEN THAT SERVED OUR COUNTRY & TODAY SERVE OUR COMMUNITIES" Friday, July 27 from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM-Attention all Veterans that are Volunteers in your community. Cook County Commissioner Jeffery R. Tobolski is Honoring You! For your service to our Country and service in our community. In appreciation for all you do, I would like to invite all veterans from the Cook County 16th District, to join me for food, drink, and recognition at the McCook Athletic Exposition Center, 4750 South Vernon Avenue in McCook. Please RSVP to Gail at 708-431-0091.

Tuesday, July 17

"Job Search Strategies Workshop" with Laina Krisik. 10:30 AM at Library. Contact Adult Department to register at (708) 562-3573.

Wednesday, July 18

Morning StoryTime for children age 5 and younger at 10:30 AM at the Library.

Friday, July 20

Taize Prayer, 7:30 PM, Divine Providence Parish, 2600 Mayfair Ave., 708-562-3364

Watch for Registration Packets in the mail for the 2012-2013 Westchester Public Schools school year!

Saturday/Sunday July 21/22

Revised Mass Schedule at Divine Providence. Sat. 5:00 PM, Sun. 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM, Divine Providence Parish, 2600 Mayfair, Westchester, 708-562-3364

Monday, July 23

Monday Matinee for Kids featuring "Over the Top" 2:00 PM at Library.

Wednesday, July 25

Morning StoryTime for children age 5 and younger 10:30 AM at the

Library.

Wednesday July 25

1:00 PM, The Westchester Aging Well team invites the community to come out and share their thoughts, ideas and opinions with AARP regarding MEDICARE AND SOCIAL SECURITY. The event will be held at the Mayfair Recreation Center, 10835 Wakefield Street, Westchester.

Saturday/Sunday July 28/29

Revised Mass Schedule for Divine Providence. Sat. 5:00 PM, Sun. 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM, Divine Providence Parish, 2600 Mayfair Ave., Westchester, 708-562-3364

Monday, August 6

"Teen Video Game Night" for teens ages 13-18. 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM at Library. Must sign up in advance at the Adult Dept (708) 562-3573.

Senior Matinees featuring "It Happened One Night" at 2:00 PM at the Library.

Wednesday, August 8-10

13-17- Summer "Jump Start" Band Program at Westchester Middle School (9:00 AM-10:00 AM & 10:10 AM -11:10AM)



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Performance Dates: July 20th & 21st at 7:30pm, July 22nd at 3pm
St. Joseph High School, 10900 W. Cermak Rd, Westchester, Il 60154
Pre-sale tickets will be \$10 (Reserve at opsistheatretickets@gmail.com)
Tickets at the door: \$12, \$10 for seniors and students with a valid ID

Note: This show contains some adult content, and may not be suitable for all ages.

For more information check us out on Facebook or email us at opsistheatre@gmail.com



Actors, take a bow

For 30 years, the Westchester Middle School has presented a spring musical. Students in grades six through eight attend a workshop to learn auditioning and acting techniques in preparation of the audition process. During the audition, students try out their dancing, vocal and acting skills. From the approximately eighty students who audition, forty students earn the privilege of participating in the musical.

This year students performed *Into the Woods*, book by James Lapine and music by Stephen Sondheim. *Into the Woods* is based on the fairy tale characters Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood, Jack and his beanstalk and the Witch. The characters meet and interact on their journeys. Our talented Westchester Middle School students shared their talents with community audiences on May 3rd and 4th to rave reviews.

Directed by Mrs. Julie Simms Dennis, music teacher, and co-

directed by Mrs. Chelsea Gildow, science teacher, and Mrs. Karen Klemchuk, language arts teacher, the students acted, sang and moved the audience to laughter and appreciation of their hard work and dedication to the production.

Westchester Middle School is fortunate to have a community that supports this program and the many talents of our students. It is quite fulfilling to watch the school gymnasium become a full house of energetic people enthralled in what has been in-the-making for nearly two months. Students will never forget the experience of working toward the common goal of performing to a welcoming audience and community and having a sense of accomplishment and pride.

Mrs. Dennis says, "This brings out the best in our students, our school and our district. It is a privilege to provide this opportunity to our students."



Middle school students are moving on up

Westchester Middle School 8th Grade students enjoy dinner with classmates before the "End Of Year Dance" held in the gymnasium on June 1, 2012. Students had a wonderful time thanks to the many volunteers and contributions from within the community.

Westchester Middle School ~ Class of 2012

Tajuan S.C. Agee
Cristie Alarcon
Dajon Tyea Allgood
Manuel Avitia
Patricia Isabel Ayala
Carson Riley Bartels
Bryan Alexander Behrendt
Alecia Denise Bell
Matthew David Berger
Jordan Taylor Black
Toriano Jayce Blair
Darius Mircea Blig
Ethan Jack Bogart
Samuel Boscan
Olha Bosnova
Ja'Kyaa Jeneice Bradley
Jonah Patrick Bridgewater
Adia Eunice Brooks
Jaceia Esther Bryant
Adoni Christian Byas
Kollin Brock Calerway
Charles Angel Calvert
Marty Malik Cameron
Harrison James Campana
Colin Roddy Carlson
Dominic Harry Carmignani
Alexis Renae Carr
Colleen Victoria Cavanaugh
Matthew Michael Clark
Torrance Dontae Coats Jr.
Joshua James Coleman
Sara Nicuclna Constantin
Dominic John Covelli
Christian Diego Cunningham
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Samuel Robert Detmers
Natalie Alexis Dominguez
Kiera Anne Donnamario
Adam James Elizondo
Diana Nicole Ferraro
Christopher Anthony Franco
Eric Frazier Jr.
Abena Boakyewaa Frimpong
Hannah Gloria Galloway
Julisa Galvan
Anthony Edward Ganzer

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DeJaun Michael Garcia-Smith
Alexis Gil
Maksim Giljen
Jazmin Gomez Sandoval
Josselyn Gomez Sandoval
Angelica Maria Gomez
Armando Miguel Gomez
Paulina Alejandra Gonzalez
Tyler Jacob Graf
Nicole Louise Griffin
Domonique Deija Grimes
Luz-Mariana Guerra
Patrick Edward Gundry
Karla Marisabel Guzmán
Anthony Martese Harris
Alexis Nicole Hernandez
Adrian Herrera
Jade Janae Hines
Nathaniel Holman
Erica Reneé Hooks
Raul Jaquez III
Grace Marie Jelinek
Josiah Mingo Johnson
Paige Juanita Kimbrough
Stephanie Lynae Kostohryz
Gabriella Renee Kouzoukas
Jakub Artur Krawczyk
Margaret Paula Lopez
Julian Michael Love
Katherine Maureen Lumsden
Alexander Dimitri Majors
Tamia Seané Manning
Emilia Gabriela Martinez
Joshua Mateo Martinez
Jacob Tobias Matthews
Dominique Carolina Mazzulla
Eddie Chiantay McCottrell
John Patrick McKinnon
Kelli Marie McNeely
Aschli Nicole Minervini
Destiney Angelina Mosley
Matthew John Motsinger
Tyra Marie Nelson
Ryan Nathaniel Nieves
Vanessa Oluchi Nwankpa
Robert Gerald Oliver Jr.
Maria Guadalupe Ortega

Pablo Tadeo Ortiz
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Abigail Jean Peterson
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Alec Christopher Podock
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Alexis Ramos
Lelandra Louise Randle
Isabella Diana Reda
Zachary William Redis
Sarah Ann Reynolds
Liliana Rios
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Vanessa Ann Scafuri-Mueller
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Alejandro Villalobos
Kevin Edward Vitek
Aidan Paul Walton
Shaina Darice Warfield
Calyah Jatou West
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Antonio Twaun Williams
Monique Dashay Williams
Tinauris D'Aunjay Wise
Jose Everardo Zepeda

Honoring school retirees

The theme of the annual staff recognition and celebration for the 2011-2012 school year, "Schools plant the seeds of learning that grow forever" was particularly meaningful to its four retirees.

Mary Leidigh, principal of Westchester Intermediate School, retired after 17 years in the school district. She began her teaching career in Westchester as a PE teacher in 1974.

After several years in the district, she took leave to raise a family, returning as a substitute teacher until she was ready again for full time work. After working in other districts, Mrs. Leidigh returned to Westchester in 2000 and has served the community as the Principal of WIS and WMS.

Marge Barry has worked for the Westchester Public Schools as a reading specialist at WIS. She came with 15 years of experience and has helped lead the school in developing a balanced literacy program. She is one of just over 5000 teachers in Illinois who has earned National Board Certification, the highest credentials of the teaching profession.

Marge is looking forward to retirement but also to continuation in the profession teaching

prospective teachers.

Jim Shotsberger worked for District 92½ for 11 years. He retired as building foreman of the Westchester Primary School, but also worked as head custodian at WMS.

Jim knew how to balance fun with hard work. He was always on top of all the routines, making sure the school was in good order for the children and staff. He would also do anything to bring a smile to the faces of kids and staff. Students and staff will remember him for his participation in the annual lunchroom skit dressed as Cookie Monster or the Bad Wolf and for wearing a cape during Super Hero reading week.

Percie Pickens has been driving the children of Westchester to and from school for 14 years. Percie was exceptionally patient with the students and has had the opportunity to know quite a few of the children and parents of the community as he met them each morning and brought them home in the afternoon.

It will be difficult to fill the shoes of the District's retirees as the families of the Westchester Public Schools wish them well in their retirement.

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Although we may become a little backed-up at times, we appreciate your patience.

If you are wondering where the street sweeper is, it has also been involved in the re-paving process. The machine is being utilized to remove the debris prior to final paving. Unfortunately, the Village is trying to play catch-up with a number of projects that should have been done prior to this administration. We are doing our best to repair and maintain Westchester in a timely manner with the available resources, both financially and with the personnel we have on hand to complete these tasks.

TREE TRIMMING

For those living south of Cermak Road our scheduled wholesale parkway tree trimming in that area is scheduled for February 2013. Each of the past 4 years we have been trimming approximately 1500 trees beginning in 2009 with the Britten section, Nixon (Middle School) section in 2010, 2011, and the High Ridge (Intermediate) section in 2012. Additionally, we have been responding to reports of dangerous branches that need to be removed. If you are aware of dangerous branches that need to be removed, please call Public Works at 708-345-0041.

NEWLY PLANTED TREES

For those who purchased a tree through our 50/50 program the dry spring and early heat wave of summer is requiring more frequent watering and soaking. Please continue watering throughout the heat wave. All of the trees planted in November 2011 and April 2012 are guaranteed for 1 year. Please monitor the health of these trees.

BRANCH PICK-UP

Just a friendly reminder that branch-pick-up and chipping is only done on the first full week of the month. This month's pick up will occur Monday July 2 through Friday July 6. In June we experienced many parkways full of bushes and tree branches removed by our homeowners. Staff picked up as many branches and bushes as they could each day however, they were not able to complete each area. We have been striving to complete the sections on their pick-up days as scheduled. Sometimes it is just not possible with all the issues we are



Congratulations to Officer Chmara on his retirement after over 31 years of service to Westchester.

handling, but I assure you it will get done as soon as practicable.

COMED NEWS

On June 27 municipal leaders from the West Suburban region held an informational meeting at the Village of Westchester about the Joint Operation Center which is expected to be running by July 2013. The JOC places municipal employees in seats next to COMED employees in the event of a sustained Power Outage which occurs for three hours and affects 40,000 customers. Space has been set aside in the City of Berwyn Fire House as a primary site to accommodate the operations should the need arise. Municipal officials will be part of the restorations process as power is being restored to affected towns and cities in the Maywood Region.

COMED STORM RESPONSE COMMUNICATION

ComEd has enhanced their technology features for better communication between customers. You can now use two-way text messaging to inform ComEd of an outage by texting "OUT" to 26633 (COMED). You can also subscribe to outage alerts by texting "ADD OUTAGE" to 26633 (COMED). This new technology will provide customers with real-time outage status updates, and power restoration confirmations. No more than 7 texts in one day will be sent.

Customers can also download a mobile app for their smart phone

to report outages, receive status updates, make payments, and view account history to name a few of the features. They have also introduced an interactive map on comed.com. For more information regarding these new communication technologies, please visit www.comed.com.

COOLING CENTER OPERATIONAL

According to the Village of Westchester Emergency Operations Plan (EOP), the Village Cooling Center will be activated when the following conditions are forecasted:

3 consecutive days with the heat index at 100 ° F - 104 ° F

2 consecutive days with the heat index at 105 ° F - 109 ° F

Single day with the heat index at 110 ° F or higher

The Fire Department continually monitors the temperatures as it

is constantly changing to ensure the Cooling Center is activated at the appropriate time. There are three cooling centers located in Westchester for residents.

Village Hall/Police Lobby which is available 24 hours a day. The Westchester Public Library which is open during normal business hours (call Library for information) and the Westchester Park District during their normal business hours.

Fire Chief Adams would like to inform residents of the following hot weather tips:

- Drink lots of water and natural juices; avoid alcoholic beverages, coffee, and colas
- Avoid going out in the blazing heat
- If you don't have air conditioning, keep shades

See **PRESIDENT**, page 11



Critics Corner

A Review of WCT's Barbequing Hamlet

"I had the privilege of attending the June 16th performance of Barbequing Hamlet, the debut production of the Westchester Community Theater. The play had all in attendance laughing out loud throughout! It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening and I can't wait for the next production! I would recommend everyone check out their next production this fall! Kudos to the entire theater group!"

Janet Matthys, Village Manager



"Encore" to the Westchester Civic Theatre group on their recent production of Barbequing Hamlet! I had a most enjoyable and entertaining evening. I am looking forward to their next endeavor!"

April Padalik, Chief of Police

Beat the heat this summer

By Melissa Fecarotta

Summer is here and it is more important than ever to take note of some summer heat safety tips. Knowing the right summer heat safety tips is vital to protecting yourself and our children from the heat. Following some easy tips will help you and your family stay safe and "Beat the Heat".

Water is the key to staying cool. Keeping hydrated is extremely important for adults and children alike. By drinking plenty of water you can lower your chances of over-heating or dehydration. Most of us also know that increased activity requires increased hydration. Water can also help people stay cool in other ways. Using the neighborhood pool is cooling and fun for everyone. You can also keep your little ones cool with a sprinkler, or even a spray bottle to mist them.

Memorize the body's cooling points. Did you know that our bodies have specific points that can help cool the whole body quickly? By putting cold water or ice on these areas, you can quickly lower your body temperature and become more comfortable. They include:

- The pulse points on your neck, wrists, temples, and inner thighs
- The insides of elbows and knees
- The tops of feet and inside of ankles

Remember the sunscreen! This is one of those summer safety tips that is getting much easier as technology advances. Today we have access to UV protective clothing, and sunscreens that come in easy to apply sprays and lotions. Be consistent and use sunscreen often; sunburns in early childhood can greatly increase your child's risk of skin cancer later in life.

Introducing...

Westchester Educational Foundation

We're pleased to announce the formation of the Westchester Educational Foundation (WEF) to begin serving students in Westchester School District 92 ½ during the 2012 - 2013 academic year. As we know, the cost of education continues to increase while government reimbursement for these valuable services continues to go down. School districts such as 92 ½ continue to make tough choices on how best to spend shrinking funding to meet the needs of children in the best way possible. The main purpose of WEF is to supplement educational funding in order to alleviate some of the financial stress the District encounters.

With the support of District 92 ½, WEF will solicit and grant financial assistance to the three schools within the Westchester District in order to enhance the quality of education provided to students, and help expand learning opportunities. As a charitable organization, the Foundation will encourage parent, alumni, and corporate support for this mission. We hope the community as a whole will recognize the need to give all students in Westchester the best educational opportunities possible and to make these students life-long learners.

Please consider supporting WEF any way possible. Whether it's by financial support, introductions to local corporate partners, or volunteering your time, we hope you'll partner with us. District 92 ½ families and the community will hear more about the WEF in the coming months. For more information, please call Eric Schmidt, WEF Board Member, at (630) 207-4505. And remember that it "takes a village to raise a child"!

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How to advertize in the Westchester Newsletter

Do you have a business or organization you would like to promote in the Westchester area? Then the Westchester Newsletter is where you need to be! The Village of Westchester newsletter is delivered to over 7200 households on the first Monday of each month. In addition to household deliveries, it is also distributed at the Westchester Public Library and many local businesses. The most current newsletter is displayed on the Village website with the previous months issues accessible online. We would like to offer your business or organization the opportunity to advertise in our newsletter. We offer four convenient advertising options. Go to www.westchester-il.org to review our advertising policies and pricing. You may also contact Molly Keane at newsletter@westchester-il.org or 708-345-0020 for more information.



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Westchester Chamber of Commerce Upcoming Events

- July 19th Russo's Hillside Chapels is hosting an afterhours for Chamber members from 5-7pm. Location is 4500 W Roosevelt Rd, Hillside
- July 24th Midwest Soaring Foundation's Cultural Center is Hosting the Westchester Chamber Breakfast 7:45-9:00am at 1 Hickory Lane, Westchester
- Aug 9th Harris Bank is Hosting an after-hours for Chamber members from 5-7pm. Location 10500 W Cermak Rd Westchester
- Aug 28th Mattones Restaurant will be hosting the Westchester Chamber Luncheon with speaker for Chamber members. Cost for pre- registration is \$17.00, \$20.00 for walk in guests. The Event is from 12-1pm. Location 9 East 31st Street LaGrange Park



Boy Scouts honor veterans over the Memorial Day weekend

Troop 73 Boy Scouts from Westchester Community Church, along with a fellow scout from LaGrange, placed flags on the graves in the military section of Mt. Carmel Catholic Cemetery. Pictured from left to right are Zach Frey, Eddie Colaianni, Joe Deditz, Trevor Torrens, and Patrick Gundry.



Westchester Primary School Million-Minute Read Incentive:

The whole of Westchester Primary School reads together in the gym for 10 minutes to reach the goal of reading 1 million minutes.

Correction:

Please note the following corrections of the Annual Water Quality Report; On page 25 of the June 2012 Newsletter, "City of Chicago 2008 Water Quality Data" should have read "City of Chicago 2011 Water Quality Data". On page 26, "Chloramines" should have read "Chlorines".

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drawn and blinds closed, but windows open slightly

- Keep electric lights off or turned down
- Minimize use of your stove, oven, and microwave
- Wear loose, light, cotton clothing
- Take cool baths or showers
- DON'T leave anyone (including) pets in parked cars, EVEN FOR A FEW MINUTES
- Please check on your neighbors and request a well-being check if unsure of their welfare

WELCOME GOODWILL INDUSTRIES

All Westchester Residents should be informed that there is a new business opening in Westchester. Goodwill Industries have decided to locate their business in the 31st and Wolf Road Plaza in the building formerly occupied by Scotts Pet Shop. The first day of business was June 28th. A ribbon cutting welcoming is being scheduled through the corporate

office. We are pleased to have Goodwill in our community for all our residents to not only contribute to, but also make purchases of items they may need at a value. WELCOME!!!

PRIVATE PROPERTY TREE TRIMMING

A recent question was asked at one of our board meetings regarding trees and bushes that extend over the property of a neighbor. The general rule is that those offending branches can be trimmed by the property owner whose property they overhang. I would certainly encourage speaking to the tree owner before trimming anything. Having good neighbor relations is always a plus when neighbors can together make a decision on what branches and how much can be trimmed. There is the Illinois Wrongful Tree Cutting Act 740 ILCS/185 that cover when the trimming causes damage to the tree.

For more information search Illinois Tree Trimming Laws on your computer or, as always, please consult with an attorney of your choice to provide the information you need.

FROM THE BOARD

As you may have heard the Old St. Joseph High School and adjacent property has been For Sale for several years. With the economy picking up there has been interest by several private developers to develop the site.

St. Joseph officials are in the process of selecting a developer who will be approaching the Village Board with their development plans. We are anxious as well as enthusiastic about the opportunities that may be presenting themselves. Public input is valuable and critical in any developmental process. As always, you are cordially invited to any and all of our meetings.

The board authorized the disposal of 4 used vehicles to be disposed at the public WCMC Auction held on June 16th.

Clear Channel Outdoor made a presentation regarding the possibility of installing an electronic billboard in the vicinity of Cermak and Mannheim Road.

Staff was researching ownership of village owned property in the area. Information was distributed for board review. Prior to the meeting Chief April Padalik was asked to supply

accident data for the intersection. The review resulted in findings of 10 accidents in calendar year 2010 and four accidents in calendar year 2011.

The village Administrative Tow Ordinance was updated to reflect the recently enacted statutory language passed by the Illinois General Assembly. Drivers who operate a vehicle with a Suspended / Revoked Drivers License, Operating while Intoxicated (DUI), Unlicensed, as well as several other state violations will have their vehicles seized and charged an Administrative Tow Fee of \$500.

This fee will be assessed along with the actual tow fee charged by the tow company. Drivers are placed on notice that they will be arrested, charged for operating a vehicle under those type of violations. Hearings to allow for Due Process will also be held for any vehicle seized under the allowable circumstances.

The Board approved Allied Asphalt as the provider of asphalt for street paving this summer season. The purchase price of \$51.00 per ton for proprietary mix of the 2100 tons we hope to lay on our streets.

Pool Daily Admission Rates

**Daily Admission must be paid in cash or credit.*

Age	Resident	Non-Resident
2-59 years	\$7.50	\$10.50
Senior	\$7.50	\$10.50
Evening Rates Monday – Friday ONLY		
2-59 years	\$3.00	\$10.50
Senior	\$3.00	\$10.50

2011 Season Pool Passes also for sale through September 5th

Pool Hours

Sunday	11:00am-12:00pm	Adult Swim
	12:00pm-6:00pm	Open Swim
Mon., Tues., Thur.	1:00pm-4:45pm	Open Swim
	5:15pm-6:30pm	Adult Swim
	6:30pm-9:00pm	Open Swim
Wed., Fri.	1:00pm-4:45pm	Open Swim
	5:15pm-6:30pm	Adult Swim
	6:30pm-8:30pm	Open Swim
Saturday	11:00am-12:00pm	Adult Swim
	12:00pm-8:30pm	Open Swim



July

Specialty Camps in July & August: ages 5-13

Mural Camp - M-F - July 30th – August 3rd / 3-5pm / \$65/\$75

Making Your Own Spiderman Movie – M-Th - August 6th – August 9th / 4-5:30pm / \$77/\$87

Young Chef Culinary Camp – M-F – August 13th – August 17th /

3-4:30pm & 5-6:30pm / \$55/\$65

Forest the Fox's PLAYBOX

Forest the Fox's Playbox is an indoor, integrated soft playground providing children with hours of physical and developmental activities.

Come In From The Heat!

The Playbox is available for open play on a daily fee basis.

Admission: \$3.00 per child

Children under 1 and adults are free

Please call 708-562-6410 for the most recent play schedule.

PLAYBOX Party Rooms

The Playbox has two private rental rooms available for children's parties.

Playbox packages include the use of our private party rooms as well as access into Forest the Fox's Playbox!

Each package will include 30 minutes of private use and 45 minutes of semi private use in the Playbox.

Please contact the Banquet Manager, 708-562-6410 x11, for additional information, availability and to schedule.



Stop by the Park District's Children's Tent at the Westchester Fest. July 13th, 14th & 15th

Step out of the sun and into the shade with toys and activities for young children.

Summer DAY CAMP

Registration is ongoing. Spots still open for 10am-3pm.

Session II July 2nd – July 20th * No camp 7/4

Session III July 23rd – August 10th

\$229 Resident / \$260 Non-Resident per session



Please visit our website, www.wpdparks.org or call the park district at 708.865.8200 for additional information on any of the above programs.

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Friday, Saturday, Sunday July 13th-15th

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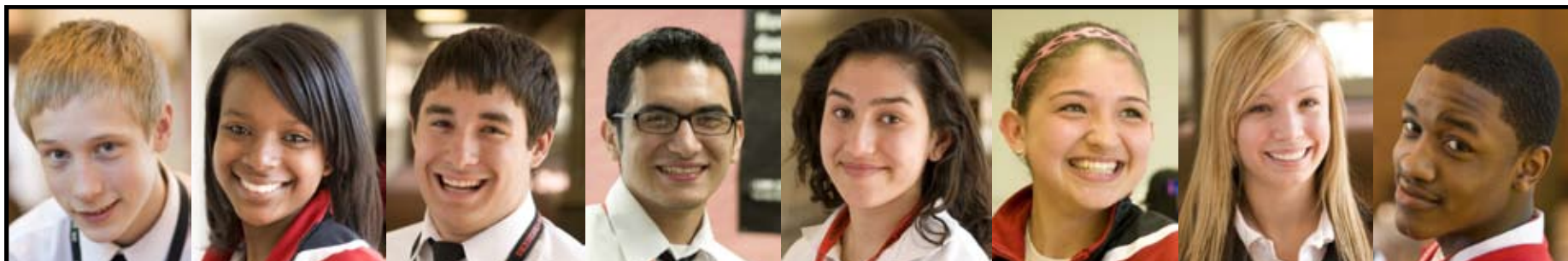
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Dr. Ray Pollina and Claire Johnston Kunkel surprised Carlos on May 2nd by informing him of his scholarship.

A WELL DESERVED HONOR!

Written by: Tony Quattrochi, Faculty Member

The value of an education can never be overestimated.

Ask both the HEAR Foundation and **Carlos Montero**, Class of 2012, St. Joseph High School, recipient of HEAR's four-year scholarship for 2012.

"The HEAR Scholarship began in 2009 and was founded by Gregory Anonucci and James Ziemba," said Claire Johnston Kunkel, who serves as Director and Program Developer for HEAR. "We have awarded one such scholarship each year on the basis of need, academic performance and the student's activities. In the past three years, we have averaged approximately 30 applicants and have been able to award a total of seven four-year scholarships, in amounts varying from \$20,000 to \$40,000 per student."

Claire and HEAR board member, Dr. Ray Pollina surprised Carlos on May 2nd when they came to St. Joseph High School to inform him of the award.

"I feel very honored and privileged to be a recipient of this tremendous award," remarked Carlos. "I am thrilled my hard work during high school paid off. I often wondered how I was going to be able to pay for school, beginning with four years of college, majoring in biological sciences and then going to med school to specialize in microbiology. Now that I have the HEAR Foundation in my life, I can better focus on my studies and plan for paying for graduate school down the road. I cannot fully put into words how much the HEAR Foundation means to me and my family."

Carlos' four years at St. Joe's saw him as busy out of the classroom as he was in the classroom. It was difficult enough for Carlos to put in long hours to achieve Salutatorian for the Class of 2012 and Illinois State Scholar. He also excelled in academic and nonacademic circles, including: president of the Spanish Honor Society, member of the National Honor Society, newspaper, Computer Programming Club, Math Club, Scholastic Team, Eucharistic Minister, track and soccer teams.

"It was an interesting process in applying for the HEAR Scholarship," continued Carlos. "There were two interviews downtown and I remember that in one of them I was questioned by four people. It was worth the stress, though. There was an awesome ceremony a few months later, where three people were given awards. I was very proud to be there with my parents. I know I will be grateful forever."

Besides the scholarship, Carlos received an impressive sculpture of Hans Christian Anderson, nineteenth century author famous for his fairy tales. "I had the sculpture made to emulate the author since Hans himself had his education funded by others," shared Kirk Kirkegaard, donor for the HEAR Foundation. "And those fairy tales Hans told so well were full of all the twists and turns life presents to all of us. I wanted Carlos to be prepared for those without the financial constraints that would prevent him from becoming a whole person. I am confident that with his next few years being debt free it will help him focus on his studies."



The "Kirky" Award, named by donor Kirk Kirkegaard, features a sculpture of Hans Christian Anderson, weighs over thirty pounds and renders two inspirational quotes.

St. Joseph High School is extremely proud of this young man's accomplishments and we wish him well. Congratulations, Carlos!

And thank you, HEAR Foundation!!

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New Home For **CHARGER FOOTBALL**



The Charger football team is relocating!

Games will now be played on the campus of **Elmhurst College** (190 Prospect Avenue). After several years playing on St. Joseph's campus, the decision to move games to Elmhurst College was a relatively easy one.

"The move is part of our overall goal to expose our student-athletes to new experiences," reflected Bruce DeSanto, Athletic Director.

"The facility with which they provide us is top-notch and we're able to play four night games which we have not been able to do in the past." The move will remind many of our alumni when all home football games were played at Proviso West with an occasional scheduling conflict putting us at Proviso East.

Second year coach Anthony Griffin looks forward to continued improvement in the program as the Sophomores are coming off of a 6-3 record and a division championship in the Catholic League (4-0).

HOME SCHEDULE - (All Fridays)	
<i>Sophomores at 5 pm & Varsity at 7:30 pm</i>	
September 7th	Gordon Tech
September 21st	St. Ignatius
October 5th	Ridgewood (Homecoming)
October 19th	St. Laurence (Senior Night)

GO CHARGERS!



WESTCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Mural Project Update

In May, select members of the Friends of the Library and the Save the Prairie Society met with director Fidencio Marbella and youth librarian Julie Yekel to pick drawings for the Prairie Mural Project. With so many excellent entries submitted in the student competition held earlier this year, the group chose more than four winners so that each seasonal mural could incorporate elements from several student drawings.

In June, Julie Yekel began supervising a group of volunteers and student artists who are at work painting reproductions of the winning images on large canvas panels which, when completed, will be hung in the Community Room.

A.M. StoryTimes Added

At the request of several parents, youth librarians have scheduled three morning StoryTime sessions in July for children age 5 and younger. The sessions will be held **Wednesday mornings, from 10:30 - 11:00 am on July 11, 18 & 25.** We hope this makes it easier for parents who schedule afternoon naps for their young ones.

New Databases Make Research a Breeze!

Need product information from Consumer Reports or looking for a legal form? Patrons will find a new mix of databases on our website for searching reliable information on topics related to health, medicine, science, business, literature, careers, car repairs, and more. Go to www.westchesterpl.org and click "Databases & Websites."

Nooks & Sony eReaders That Circulate!

This July, watch for announcements at the Library and on our website and Facebook page.



Teen Video Game Nights

Monday, July 16 6—7:30 pm
Monday, August 6 6—7:30 pm

Hey Westchester teens — if you are between the ages of 13 and 18, we need you to try out the Library's new Microsoft Kinect Games like *Star Wars Kinect*, *Kinect Adventures*, *Kinect Sports*, and *Dance Central*.

We are hosting our first ever TEEN VIDEO GAME NIGHTS in July and August and we promise to have some great munchies too!

SIGN UP IN THE ADULT DEPT !

Job Search Strategies Workshop

Tuesday, July 17 10:30 am



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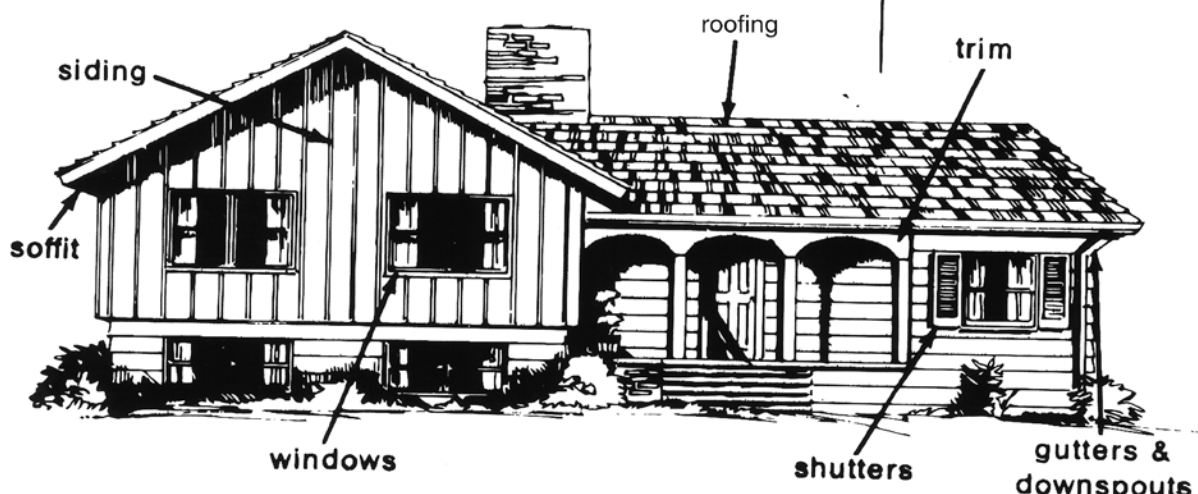


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ComEd's Enhanced Storm Response Process Promises High Performance

"Since last year's severe storms, we have intensified work to strengthen our system, improve restoration times and better communicate with customers," said Terence R. Donnelly, ComEd's executive vice president and chief operating officer. "Investments we have made in our electric system will mean reliability improvements going forward."

ComEd has implemented a new storm response process that includes a 20-percent increase in the number of first responders and first-line supervisors available for storm field support as well as increased its customer service center's call volume capacity. It also has built a state-of-the-art regional mobile command center that can be dispatched to the hardest hit areas to optimize restoration efforts.

In Westchester, ComEd is beginning enhancements planned under the Energy Infrastructure Modernization Act that will result in improved reliability during summer storms and for decades to come. ComEd has installed new equipment, including 19 automatic fuse devices, which minimize weather-related outages, and work is under way to install 1,800 feet of spacer cable to protect from damage related to falling tree limbs.

This year, ComEd has also installed four distribution automation devices in Westchester. This technology allows ComEd to automatically detect issues on the system and re-route power around problems, often with no noticeable interruption in service for customers. Westchester now has distribution automation on eight of its 14 circuits, serving 6,400 of ComEd's 7,900 Westchester customers.

"In addition to improving our operations, we are also focused on improving the experiences of our customers," said Donnelly. "ComEd is putting technology to work to deliver better and faster information, and customers are already seeing the benefits," said Donnelly.

Recent communication improvements include two-way text messaging that allows customers to text an outage to ComEd and get restoration information in response; a mobile application for smart phones that provides outage reporting and status; and an interactive map on ComEd.com where customers can check outages in their neighborhoods and get restoration status.



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ELECTRONICS RECYCLING



Saturday, July 14, 2012
9:00 AM-12:00 PM

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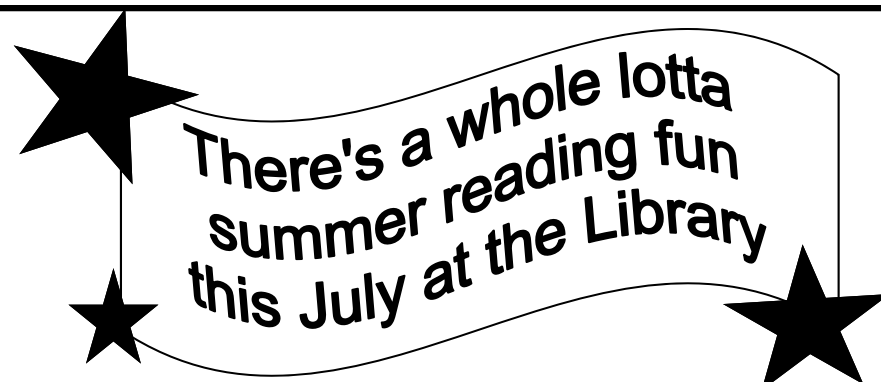
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Teen Journalism Project

If you are a high school student who lives in Westchester, you can be part of the Teen Journalism Project and help prepare articles and other content for publication in a future issue of this village newsletter.

The team meets at the Westchester Public Library - dates and times are posted on Facebook.

Students are already working on developing copy for an upcoming issue.
Stop by the Adult Reference Desk for details.



Kids: Are you signed up for one of our Summer Reading Clubs?

We have lots of fun activities in July, like movie matinees each Monday and special programs on Friday afternoons.

Sign up at the Library so you don't miss out!

And High School Students and Adults* — we have some great reasons for you to read more this summer, too! Stop by the Library for details on the Page Turners Club. It's so easy — read a book, fill out an entry form and you're in the drawing for some terrific gift certificates and our spectacular grand prize—

a Barnes & Noble NOOK COLOR digital reader.

**Any high school student or adult with a valid Westchester Public Library card is eligible.*



The Friends of the Library Annual Book Sale is only a few months away.

Mark your calendar so you don't miss out on the great bargains!

Friends' 2012 Book Sale
September 27, 28 & 29



The Friends are always ready to welcome new members — Stop by the Library for a membership application today.

CITIZEN'S ADVISORY BOARD

July 2012

Senior Health Fair

The Citizens Advisory Board would like to inform you that the Westchester Park District is planning to host a Senior Health Fair on Friday September 7th at the Mayfair Recreation Center. Please stay tuned for the times of this event.

CAB to Survey Residents at 2012 Fest

Members of the CAB will be at the Westchester Fest seeking input from you, the residents, please take time to stop by and fill out a survey for us. We hope that everyone has a fun and safe summer.

Mosquito abatement continues

Desplaines Valley Mosquito Abatement District will continue to maintain an aggressive mosquito larval control program against vector and nuisance species and will continue in-house testing for the presence of WNV (West Nile Virus) within the adult mosquito population. DVMAD (Desplaines Valley Mosquito Abatement District) would appreciate our continued assistance with informing Westchester residents on the different ways to help their efforts. Informational brochures are available at Village Hall and the Library.

Here is a list of basic steps to help eliminate any potential mosquito breeding grounds:

- Maintain rain gutters/downspouts to prevent water retention in gutters
- Change water in birdbaths weekly
- Maintain swimming pools
- Report any instances of unmaintained pools in the village for immediate consideration
- Change water in children's wading pools on a weekly basis
- Remove containers, buckets, etc. which could accumulate standing water
- Screen rain barrels to prevent adult mosquitoes from depositing eggs on the water's surface
- Dispose of used tires properly
- Aerate private ponds and stock with goldfish or other surface-feeding fish which will feed on the mosquito larva

Use common sense in avoiding exposure to adult mosquitoes:

Indoors

- Check that all window screens are intact and undamaged
- Check that any openings around doors, windows, air conditioners are sealed

Outdoors

- Use appropriate insect repellent per manufacturer's directions
- Wear long sleeved shirts and pants

Goodwill opens new location in Westchester

Goodwill Industries is happy to be in the Westchester community where we just opened a new Store & Donation Center at 3054 S. Wolf Road! You will find a bright, clean, organized and fun place to shop where you can find great values every day! Become a Club Goodwill member and you receive many in-store benefits like, scratch-off promotions, birthday coupons, senior and student discount days, discount coupons by email and advance notification of sales and promotions.

While you are creating your own Amazing looks from a great selection of one of a kind gently used clothing and accessories, you are being good to the environment by promoting a Reduce, Reuse, Recycle lifestyle AND supporting a mission that provides training and jobs for people with disabilities and disadvantages. Through our Goodwill Cares program we also partner with the Westchester Food Pantry in providing merchandise vouchers for individuals to shop in our stores.

Goodwill is open to the public seven days a week for shopping and donating.

Hours

Monday - Friday	9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Saturday	9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Sunday	10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

It is really easy to donate to Goodwill with convenient drive-up service, friendly donation attendants who help you unload your vehicle, tax deductible donation receipts and our donation center opens one hour earlier than the store! We accept donations of gently used clothing, household items, televisions, computers and other electronics. Stop in today and see what the excitement is all about!

Westchester Blood Program

Fourth blood drive is Saturday, July 21

After collecting 265 units of blood at its first three drives this year, the Westchester Blood Program will sponsor Drive No. 4 on Saturday, July 21. The event will take place from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Divine Providence School, 2500 Mayfair.

Those 265 units have been translated into prolonging or saving the lives of 600 patients in the many Chicago area hospitals supplied by LifeSource Blood Services. And it brings to 23,422 the number of units counted since the WBP was founded in June 1974. Or 60,000 patients benefited.

The Program is confident it will once again reach its annual target of 500 units. Since 1996, it has met that goal every year except once. The process of donating blood - The Gift of Life - requires no more than an hour. And donors do not need an appointment. Walk-ins are always welcome.

SPECIAL NOTE:

The Board of Directors and the many other volunteers who make up the WBP are greatly saddened by the untimely death of Robert Smith, former village police chief and a director and volunteer for the Program over the past three years. Bob is already deeply missed.

Everybody associated with the WBP sends their deep condolences to his widow Mary and his family.



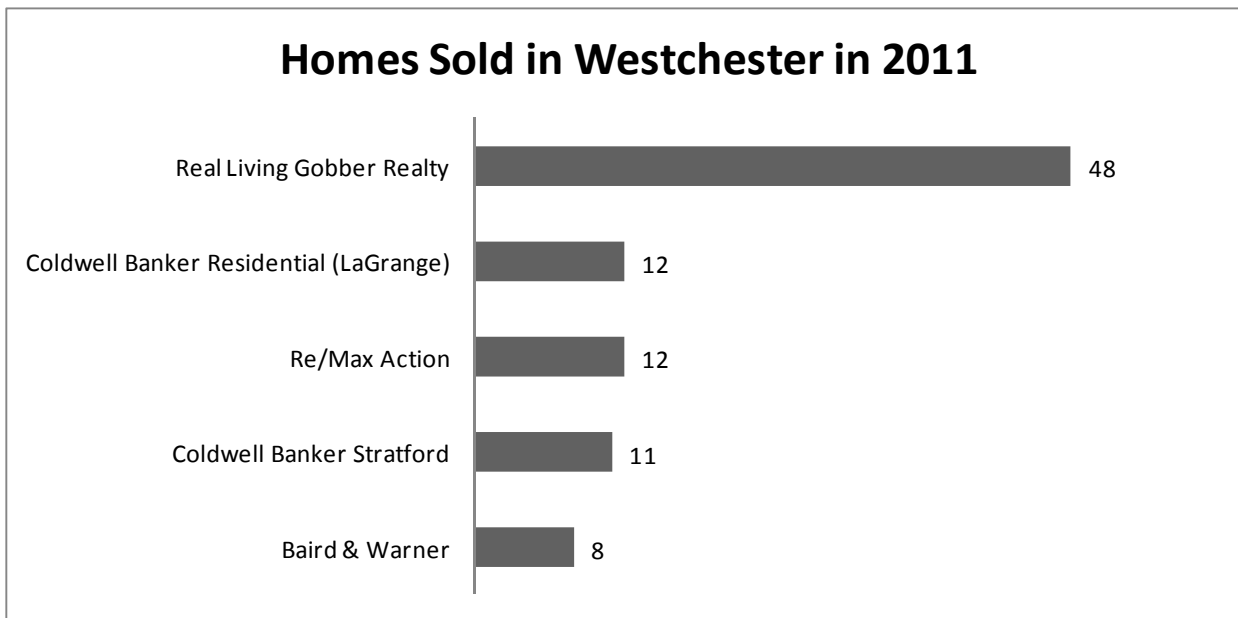
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News from the Public Works Department

FYI...

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

Public Works Street Patching

- Public Works plans on laying 2,000 tons of asphalt this summer. We have completed the 1st phase which is grinding. We are currently in Phase 2 which is the laying of the asphalt. To date, we have laid 700 tons of asphalt. Please be aware that there will be some bumpy streets as we complete this process, so please slow down to avoid any accidents, injury or damage.
- The Public Works Department continues to fill potholes throughout the Village. Please call Public Works at 708-345-0041 to report potholes. Alley grading is also being done on a continual basis.
- There is ongoing hydrant flushing throughout the Village. You might notice some discoloration in the water caused by the stirring up of sediment. This should clear up by letting the water run.

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.

Sprinkling Ban Reminder

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

- Outdoor Watering
- Cleaning Outdoor Surfaces
- Cleaning Buildings
- Pool Filling

Sprinkling during unrestricted hours (before noon, after 6pm) shall be allowed on even numbered days for those even numbered addresses, and on odd numbered days for those residents having odd numbered addresses. If we have a dry summer, further restrictions may be necessary.

EXAMPLE:

June 10-even numbered day of the month:

West side and north side can water
before 12 noon and after 6:00 pm.
East side and south side cannot water.

June 11-odd numbered day of the month:

East side and south side can water
before 12 noon and after 6:00 pm.
West side and north side cannot water.



50/50 Shared Cost Programs

Sidewalk Replacement Program-

The Village offers a Shared Cost Sidewalk Replacement Program. If the sidewalk in front of your residence is in poor condition and you would like to replace it, the Village will share the cost with you.

Call Public Works at 708-345-0041 to register.

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 5 types of trees indigenous to the area.

The trees will be planted in November 2012. Call Public Works at 708-345-0041 for more information or to register.

Please note, if you were part of the recent Spring planting of the 50/50 Shared Cost Tree Program, please remember to water the new tree a few times a week. Let the hose trickle around the base of the tree to provide a good soaking. During dry periods this summer, additional water may be required. Fertilize only after the tree has been planted at least one year. Avoid hitting the trunk of your new tree with the lawn mower. Permanent damage can occur from bark injury. The trees are guaranteed for one year so if your new tree dies within that time we will have it replaced. If you have any questions or problems with your new tree, please call Public Works at 708-345-0041 and an arborist will evaluate your tree.

Village Branch Pick-up

All brush must be put out on the front parkway no later than 7:00 a.m. on the designated pick pickup day. If the designated day falls on a holiday, then the pick-up will occur sometime before the Friday of that week. 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. Please make every effort to cut oversized limbs/stumps for one employee to lift and remove the dirt from the root ball to allow for pickup. Landscaping contractors are responsible for their own brush pickup and disposal.

JULY						
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29	30	31	AUGUST			

**July
branch
pick-up
July 2-6**

**August
branch
pick-up
August 6-10**

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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Branch Pick-up Schedule

*Due to the July 4th holiday, Wednesday's pick up will occur before Friday

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. Also, Roosevelt Road south to Canterbury from Haase west to Heidorn.

TUESDAY

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

THURSDAY

From Belleview west to Wolf Road, Martindale Drive to 31st Street

Please Note: The Branch Pick-up Schedule is subject to change based on the amount of debris being picked up and weather conditions. If we miss your pick-up, we will return the following day.

FEST WRISTBANDS

Westchester Fest 2012 wristbands will be on sale at Village Hall during regular business hours through July 13, 2012.

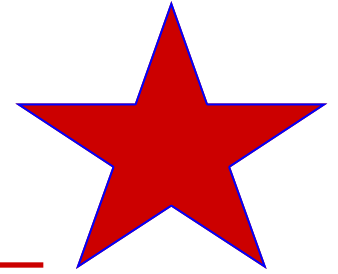
Separate wristbands are sold for each day; one for use on Saturday July 14, 2012, another for use on Sunday July 15, 2012

**Cost: \$15.00/wristband
Limit: 10 wristbands**





July 4th Parade



JOIN US IN CELEBRATION
OF INDEPENDENCE DAY!

WEDNESDAY JULY 4TH @ 9:30 AM



About the 2012 Parade

This year's parade will include new entertainers and participants.

Appearances will include 670 The Score/CBS Radio, and Rockford

Icehogs' Hammy the Hog. Military representation will include Westchester's

newly formed American Legion, as well as our neighboring National Guard, and NJROTC Color Guard. After the conclusion of the Parade, the Westchester Park District will be providing refreshments at the Park and attendees will have a chance to meet Tommy Hawk, the official mascot of the Chicago Blackhawks from 11:30 to 1:00. He will be there to sign autographs and take pictures with the community. We hope you and your guests can join us for this day full of family fun.

