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From the Desk of The President



Westchester officials smile with Ronald McDonald before the annual Fourth of July Parade.

WRAP-UP OF SUMMER FUN IN JULY

During the month of July, residents and visitors alike were treated to two special events, which in my opinion were very well attended and received. Our July 2nd "Movie in the Park" featuring DESPICABLE ME was attended by over 200 people ranging from children to parents and grandparents. Despite the threatening weather, about 4pm, Mother Nature took a turn for the best. A special appearance by the IncrediBULLS was also very entertaining with their helmeted basketball hoop. Many a coupon for reduced price food and drink at participating McDonald's restaurant were given to children and adults alike.

Just prior to the start of the movie Village staff handed out "Googley Eyes" to all the children to get them in the right mood to enjoy the movie. The movie started at about 8:30 and lasted until 10pm. I'm told the Westchester Park District ran out of popcorn. The Kiwanis Club added their special touch to the event by selling Glow necklaces.

July 2nd also kicked off the turning on of the Memorial Fountain located at Cermak and Mannheim Rd. A big "thank you" goes out to ComEd, who supplied the telephone pole and transformer. Our electrician Michael Drager of Ashley Electric installed the control box and wired our pump and lighting before our target date of July 4th. Around the fountain you can find 5 emblems identifying and honoring our servicemen and women in all military branches. The flag of the United States of America flies high above the fountain adjacent to the flag of Cook County, who has allowed the fountain on its' property. A flag of Westchester will also be added. Over the past several weeks, I have seen many a family sitting around the fountain. It is a very serene setting and I encourage everyone to enjoy the beautiful floral gardens surrounding the memorial. A big thank you goes out to Bill Ernst and Dave Spahn, and the whole Spahn family, for donating and installing

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Fire Department

Halligan Bar

Based on the earlier Kelly tool, the Halligan is a multipurpose tool for prying, twisting, punching, or striking. It consists of a claw (or fork), a blade (wedge or adze), and a tapered pick, which is especially useful in quickly breaching many types of locked doors. Either the adze end or fork end of the tool can be used to break through the latch of a swinging door by forcing the tool between the door and door jamb and prying the two apart, striking it with a sledgehammer or a flat-head axe. The pick can be placed into the shackle (or eye) of a padlock or hasp and twisted or pried to break it free. It can also be driven into a roof to provide a foothold for firefighters engaged in vertical ventilation. Using a k-tool and the adze end, a lock cylinder can easily be pulled. The fork end is routinely used to shut off gas meter valves. There are many other uses of the Halligan tool, including vehicle extrication and opening of walls.

One variant of the Halligan has a heavy sliding collar on the shaft. Once the prying end of the tool is wedged into position, the sliding 'hammer' is used to force the wedge, allowing for proper seating before prying. The adze end is also assisted by using the sliding hammer to generate forced traction on a hooked cylinder. Another variant has an end that resembles a lever-type can opener, used for making large holes for access or ventilation in sheet metal.

The true Halligan is a forged tool, of one piece construction, available in a number of lengths (typically 18 to 54 inches (45.7 to 137 cm)), and of various materials, including titanium, beryllium or stainless steel. Carrying straps or rings can be found. The 18-inch Halligan is often referred to as an officer's tool.

A Halligan bar and a flathead axe can be joined together (and partially interlocked, head-to-toe) to form what is known as a married set, set of irons or simply The Irons.



C.P.R Training

The Westchester Fire Department will be providing C.P.R. Training for residents at Westchester Station 1, 10240 W. Roosevelt Road. Contact Westchester Station 1 708-345-0433 for more information.

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.

Fire extinguishers should be pressure tested (a process called hydrostatic testing) after a number of years to ensure that the cylinder is safe to use. Consult your owner's manual, extinguisher label or the manufacturer to see when yours may need such testing.

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

MAINTENANCE

Fire extinguishers should be maintained at regular intervals (at least once a year), or when specifically indicated by manufacturer. Maintenance is a "thorough check" of the extinguisher. It is intended to give maximum assurance that an extinguisher will operate effectively and safely. It includes a thorough examination and any necessary repair, recharging or replacement. It will normally reveal the need for hydrostatic testing of an extinguisher.

Everyone knows the potential perils of a fire, even when its onset is exceptionally small. If a flame is not extinguished, it can quickly spread and burn the surrounding area in a matter of minutes.

A functional fire extinguisher is essential on all premises. It is the most important tool against fire; however, if it is not kept in good working condition, it will most likely be useless when you need it. Attentive fire extinguisher maintenance is not only necessary to lessen the chances of a tragedy, but also conducive to your peace of mind.

- Be certain that the fire extinguisher is adequately charged at all times, and ready for use. Regularly check the pressure dial to see if it needs to be charged.
- Verify that the pull pin is properly secured within the handle and held in place by the tamper seal.

Make a Fire Escape Plan

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

Practice Escaping from Every Room in the Home

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



Profile

Name:
Kristina
Tountas
Rank:
Patrol Officer
Years as
Police
Officer: 4



What made you choose police officer as a profession:

Well, the position of the President of United States was already filled, so I thought this was the next best thing.

Describe a good day at work:

A good day would be that everyone goes home safe.

What is the best part about your job?

Helping those who are really in need.

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

Make sure you would want to pursue this field before hand. This is not just a job but a career, that will change your life.

What would occur on your perfect day off?

Nice Weather, Pool and or Beach, and definitely some shopping.

Village RV and truck parking restrictions

Residents and businesses are reminded that the Village of Westchester Municipal Code restricts RV and Truck Parking on public and private property within the village.

“Recreational vehicle” or RV means every camping trailer, motor home, mini motor home, travel trailer, truck camper, or van camper used primarily for recreational purposes and not used commercially, nor owned by a commercial business.

11.32.155 Recreational Vehicle Parking.

a) No person, firm, or corporation shall park any recreational vehicle or boat, whether self propelled or towed, on any street in the Village, unless specific permission by the Village Police Department is granted, and said permission may not exceed a total of fourteen days in any one calendar year.

b) Any recreational vehicle or boat, whether self propelled or towed, may be parked on private property, but only if said recreational vehicle or boat is parked within a garage, or on a paved area located in a rear yard that is not adjacent to a street, or in



Know the restrictions before parking your RV at home.

a side yard that is not a corner side yard.

11.32.150 - Truck Parking.

a) It is unlawful to park any vehicle which is licensed to operate as a truck-tractor, a semi-trailer, a truck bearing Class D license or above (as defined in the Illinois Vehicle Code) or tow truck bearing a license, or to permit any such vehicle to remain parked at any time on any street in the Village, or on private property in said Village located in a district zoned for residential uses, except

for the purpose of making a delivery or a service call for a period not to exceed thirty minutes, unless prior permission has been obtained from the Chief of Police or his/her designee.

b) Commercial vehicles parked or stored on property zoned for non-residential use must be used in the operation of the business where the vehicle is parked or stored. Commercial vehicles shall be stored in parking areas located to the rear or side of the property, when such parking areas are available.

Police blotter

1) At 6:09 pm on June 21st 2013, a **Theft of Bicycle** was reported on the 1600 block of Westchester Blvd. The resident reported that unknown person(s) removed a bicycle from the backyard some time during the previous evening.

2) At 5:51 pm on June 26th 2013, a **Theft of Bicycle** was reported at the Westchester Park District located at 10201 Bond St. A resident reported that their sons bicycle was taken from the park. The bicycle was left unlocked and unattended.

3) At 10:11 am on July 1st 2013, a **Theft** was reported at AABLE Licensing located at 1938 Mannheim Road. An employee reported that sometime during the past 3 days unknown person(s) removed an iron patio table and 5 chairs which was located behind the business.

4) At 2:38 pm on July 1st 2013, a **Theft of Bicycle** was reported at Young Prince Restaurant located at 1912 Mannheim Road. The bike

owner reported that between 2:15 pm and 2:30 pm unknown person(s) took his bicycle that was locked behind the restaurant.

5) At 12:30 am on July 2nd 2013, a **Residential Burglary** was reported on the 1900 block of Norfolk. The resident reported that between 1:30 pm and 12:30 am, unknown person(s) made forced entry into their residence and removed jewelry.

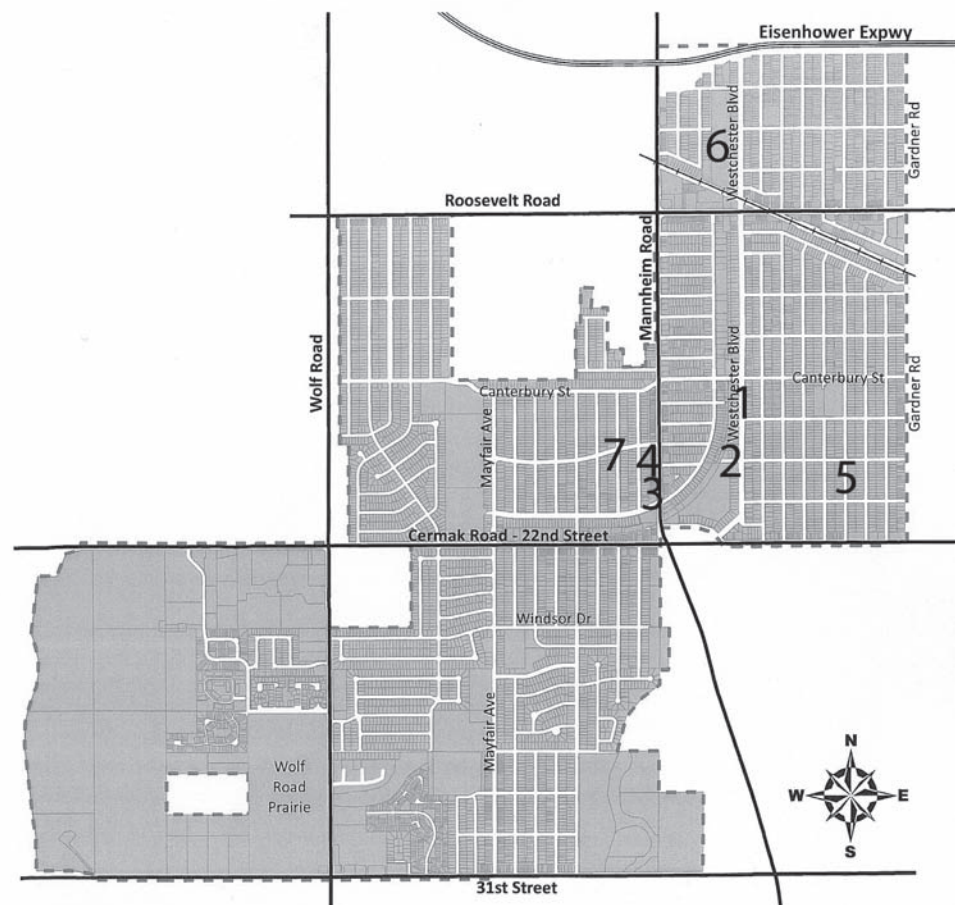
6) At 4:58 pm on July 3rd 2013, a **Theft of Bicycle** was reported at Gladstone Park. A resident reported that unknown person(s) removed their unlocked bicycle that was left in the park.

7) At 5:20 am on July 9th 2013, a **Residential Burglary** was reported on the 10500 block of Oxford. The resident reported that at 5:20 am she observed an unknown male in her dining room after forcing entry into the house. The offender fled and nothing was taken from the house.



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NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME WATCH



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the red, white, and blue flowers around the fountain in memory of Mr. Jerry Spahn, a huge supporter of Westchester. The fountain area is a work in progress and several other amenities are being considered for the future. We are very close to spending this year's budgeted amount of \$7,500. Donations to the Memorial Fountain can be sent to the Westchester Village Hall, or dropped off at the front counter.

Thank you to all of the people who have made the fountain site come to life.

What a day for a parade! The July 4th Parade was just excellent. The Special Events Committee put together over 55 entries that included Police and Fire Departments from around the area who were honored for their service to not only our community, but to their own communities. Commander Barry Cicero, Commander of the First Division of the Cook County Council, of the American Legion walked side by side with members of the Westchester Colonel A.L. Brody Post 1437, who were accompanied by the Italian American War Heroes. McDonald's own Ronald McDonald was on hand and actually took some photos with Westchester's elected officials. We were all smiles as we started off this year's parade. Bruce Horak, our 40 year State Farm Agent, interviewed all of the elected officials, testing our knowledge of the Declaration of Independence, before assuming his role as color commentator with our own Molly "Magee" Keane, the Program Director. Bags and bags of candy and trinkets were tossed to those who lined the parade route. I'm told that one of the trustees tossed so much candy that he had to swipe a bag from another trustee's golf cart along the way. It appeared to me that there were throngs of people along Westchester Blvd from Canterbury to the Park District. Dr. Tom Sullivan and the "Rawhide Wranglers" provided country music from start to finish, advertising the Village BBQ Block Party that was held Saturday July 27th. Tom, I did not know the "Rawhide" song, the theme song from the "Rawhide" television show of the late 1950's to mid 1960's, that the Blues Brothers Movie made famous, had so many verses. It was played longer than the 17 minute version of Iron Butterfly's "In A Gadda Da Vida". Thanks for being there to provide your musical talents to all of Westchester. If you missed the parade, you can view it

on the Village's YouTube channel.

CAN'T BELIEVE IT IS AUGUST ALREADY!

The Month of August brings several notable Special Days and Events. August 4, 1961 is the birthday of Barack Obama, our 44th President of the United States. Happy Birthday, Mr. President!

Notable Days:

August 6, 1945 the United States dropped an atom bomb called "Little Boy" on Hiroshima Japan.

August 9, 1945 the United States dropped an atomic bomb called "Fat Man" on Nagasaki Japan.

Both were dropped after Japan rejected the Potsdam Declaration where President Truman told Japan to "surrender or suffer prompt and utter destruction." A little after noon, Japan Standard time, on August 15th, Emperor Hirohito announced Japan's acceptance of the terms of the Potsdam Declaration effectively ending the war in the Pacific Theatre of World War II called VJ Day. The official former surrender ceremony was held aboard the USS Missouri on September 2, 1945 in Tokyo Bay, Japan.

August 13th is "Left-Hander's Day. Most left-handers draw figures to the right. There is a high tendency in twins for one to be left handed. Stuttering and dyslexia occur more often in left-handers (particularly if they are forced to change their writing hand as a child, like King of England George VI).

Left-handers adjust more readily to seeing underwater.

Left-handers excel particularly in tennis, baseball, swimming and fencing.

1 in 4 Apollo Astronauts were left-handed- 250% more than the normal level.

4 of the 5 original designers of the Macintosh computer were left-handed.

Based on discussions among members of the left-handers club they will tell you left-handers are generally more intelligent, better looking, imaginative, and multi-talented than right-handers. Just ask my wife Maureen who is left-handed, I am sure she will agree to the above statement and certainly add a few more adjectives to the description.

August 21st is Senior Citizen Day in the United States. In 1988, President Ronald Reagan declared August 21st to be National Senior Citizens Day. This observance was established in honor of senior citizens in the US who have made positive contributions in their communities. The day was also created to bring awareness of social, health, and economic issues that affect senior



Clerk Miller poses with Ronald prior to the parade kickoff

citizens. I know all of you know a senior or two who would like to hear from you on August 21st. Make their day by stopping by and saying hello. I'm sure they will appreciate the gesture.

August 26th is Women's Equality Day. Women in the United States were given the right to vote on August 26, 1920 when the 19th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution was signed. The amendment was first introduced in 1878. Every president has published a proclamation for Women's Equality Day since 1971 when legislation was first introduced in Congress by Bella Abzug, after the 50th anniversary of this important day. The resolution was passed designating August 26th of each year as Women's Equality Day.

FROM THE BOARD

Most of you have probably heard that Chief April Padalik has decided to retire as our Chief of Police effective June 30, 2013. Chief Padalik joined the Westchester Police Department as the first female police officer on January 3, 1983. Chief Padalik was the department's 2nd D.A.R.E officer teaching our students about resisting the temptations of drugs, alcohol, and dealing with conflict resolution. Chief Padalik managed to continue her career as a police officer while also raising two boys named Gary and Cody. Chief Padalik was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in January 2002, and became the first female police

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supervisor. Sergeant Padalik was appointed to the position of Chief of Police on July 7, 2010, becoming the first female Chief of Police in our Village's history, and one of only two female Police Chiefs in the West Suburban Area. Chief Padalik will be remembered, by all that worked with her, as a tough, gutsy, police officer, who loved to work the streets and "catch the bad guys". I personally worked with Chief Padalik during my police career in Westchester and was very pleased she was able to reach the pinnacle of our profession. It is very lonely at the top, but Chief Padalik would not demand her staff do anything she was not able to perform herself. Self motivation, professionalism, and accountability are three words that describe Chief Padalik's core beliefs of how our Police Department should be managed. I wish her well in her retirement, and know she will succeed in anything she sets her mind to do.

At the June 25th Board Meeting, the Board approved an amendment to the Automated Traffic Enforcement System. The amendment spells out the time for notices of violation, fines of \$100.00 per violation, the failure to pay the fine, the process to contest by mail or at a hearing by an impartial adjudicator within 21 days where the fine will increase to \$200.00, as well as other procedural requirements.

The Board authorized the purchase of a Defibrillator and two AED devices to assist our Fire Department in life saving techniques for the amount of \$27K.

The Board accepted the bid amount of \$402K from Unique Plumbing for replacing a water main on Heidorn and Charles Street.

The Board approved a Resolution Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding with the Combined Counties Police Association regarding employment during the transition of E-911 dispatch duties to Norcomm.

The Board also approved a change in the structure of the Police Department, effectively eliminating the rank of Lieutenant in the future. The two police lieutenants occupying the rank currently will remain at that rank until such time as they retire or leave the department.

The Board approved a 5 year lease agreement with the U.S. Post Office to remain at their present location with the rent being \$125,000 per year. The lease provides for a 5 year



Sophia and Giovanni pose for a picture during the Westchester July 4th Parade

extension providing for annual rent of \$143,000.

The Board approved an Employment Agreement with Village Manager Janet Matthys. Please see the article on the Council/Manager form of Government included in this newsletter.

The Board approved a contract with Flashing Thunder Fireworks to provide a Fireworks display on July 27th at St. Joseph High School. The cost was \$20K, to be paid from the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund.

CONGRESSIONAL TOWN HALL MEETING

On Wednesday, August 14th at 7 pm, Congressman Danny Davis will be hosting his annual Town Hall Meeting at the Westchester Village Hall in the Court Room. Congressman Davis, due to redistricting, represents all of Westchester. Please join me in attending this informative meeting.

CMAP MEETING

The Village has been working with the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) since January of 2011 to update our comprehensive plan. On July 16th from 4-7pm, the village hosted an open house at the Westchester Community Church to discuss the draft comprehensive plan that the village, residents, and CMAP staff have been putting together to plan for the future of Westchester.

MAYFAIR RESERVOIR UPDATE

I, along with Village Manager Janet Matthys and Public Works Director Dave Stoiser, have been meeting with engineers from V3 and Christopher Burke Engineering regarding the possible expansion of the reservoir to mitigate flooding. Since the Mayfair Reservoir is owned by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) any expansion effort needs their approval. I, along

with both engineering firms and village staff, believe the expansion is a viable project with cost/benefit to not only the immediate area, but the village as a whole. A meeting has been scheduled with officials of MWRD, however it had not occurred prior to press time.

I-290 (Eisenhower Expressway) STUDY

For the past several years, the Illinois Department of Transportation has been studying ways to relieve congestion along the Eisenhower Expressway. Each year representatives have met with staff and discussed some of the concepts. This year IDOT representatives have narrowed the focus to 4 alternatives each including extending the Blue Line "L" to Mannheim Road and: (1) Adding a 4th lane of traffic from

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Its audition season for Westchester theater

You may know that Westchester has a new community theater but have you considered auditioning? The Chicago suburbs are full of community theater groups, Westchester Civic Theatre (WCT) just being one of them. These groups put on musicals, dramas, comedies, children's shows, something for everyone. Regardless of your experience, there's opportunity. Late summer and early spring are heavy times for auditions and this fall is looking to be a great one for performers and audiences alike.

If it's been awhile or you've never auditioned for a show, it can be intimidating. Anyone who has an inkling of being in a show should take the leap and audition. You won't be sorry. Being part of a theatrical production is fun; you meet people with similar interests, and have a chance to take a bow to the roar of the crowd. There's nothing quite like it. If this sounds like something you'd like to do but aren't sure where to find audition notices, what happens in an audition, and for that matter, how to prepare, read on.

Finding Show Audition Dates

First things first, what show, when and where. There are many web sites where theaters post audition notices. You can frequent them for current notices but as important, these sites provide a central location to find what theater groups even exist. Once you find a few that seem to match your interests and locale, sign up on their website for their e-mail notifications and they will come to you. Below are a few that I visit though there are many more sites out there.

- nicoth.com - Postings for plays and musicals, mostly by community theaters

- greenroomonline.org - Lists of all community theaters by area with audition and show postings. Though this site doesn't have information for all auditions, it is a great resource for what community theater groups are out there including their contact information.

- theatreinchicago.com - A little more serious, this site gets audition postings for most of the theater groups in Chicagoland including professional theaters.

- leagueofchicagotheatres.org - Even more serious than the previous site, this group also posts audition notices for professional and amateur groups throughout Chicagoland

Preparation and Auditioning

The audition posting will tell you what you need to prepare and bring to the audition. Some groups ask that you make an appointment but most community groups accept walk-ins. For plays you often don't need to prepare anything other than having read up on the play; just show up. They will give you sections of the script, called sides, tell you which role to review and then you will act it out with the rest of the group with the side in hand. This is called a cold reading. If you're lucky, the group will provide the sides beforehand but this seems to be rare. Some play postings will ask you to prepare a 1-2 minute monologue. If that's the case, you can find monologue web sites and pull one that meets the criteria for age, gender, and genre.

Musicals are a different beast altogether and require preparation. Since it's not a musical without

singing, the quality and strength of your voice is the highest priority for the director. If you can hold a tune and make it heard, you will probably be cast in community musicals that have large ensembles. If you're hoping for a role with a solo make sure you sing out! This is critical to any audition but required for lead roles. A few weeks before the audition pick a song, get the sheet music, and practice, practice, practice. Sing in your car, sing in the shower, and sing to your family whether they are willing participants or not. Once you get in front of the director you will be nervous so the more practice you've done the better you will perform and the more likely you are to remember the words. While singing at auditions keep your energy high and try to "act" the song but don't go overboard. Stand still, add a few hand movements if appropriate, and facially look like you're telling a story. Please, don't close your eyes; directors want to see and hear the story you are telling in the song, not

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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

August 6, 2013
*Westchester's Night Out
Against Crime*

All Westchester residents, organizations and businesses are invited to join our "Team Night Out 2013". A night where the village joins together to form a partnership and build a safer community.

2013 NNO Schedule of Events

5:00 -6:30 PM: Participants assemble at Faith Lutheran Campus, 1124 Westchester Blvd for a small rally before the NNO march.

6:30 PM Promptly: Walkers will leave the campus and walk south bound on Westchester Blvd. to the Community Center Park 10201 Bond St.

6:30-8:00 PM: Police Vehicle Car Show at Community Center Park, 10201 Bond St.

7:00-8:00 PM: Attendees of the event will be treated to one hour of free swim and a musical performance by a local band. Also during this time, participants can roam the business and organization fair while enjoying refreshments, giveaways, and performances.

8:30-10:00 PM: Outdoor movie in the park featuring "Goonies" the 1985 classic starring Sean Astin, Josh Brolin, and Corey Feldman.

For additional information contact Community Relations Officer Rob Verber at rverber@westchesterpolice.com or 708-345-0060 ext. 440. You may also visit the Westchester Police Department and Neighborhood Watch Program Facebook pages.



CAB Seeks Applications for New Members

The Citizen's Advisory Board in Westchester is looking for two new members. The mission of CAB is "The Citizen's Advisory Board will serve the citizen's of Westchester by acting as an advisory board to address resident concerns, encourage volunteerism, promote centralized commerce, advocate for educational excellence from K-12, and advocate for seniors/ those in need; to promote the

continued development and vitality of the whole for the enjoyment and benefit for all." If you are interested in being a part of this group, please send your resume to spulia@westchester-il.org

As always the Westchester Food Pantry is seeking nonperishable donations. Donations can be dropped off at the Village Hall during regular business hours.



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 - ✓ JOBS AND THE ECONOMY
 - ✓ MIDDLE EAST/AFGHANISTAN
 - ✓ EDUCATION
 - ✓ NSA SURVEILLANCE
 - ✓ IMMIGRATION
 - ✓ ANY OTHER ISSUE
- RESIDENTS ARE CONCERNED ABOUT

Congressman Davis invites all interested constituents to discuss these vital issues. Town Hall Meetings Are Democracy In Action.

7TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT BROADVIEW/ WESTCHESTER TOWN HALL MEETING

Wednesday August 14
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Every child deserves a good education, but for the more than 16 million U.S. children that live below the poverty line, it can be difficult. Not only is it a challenge to get work done, but it is a constant source of stress and anxiety.

Please help us at Access Physical Therapy in our P.A.T.H. to School Supply Drive! Donations of all new school supplies, large and small, will be graciously accepted July 17th- August 28th, Monday through Friday from 8am-4:30pm. All supplies collected will be donated to children in need at local Westchester schools. We are located at 10233 W. Roosevelt Rd.

Let's show the kids how much we care and how important they are to our community! Here are some of the supplies on this year's list:

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| crayons | spiral notebooks | book covers |
| markers | pens | highlighters |
| colored pencils | folders | supply boxes & pouches |
| glue & glue sticks | rulers | pencil sharpeners |
| loose leaf paper (wide ruled) | scissors | index cards |
| pencils | book bags | dry erase markers & boards |
| erasers | 3-ring binders | |



Village of Westchester
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West Suburban Senior Services: Hoarding

Hoarding is a topic that has been receiving more attention than ever before, especially with television programs helping to make people more aware of this issue.

What is hoarding and why are people concerned?

Hoarding involves three criteria: (1) an excessive amount of items, (2) difficulty discarding items, and (3) clutter that can prevent rooms and furniture from being used as they were meant to be. This condition can affect anyone regardless of age, income, education level, and gender, and it can vary in severity. Common items that are hoarded include papers, newspapers, magazines, mail and pets. Typically, it is items that are meaningful to the person, but to an outsider it would not be something they would choose to keep. Hoarding is different from collections, such as coin collections or model car collections.

Individuals who collect items

specifically look for those items and display them in an organized way. Also, collections do not interfere with relationships and a person's ability to function.

Family members, social workers, building managers, and township/village personnel are here to help individuals who hoard. They are often concerned about the person's safety in their home, since there can be an increased fall risk and fire hazards.

Hoarding can also lead to unsanitary and unhealthy conditions, as well as an inability to care for themselves especially if it is difficult to bathe, cook, etc.

If you or someone you know needs help with hoarding, please contact West Suburban Senior Services Geriatric Mental Health Department at 708-405-6996. We provide free counseling to Proviso Township residents age sixty and over.



SHOP LOCAL FOR BACK TO SCHOOL!!!

Please indicate which of the following you have:

- Lawn Irrigation System Yes No
- Swimming Pool/Hot Tub Yes No
- Boiler or steam heat Yes No
- Water Softener Yes No
- Shampoo Bowl/Sink Yes No
- Alternate Water Source (such as a well, pond, lake, canal, cistern, reclaimed water) Yes No
- Equipment other than household appliances using water (such as a fire sprinkler system) Yes No
- Do you have backflow preventers on your property? Yes No

If you have backflow preventers on your property, please list the serial number, last test date, and the location for each device.

Location	Serial Number	Last Test Date

Take the survey online:

If you would like to fill out the survey online, please go to the Village's website at www.westchester-il.org and click on the "Community Development/Building Department" page and follow the links to the "Cross Connection Control Program".

Village of Westchester
 10300 West Roosevelt Road, Westchester, IL 60154
 Phone: (708) 345-0199 • Fax: (708) 345-0884 • Email: Building@westchester-il.org

CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL SURVEY

The Village of Westchester is required by law to survey water customers. This survey is to identify and eliminate possible sources of cross connections to help ensure the safety of the public water supply. The information collected through the surveys helps to identify where backflow prevention devices may be needed as well as providing information on existing devices that may not have been previously submitted to the Village.

PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Please fill out the attached survey and return to:

Melissa Headley
 Director of Community Development
 Village of Westchester
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 Westchester, IL 60154
 Email: mheadley@westchester-il.org



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WESTCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Road Less Traveled

This August, the Library is pleased to host an exhibit of paintings by local artist and lifelong resident Laura Weck. Her paintings are inspired by images she encounters while cycling the bicycle paths along Salt Creek, Fullersburg Woods and the Prairie Path. She works in acrylic and applies texture to select areas to accent the images she paints. Her exhibit is entitled "The Road Less Traveled" and will be on display during the month of August.

Stop by the Adult Department to see the Library's new Art Wall. The north end of the Art Wall (the area above the staircase) is the new permanent home of the Prairie Murals created last year by students in the

Youth Department under the direction of youth librarian Julie Yekel.

Assigned Reading Rush

Avoid any last minute panic. Parents, talk with your student(s) to see if they have assigned reading to complete before the school year starts. Several area schools assign books for students to read over the summer and every August the popular titles are in high demand in the SWAN catalog.

Jumpstart on School Year

Even though libraries promote library card sign up in September, parents can get an early jump on school preparations by checking that each student in their household has a current library card in good standing.

The Westchester Public Library card gives students—and all patrons—ready access to computers in the Library, ordering books in the SWAN online catalog, getting help from live tutors through Tutor.com's **Homework Help**, downloading ebooks and digital audiobooks from **MyMediaMall**, and researching topics and articles using the many sub-

scription databases available on the Library's website.

"Friend" Us on Facebook

Patrons who use Facebook will find the Library's Facebook page to be a great place to find updates and photos of the Monarch Caterpillar and Butterfly Project in the Youth Department and the new native garden under development in the Library's front lawn—also program reminders, timely links to interesting websites and more. Join the conversation here: www.facebook.com/WestchesterPL

Labor Day Holiday

The Library will be
CLOSED
Sunday, September 1
and
Monday, September 2
for Labor Day.

Enjoy your holiday!

Westchester Teens —

Join us for the next meeting of

TAG: the Teen Advisory Group

and help plan activities for the fall!

Wednesday, August 28 4:00-5:00 pm

Senior Matinees

Mondays at 2:00 pm

Aug 5	<i>Life As We Know It</i>
Aug 12	<i>The Long, Long Trailer</i>
Aug 19	<i>Mrs. Miniver</i>
Aug 26	<i>The Maltese Falcon</i>

WESTCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY • 708-562-3573 (TTY/TDD 708-562-9364) • askus@westchesterpl.org • www.westchesterpl.org
Summer Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:30 am - 8:00 pm, Friday 9:30 am - 6:00 pm, Saturday 9:30 am - 5:00 pm, closed on Sunday.



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(708) 240-8400 www.WestchesterChamber.org P.O. Box 7309 - Westchester, IL

August Networking Luncheon !!

Come join us for a networking and educational luncheon at one of our newest member restaurants, Stimac's in Hillside, 4843 Butterfield Rd.
Tuesday, August 27th from 12:00 to 1:00 pm.

Guest Speaker, Jerry Peterson will give guidance about Online Marketing, The Internet, and Your Business.

Please RSVP by August 21st to 708-240-8400. Cost - \$17.00

Milestone Announcement !!

On June 15th 2013 BFK Computer Services celebrated 13 years in business. BFK Computer Services has been providing Computer, IT and Cabling Services to the greater Chicago-land area including the Westchester community. We look forward to serving for many more years to come. For more information please visit us on the web at www.bfkcomputers.com 708-562-6819

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Summer SPORTS CAMPS

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Mannheim to Austin; (2) Adding a 4th lane of traffic from Mannheim to Austin to serve as a high occupancy vehicle (2+ commuter) in each direction from Mannheim to Austin; (3) Adding 4th lane of traffic from Mannheim to Austin that would be a toll lane with the exception of high occupancy vehicles (3+ commuters); (4) Adding a 4th lane from Mannheim to Austin that would be a toll lane with the exception of (3+ commuters) and converting existing 3 lanes of traffic to toll lanes. The study group will be holding a meeting in the fall to further discuss the concept plans.

SENATOR MARK KIRK

Janet and I met with Andrew Weissart, a staff representative from Senator Mark Kirk's office, on July 10th. The purpose was for Senator Kirk to obtain feedback from local municipal officials on how he could be helpful in Washington D.C. The meeting surrounded the availability of funding for flood relief. I specifically requested that the Senator look at the Robert Strafford Act and modify the population/funding threshold necessary for municipalities faced with thousands of dollars in damage and costs that are not budgeted for FEMA reimbursement. We also discussed thoughts about the State of Illinois Pension Crisis on local communities and the importance of the state to keep their hands off the local government distributive funds.

COOK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (CCDHSEM)

Village Manager Janet Matthys and I attended a meeting hosted by the CC DHSEM at Triton College on Wednesday, July 10th, to learn about the county's process in developing the Cook County Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazards Mitigation Plan. It had been a goal of President Toni Preckwinkle and Commissioners Jeff Tobolski and Liz Gorman, who represent Westchester, as well as all of the Cook County Commissioners, to develop a county wide mitigation plan. In fact, because Cook County does not have a plan the county is unable to secure mitigation funding from FEMA to mitigate any disaster that affects Cook County. I have been appointed Chair of the steering committee to assist the county in developing their plan. (NOTE: Westchester's proactivity in developing our own FEMA approved Hazard Mitigation Plan will allow Westchester to seek mitigation dollars from FEMA at this

time.) Presently, we are planning to submit our Mayfair Reservoir Plan for funding as soon as MWRD can approve our conceptual plan for expansion.

WESTCHESTER TO RECEIVE CAPITAL BILL MONEY

The Village has been notified by our State Representative Emanuel "Chris" Welch that we are going to receive \$200k for improvements to our Emergency Operations Center and \$50k to be used towards the purchase of an emergency generator. The monies were initially appropriated in the 2009 Capital Bill, but were removed and reallocated. Along with our Government Consultant Frank Cortese and his colleagues persistence, Representative Welch was able to get these monies re-allocated back to Westchester. Thanks to Village Manager Janet Matthys, IT Manager Greg Hribal and Fire Captain Jeff Lebeda for completing the application paperwork and documentation necessary to make this funding possible.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

At the beginning of the school year, the Westchester Police and School District 92.5 will partner to have a School Resource Officer at the public schools. Officer Rob Verber, our Community Relations Officer, has been selected to assume this role. Appx. 1/3 of the personnel cost for the officer will be paid for by School District 92.5. I am very pleased that we will have a trained veteran police officer back in our schools communicating with our youth in a positive manner. You can meet Officer Verber at the National Night Out event on Tuesday, August 6th.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

On Tuesday August 6th at 6:30 pm Westchester will again be marching in support of our Crime Prevention and Awareness in support of the National Night Out (NNO). Last August began our first march to raise awareness that the streets and village belong to the people and we want to be crime free. Retired Chief April Padalik was the forward thinker to get Westchester involved in this national movement. We will again be marching from the Faith Lutheran Church located just north of Roosevelt Rd and Westchester Blvd. We will be walking to Community Park on Bond Street where there will be crime free information available. Additionally, there will be a one hour free swim, music performance, and a Movie in the Park featuring the classic "Goonies". More information can be found on the NNO flyer included in this issue of the newsletter. I hope

you will all be able to join in this important campaign.

CRUISE NIGHTS AND CONCERTS

Since May, Paul's Pizza and Hot Dogs has been sponsoring Free CRUISE NITES and CONCERTS in the parking lot at the 31st and Wolf Road Plaza. On Monday nights this is the place to be to see those muscle machines of the 50's 60's and 70's, as well as newer classics and Hot Rods. Music starts at 6pm with a line-up of live bands and mixing by a DJ. You may even see and hear our host Paul singing on the microphone. Thursday nights deliver an additional added feature with free concerts in the parking lot. Music starts at 6pm. Please come out and enjoy the night at the plaza.

JUST HANG UP

The best way to avoid telephone scams is also the easiest. Everyday, seniors throughout Illinois fall prey to smooth talking con artists who call them up and tell all kinds of convincing stories to get their money.

The Office of the Illinois Attorney General wants you to know that it is shrewd, and not rude, to hang up the phone when a stranger asks you to send them money or give out your personal information. The following are some common warning signs of telephone scams. If you spot any of these signs while on the phone, don't think twice: JUST HANG UP!!!

THEY CONTACT YOU. When you look up the number of a reputable business on your own to place an order, you have a good idea who's on the other end of the deal. But when the tables are turned and someone calls you, you have no way of knowing who the person really is, where they are calling from, or what they want from you. JUST HANG UP!!!

THEY WANT PERSONAL INFORMATION. Any time a stranger asks you for your bank account number, social security number, or other sensitive information, you should be on high alert. This is a sure sign of identity theft. NEVER give personal or financial information to someone you do not know. JUST HANG UP!!!

THEY PROMISE A BIG AWARD. Scammers try to lure you in with promises of unexpected riches such as a large sum of money, a vacation, or a "get rich quick" investment scheme. JUST HANG UP!!!

YOU MUST PAY THEM FIRST. It is illegal for someone to require an up-front payment to claim a lottery or sweepstakes prize. Scammers will often tell you that you must wire money out of state, or even out of

the country, to obtain your winnings, NEVER wire money to a stranger. Wiring money is just like sending cash. Scammers will get the money quickly, and you won't get it back. JUST HANG UP!!!

Consider placing your phone number on the National Do Not Call Registry, if you have not already done so. This will block most unwanted telemarketing calls. So, once your number is on the registry, you'll know that any telemarketer who does call you is probably up to no good. You can register your home phone or cell phone online at www.donotcall.gov or by calling 1-888-382-1222; TTY: 1-866-290-4236 from the number you wish to register.

If you have fallen victim to, or want to report a telephone scam please contact the Westchester Police Department at 1-708-345-0060. Attorney General Lisa Madigan, who has provided the above information, can also be contacted at 1-800-386-5438, (TTY: 1-800-964-3013) or Senior Fraud Helpline at 1-800-243-5377 (TTY 1-800-964-3013)

GONE FISHING

In addition to Chief April Padalik's retirement, one of our long time Public Works employees has decided to turn in his shovel after 26 years. Joseph Parenti, who has been employed by the Village since May 1987, retired as of July 31st. Joe has worked for several directors and superintendents over his 26 years. Joe is currently the most senior public works employee and has done a great job for all the years he has been here. Happy retirement, Joe!

IN OUR PRAYERS

Over the past few months Westchester has lost some people who I personally know have volunteered their time and efforts in life to make Westchester just that much better. Those who have passed away and now are at peace in a better place are: Mr. John O'Brien, Secretary of State Jesse White's right hand man, who for years worked tirelessly securing drivers license and eye tests for seniors at the Westchester Village Hall; Former Village Trustee and Fire and Police Commissioner Austin Boyle, who was instrumental for the Village during the 1970-80's; Mr. Joseph Woss, a young self taught electronic genius who could hook up any computer with his eyes closed; and Mrs. Regina Vitek whose family has grown extensive roots in Westchester since the 1950's. God, for whatever reason, needs you at his side helping him out. Thank you for being part of the Westchester Family.

Westchester Public Schools-District 92½ Early Childhood Screening



The screening will take place at
Westchester Primary School
2400 Downing Avenue, Westchester, IL
Thursday, September 12, 2013

Westchester Public Schools District 92½ will be conducting a FREE screening for children three, four and five years of age.

Children will be screened by professionals in the areas of: vision, hearing, speech, language, fine motor, gross motor and cognitive ability. The re-

sults of these assessments will provide an indication of the child's level of development.

Appointments are being taken now through August 29th by calling

(708) 450-2700 Ext. 649. All District 92½ parents of pre-

school aged children are encouraged to participate.

Resource and referral information to Child and Family Connections for DuPage and Cook County will also be available for parents knowing of a child with Special Needs under the age of 3. If you have a question or con-

cern about your child's development and your child is under 2 years 9 months, please contact your School District or Child and Family Connections. Call: 1-888-KONTACT (566-8228).

PLEASE NOTE: THIS SCREENING IS ONLY FOR CHILDREN RESIDING WITHIN DISTRICT

AUDITION

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look at the outside of your eyelids. Also, and very important, if you mess up, keep going, they may never know. If they do, they will appreciate that you held your composure.

Musicals often have dance sequences. The audition notice will let you know if there will be a dance component and tell you to wear something comfortable that you can dance in. If you're not a fantastic dancer, no worries, they usually have a dance ensemble that focuses on those sequences while the main ensemble performs choreographed movement with dance moves. Choreographers are pros at making people look good on stage regardless of dance experience.

The director and production staff is on your side. They want to cast you. Do your best and they will appreciate your talent and effort. Remember, they have been on the other side of the table and know what it's like.

Picking an Audition Song

There's a lot of discussion about this topic within theater circles and on internet theater boards. Honestly it depends on your experience and the role you are hoping to get but in the end, pick a song that you know from a musical that is in the same genre as the one you are auditioning for.

For my first musical audition I sang "My Favorite Things" from The Sound of Music. I picked a simple song that I already knew and could sing well. Your primary goal is to get cast so don't make it hard on you and the accompanist by picking something flashy or complex.

It's usually alright to sing something from the musical you are auditioning for but it's not required. As I've gained experience, I now have a "book" of songs that I pull from that have varying vocal ranges and moods. Depending on the show, I pick accordingly.

Scheduling

There is a time commitment to being in any show. Rehearsals are usually 3-4 days a week and then the show will run 2-5 weekends.

One of the things you will be asked to do when completing the audition information form is to list your conflicts. An audition notice should list the rehearsal days and the dates of the performances. Obviously if you can't make all of the performances you should find another show to audition for that matches your schedule.

For rehearsals, you may not be required to be at every one so take along your personal calendar and provide the dates that you can't make rehearsal. Directors hate nothing more than casting someone and on the first day of rehearsal having that person hand over a list of conflicts. Things do come up though and directors understand that.

Have Some Fun and Audition!

If you love to sing or think you'd be a great actor, audition! Theater groups are building communities of theater lovers and want you to be part of theirs. If you're not an on-stage type of person they will all welcome you with open arms to help backstage or work on the many components needed to make a show come to life. Audition season

is upon us, take a chance, you won't be sorry.

Westchester Civic Theatre Auditions

This fall WCT is producing its first musical, "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown" based on the characters created by cartoonist Charles M. Schulz in his comic strip Peanuts. Auditions are in St. Joe's theater on August 19 and 21, come between 7 and 9 PM either evening.

The audition will take 30-45 minutes including a warm-up exercise and singing. Callbacks will be August 22nd 7-10 PM. Rehearsals are Sundays 2-5 and Monday and Thursdays 7-10. To audition all you need to do is prepare 32 measures of a Broadway song and bring the sheet music.

We will provide the accompanist. No dancing and no cold readings until callbacks (by invitation). Ages 16 and up can audition to play their favorite role. The show has performances October 26, 27, November 2, 3, 9, 10. We also perform at St. Joseph High School Theater. For more information visit www.westchesterplays.com

...and remember sing out!

August

BACK TO SCHOOL 

PICNIC & POOL PARTY

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH
5:00pm – 9:00pm
 Community Center Grounds & Pool

Pool Party - Ronald McDonald - Radio Disney
 Moon Walks - Movie - Refreshments & More -



PreSchool for 2013-2014 School Year

Openings Available for



Playtime PreSchool –
 Must be 3 years before entering school
 T/TH 9:30am-11:30am

Tot Spot PreSchool –
 Must be 4 years before entering school
 M/W/F 12:30pm-3:00pm



...Coming Soon

Young Chef Culinary Camp

Pack your bags and get your passports ready as we travel the world and explore different cuisine. Young chefs will prepare a dinner and dessert from around the world. Taste delicious delights from east to west. Parents may stay for the first class and sign up to help with a class later in the week. Pre-registration required.

Code	Age	Day	Date	Time	Fee
3625	5-7	M-F	8/12-8/16	3:00-4:30pm	\$55/\$65
3625-1	8-12	M-F	8/12-8/16	5:00-6:30pm	\$55/\$65

*Please notify the Park District of any known food allergies.

Chess Camp!

Chess is one of the oldest and most challenging games! The game has proven to be an invaluable educational aide and one of the latest pedagogical tools for young students. Through chess, students learn analytical and disciplined thinking skills while having fun, raising self-esteem, learning determination, self-motivation and sportsmanship. Beginner, intermediate and advanced: all levels of chess players are invited to participate and learn in this week-long camp. Each camper goes home with their own mini-chess set!

Code	Age	Day	Date	Time	Fee
3647-1	6-11	M-F	8/19-8/23	4:30-6:00pm	\$90/\$100

Extreme Poms Dance Camp

Want to get a taste of the Poms and Dance Team world? Try this jam-packed, high-energy camp. Dancers will learn safe and effective warm-ups, brush up on their jumps, turns and leaps, learn a fabulous dance routine and finish camp by performing for their parents.

Code	Age	Day	Date	Time	Fee
2753	9-13	M-F	8/12-8/16	3:30-4:15pm	\$44/\$54

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

End of Season Shortened Hours

*Monday – Friday August 19th – 23rd
 4:00pm – 8:00pm Open Swim

Monday – Friday August 26th – August 30th
 4:00pm – 8:00pm Open Swim

Closing Day
 Monday September 2nd
 12:00pm – 6:00pm Open Swim

*evening resident discount does not apply during end of season shortened hours.

Daily Admission Rates

Age	Resident	Non-Resident
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THE MAKING OF A PROGRAM

Varsity Baseball Captures 3 Regional Championships in 5 Years

Head Coach Named *Coach of the Year* in the Chicago Catholic League

Written by: Tony Quattrochi, Faculty Member

Jay Meath has experienced highs and lows in his eight seasons coaching the Chargers. Fortunately, the last few seasons have provided him with some of the successes he anticipated as head coach. ***"One of the biggest thrills is having the team go downstate for the first time in the school's history in Summer League of 2011. During the summer, the alignment is different altogether and we had to beat some of the bigger schools, like LT and OPRF. It was special."***

A resident of Westchester for many years, Jay moved out of the area and attended Spanish River High School in Boca Raton, Florida, before returning to the area in 2003. ***"In high school I played baseball and basketball and then after college I was a voluntary assistant coach in baseball for a couple of teams."*** When Jay returned, he worked in a family business while coaching the Chargers.

While the Chargers have had some success in the post-season, including a trip to the sectional finals in 2012, what is most rewarding to Coach Meath is what happens to players individually. ***"It's a great feeling to see my players build on their skills and that's often reflected in the smiles on their faces when they make a great play or get that timely hit. They know that their hard work has paid off and they appreciate the time they've committed to improving their skills. Those little things that you work on in practice that pay off in competition are great things to build off of."***

Jay has worked hard himself to make the baseball program successful and his accomplishments were recognized by the Chicago Catholic League, which recognized him as Coach of the Year in May. ***"I was very honored to be the recipient of this award. We've only been in the Catholic League for a few years and other head coaches are deserving as well so I feel thrilled to have been so named."***

Jay has more work cut out for him as he graduated several seniors from the team. ***"It's a cycle and we'll work hard again to be competitive. If the kids put in the time like my previous players, we'll be alright."***

Thank you, Jay, for your hard work. Congratulations on *Coach of the Year!*



85 Years Young and Never More Devoted

Written by: Tony Quattrochi, Faculty Member

Tucked in a corner of the Athletic Office in Room 100 is a man whose life and career are to be envied. He currently assists the Athletic Office in the scheduling of athletic events and in the coordination of athletic

contracts with other schools. He also serves as advisor to Mr. Bruce DeSanto, St. Joseph Athletic Director.

Mr. George Strnad has held several titles throughout his life, including four significant ones at Saint Joseph High School: Teacher, Coach, Counselor and Athletic Director. He has mentored hundreds of students, teachers and coaches. He has been at St. Joe's since 1979. ***"Playing football, playing on a team and being mentored by great coaches all contributed significantly to my decision to become an educator. I wanted to motivate others as much as I was motivated by my coaches. I wanted to help others be good problem solvers, to take responsibility for their actions and be aware of all the choices they will be exposed to in life and how to choose the right path."***

George is most proud of his loving family, including Lois, his wife of 59 years, six children, nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Congratulations and thank you, Mr. Strnad!

AMONG HIS MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS...

- Attended Saint Rita High School in the early 1940s finishing in three and one-half years before being drafted in the Army
- After serving his country in World War II, attended the University of Illinois at Chicago and played football on the first team in 1950
- Earned B.S. Degree from the University of Illinois in January 1954 and later joined the staff at UIC as a teacher and assistant football coach
- In 1959, received an M.A. Degree from DePaul University
- Became the head wrestling coach at UIC and completed three winning seasons
- In 1964, became the head football coach at UIC
- From 1973-1979, served as Manager of Special Facilities for the Skokie Park District
- Started at St. Joe's in 1979 and taught history while coaching freshman football and wrestling
- From 1983 until 1996, served as St. Joe's Athletic Director
- In 1996, returned to the classroom to teach World History and Geography while working as a counselor and freshman football coach
- Riverside Township Mental Health Board President & member for 30 years
- Regional Director for the Prairie State Games (Illinois Olympics)
- Inducted into the University of Illinois-Chicago Athletic Hall of Fame on November 15, 1996
- Named Sun-Times Teacher of the Week on Sunday, October 13, 1996
- Received St. Joseph Circle of Honor Award and became an Honorary Alumnus on November 7, 1997
- Awarded Lasallian Educator Award in 1999
- Inducted to the East Suburban Catholic League on March 6, 2008
- Statistician for the Chicago Bears for 34 years
- Inducted into the St. Joseph High School Sports Hall of Fame on January 28, 2011
- Currently Assistant to the Athletic Director

Why ST. JOSEPH?

My time at St. Joseph's shaped me as an entrepreneur and a leader. I was given the support and opportunity to use my gifts which led to the belief that I could achieve more even as an author. I found a home in St. Joseph's and a family that still supports me. Entering college, I felt more prepared than my peers and the College Life Guide is an indirect result of my experience at St. Joseph's. - Brian Thomas, Class of 2009



Recent Graduate Publishes Book for the College Bound

Written by: Tony Quattrochi, Faculty Member

Brian Thomas, Class of 2009, did not take long to make his voice heard, albeit in print. The senior at St. Mary's University, a Lasallian school in Winona, Minnesota, has published *The College Life Guide 101*. The book addresses the initial transition to college, responsibility, time management, a social life, and the pitfalls to avoid so as to ensure success on the university level.

As a student at St. Joe's, Brian was very involved and he continues to be on the college level, as a member of the Student Senate and the Men's Basketball team. He also writes for the St. Mary's newspaper and he especially enjoys writing poetry. He also works as a staff member in the office of the school's president.

Brian took time this summer to answer a few questions.

What inspired you to write the College Life Guide?

College can be an incredibly overwhelming experience especially for a high school graduate. Not only is there is a lot to learn in a relatively short amount of time, but many important points such as handling finances (financial aid, student loans, and scholarships), making the right friends, and managing a busy schedule, aren't fully addressed. Toward the end of my first year, I found myself saying: "I wish someone would have taught me what I know now!" Based on that premise, I began to form the idea to write a preparation guide for an easier transition into college.

When did you write it and how long did it take you?

In total, the writing process spanned about a year and a half. I began writing the College Life Guide in December 2010 and I finished in May 2012. I'm somewhat of a perfectionist so the editing and design process took some time as well.

What resources and references did you use for the College Life Guide?

My primary resource in writing was my own experience as a college student. I drew upon the overwhelming experience as a freshman and the many questions that I needed answers to. I talked with my classmates and discovered that they had similar questions regarding financial aid, dorm life, and even choosing a major. So I carefully researched those topics and many more.

What is your hope for the College Life Guide?

My hope for the College Life Guide is to work with both Catholic and public high schools to help prepare students like myself for the future. It is my belief that success comes when preparation meets opportunity. The opportunities are definitely out there. We just need to be prepared. I am currently available for booking and presentations. Visit my webpage: www.collegelifeguide101.com.

Brian will continue his education at St. Mary's as he looks to complete a Master's program for teaching. Brian's book can be purchased by visiting www.collegelifeguide101.com or by visiting Amazon.com. If you are going to purchase the book on Amazon.com be sure to visit Fundinco.org first so that SJHS will receive a donation from your purchase.

Congratulations and best wishes, Brian! We are very proud of you!

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*Currently accepting applications from transfer students (through September 6th)
Contact Mrs. McGleam (tmcgleam@stjoeshs.org) for more information.*

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Council-Manager Form of Government

Council-Manager Form of Government

Seventy-nine municipalities in Illinois operate under the statutory manager form of local government. As you may be aware back in the mid 1980's, the voters of Westchester created the position of Village Manager by referendum. This form of government distinguishes between the policy-making and the administrative functions of government. By separating policy-making from the standard operations of the government, a statutory manager government allows elected leaders to concentrate on the big picture, the aims and goals of the community, without the distractions of day-to-day governmental operations. For the past year, Janet Matthys has served under a one year contract as our Village Manager. Her contract with the Village expired on April 30, 2013 and negotiations for a new two year contract began. At our Board Meeting on June 25th, a majority of the board voted and approved a resolution approving a two year contract for Village Manager Janet Matthys.

Questions often arise about the roles of a manager, elected officials, appointed officials, and employees in this form of government, because it is not like the more common form of the mayor-council government. A municipality adopting the manager form of government still retains its general structure as a mayor-council or commission form; however, the roles, functions, and powers of the various players will change. The manager form of government is designed to establish the elected officials as policy-makers and to reserve the administration of local government and execution of its policies to a non-partisan, trained and competent manager. The manager is the administrative head of the municipal government and, therefore, is responsible for the efficient administration of all departments and the effective implementation of the policies articulated by the council (65 ILCS 5/5-3-7).

WHAT THE MANAGER CAN DO

1) Enforcing laws and ordinances. 65 ILCS 5/5-3-7(1). The enforcement of laws is a key component of the executive branch in any government based on the separation of powers. In a statutory manager government, the manager, not the mayor, has this power. The manager is therefore responsible for enforcing regulatory, nuisance, and traffic ordinances through the police

department, enforcing building codes through the building and fire departments, and enforcing zoning and land use regulations through the zoning administrator and the zoning board of appeals or plan commission. The manager has overall responsibility for enforcement activity.



Janet Matthys

2) Appointing and removing all departmental directors based upon merit and fitness. 65 ILCS 5/5-3-7(2). A manager has the authority to appoint and remove all department heads. Effectively, this authority allows the manager to control the employees and staff of the municipality by having authority over the directors and "exercising control of all departments and divisions." 65 ILCS 5/5-3-7(3). This authority includes the power to appoint and remove the chiefs of the police and fire department. The manager has great latitude in his or her decisions about personnel. The statute goes on to say that appointments should be based on merit and fitness. The statute assumes, here and elsewhere, that policy and politics can be separated from professional administration in the sensitive area of appointments. The manager, therefore, may insist that appointments of key personnel should be free of interference by the mayor or council to the greatest extent possible. No doubt elected officials may lobby for this or that person to fill a job, but the manager's commitment is to appoint people with the necessary skills, not the right connections.

3) Performing and executing any other duties prescribed by the board. Ms. Matthys is a licensed certified public accountant and had over twenty-five years experience auditing units of local government prior to coming to Westchester. Having a Village Manager with a background in Finance and Municipal Auditing is a definite plus in ensuring that our tax dollars are being spent prudently and with financial accountability. Ms. Matthys believes we have built a strong, professional management team and has reported the following list of accomplishments and initiatives during her tenure to date (appointed Acting Interim Village Manager on October 12, 2011, and from January 24, 2012 through February 28,

Municipality	Population	Budget	FTE	Base Salary	Car Allowance	ICMA Contribution	Bonus
Westchester	16,718	\$ 17,199,313	103	\$ 110,000	-	-	-
Forest Park	14,169	\$ 22,234,694	119	\$ 100,000	Village Vehicle	\$ -	\$ -
LaGrange Park	13,579	\$ 12,541,000	58	\$ 123,310	\$ 5,100	\$ 5,000	\$ -
Westmont	24,685	\$ 35,193,513	106	\$ 124,425	\$ 3,000	\$ -	\$ -
River Forest	11,172	\$ 25,672,998	74	\$ 128,750	\$ 4,800	\$ -	\$ -
Villa Park	22,300	\$ 89,000,000	250	\$ 137,700	\$ 4,800	\$ -	\$ -
Western Springs	13,000	\$ 22,000,000	70	\$ 140,010	Village Vehicle	\$ 8,000	\$ -
Brookfield	19,000	\$ 140,000,000	93	\$ 142,000	\$ 5,200	\$ 5,000	\$ -
Darien	22,241	\$ 28,800,000	75	\$ 169,376	Village Vehicle	\$ -	\$ -
Elmwood Park	24,885	\$ 48,853,327	147	\$ 155,000	\$ 4,200	\$ -	\$ -
LaGrange	15,550	\$ 27,604,751	99	\$ 160,054	\$ 3,600	\$ 5,000	\$ -
Bensenville	18,352	\$ 59,000,000	109	\$ 168,000	\$ 6,000	\$ -	\$ 16,800
				\$ 1,548,625			
Average Compensation (11 comparable communities)				\$ 140,784			

2013 serving as our Village Manager) which speaks for the hard work and dedication of that management team to improve the operating efficiency and effectiveness of Village operations.

Major Initiatives
Implementation and subsequent voter ratification of a Non-Home Rule Sales Tax in the amount of 1% of eligible sales to fund infrastructure improvement (March 2012 and November 2012)

Coordinated with financial advisor Kane McKenna to prepare the BINA hearing, publication notices, draft bond ordinance and preliminary official statement for the issuance of approximately \$5,800,000 in Series 2013 Alternate Revenue Source Bonds to be paid for from the NHRST and restricted for infrastructure improvements

Successful in retaining the Villages Aa2 bond rating based on a presentation to Moody's Rating Agency reviewers on February 8, 2013

Implementation and subsequent voter ratification of a Municipal Aggregation Program which results in a cost savings of approximately \$230 per year per household (March 2012)

Prepared and submitted the intergovernmental agreement subsequently approved by the Cook County Board to allow the use of the Cermak/Mannheim property for the Village Fountain

Coordinated the issuance of \$7,000,000 in conduit debt to refinance the St. Joseph High School mortgage

Engaged Kane McKenna to conduct a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) feasibility study to determine potential for development of certain areas of the Village

Coordinating with St. Joseph High School administrators, prospective developers and Kane McKenna to pursue the sale of St. Joe property to be used for a Senior Housing Development; the Village will create a

Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District in conjunction with the development (ongoing)

Recruitment and hiring of a Finance Director, Public Works Director and a Community Development Director with advanced educational degrees and local government expertise to accomplish Village initiatives

Oversight of redevelopment of the Village of Westchester website

Developed filing system for official Village documents to preserve compliance with record-keeping mandates under the State Records retention Act

Ms. Matthys presented the Board with a five page summary of other accomplishments and initiatives in the areas of personnel/staffing, cost containment/financial initiatives, intergovernmental activities/community organizations and other matters that staff has undertaken under her tenure. President Pulia stated "As I reviewed the Major Initiatives and other accomplishments and initiatives presented, I believe that the residents have been served very well by the employment of Ms. Janet Matthys."

Under the terms of the contract Ms. Matthys will be paid \$110,000 in year fiscal year 2013 (beginning May 2013) and \$120,000 in fiscal year 2014 (beginning May 2014). The Board was presented with comparison information from surrounding communities and areas which indicate an average salary for Village Managers in the West Cook region of \$140,784, plus in some cases additional perks that are NOT included in our Village Manager position. In comparison, Westchester's Village Manager in 2008 was paid \$120,000. In order to be as transparent as possible, the pay comparisons for 11 of our surrounding comparable municipalities and a salary survey have been included in this article showing comparison data.

Meet the August 2013 Good Neighbor

Nominee: Linn Turvey 1600 Block of Mayfair

Nominated by: Mary Ann Iacobazzi 1600 Block of Mayfair

Why they are a good neighbor?

Linn truly knows the meaning of “Love thy neighbor” and “Respect your Elders”. Thankfully, I am the recipient of many acts of kindness from this young lady! When I cannot get to bring in my trash containers I realize Linn has brought them in for me! Linn provides me with many delicious meals! I could go on and on-she is the greatest hard-working friend and neighbor. Please she is employed full time!

Nominate a Good Neighbor

Do you have a Good Neighbor you would like to nominate to be recognized in the Westchester newsletter? Praise the efforts of local residents, organizations, and businesses by nominating them as a good neighbor. We are looking for those friendly folks, good deeds and special neighborly touches that make living in Westchester special. A nomination form is included in this issue below. Nominations for the next newsletter must be received by the 15th of this month by sending them to newsletter@westchester-il.org (Subject Line: Good Neighbor Nomination) or 10300 W. Roosevelt Rd. Westchester, IL 60154 (Attn: Good Neighbor Nomination). We look forward to sharing the good news!

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Good Neighbor Nomination Form

Your Name: _____

Your Address: _____

Name and Address of the person/organization/business you are nominating _____

Why are they a Good Neighbor to you?

"The Road Less Traveled" exhibit of paintings by Westchester artist Laura Weck on display in Adult Dept at Library through August.

Library summer hours in effect through September 2, 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.

Friday, August 2

Open House 9:30-12:00
Divine Providence School, 2500 Mayfair Avenue, 708-562-2258, www.divineprovidenceschool.org:

Monday, August 5 - 7, 9, 12 - 15

Summer Jump Start Band at WMS. See Program Flyer on school website for start times.

Monday, August 5

Senior Matinee featuring "Life As We Know It" at 2:00 PM at Library.

Tuesday, August 6

Westchester National Night Out (NNO) against crime in conjunction with the Movie in the Park Event. The march will kick off promptly at 6:30 pm from Faith Lutheran Church Campus and travel south down Westchester Blvd to the Westchester Community Center Park where the NNO event will have live entertainment, police car show, a free one hour swim and conclude with a movie featuring "Goonies" which begins at 8:30 pm. See page 7 of the newsletter for a full schedule of events.

Thursday, August 8

All Schools Registration FY13-14 at WMS 8:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Friday, August 9 - 10

Multi-Family Garage Sale at Westchester Place Townhomes, 31st and Westminster Drive, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm each day.

Saturday, August 10

Divine Infant Athletics is sponsoring an Outdoor Flea Market at Divine Infant Jesus School, 1640 Newcastle

Avenue. The event will run from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm (rain or shine). For more information, contact Dave Panek at dvdpanek@yahoo.com

Electronics recycling event at Village Hall from 9:00 am to Noon. Check the village website calendar for additional information.

Monday, August 12

Senior Matinee featuring "The Long, Long Trailer" at 2:00 PM at Library.

Sign up for soccer and cross country will be held in Langan Hall at Divine Infant Jesus School, 1640 Newcastle Ave. for students of Divine Infant Parish in Grades 5 through 8. For more information, contact Amy Salata at 708-721-2106.

Vacation Bible School August 12 - August 16 from 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 noon at Westchester Bible Church, Located at 10600 W. Cermak Road. Phone number is 708 562 3040 . Please visit www.westchesterbiblechurch.org for more information.

Tuesday, August 13

All Schools Registration FY13-14 at WMS 1:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

Family Fee Payment Night 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Divine Providence School, 2500 Mayfair Avenue, 708-562-2258, www.divineprovidenceschool.org:

Village Board Meeting at 7:00 PM in the Village Hall Court Room with the Committee of the Whole Meeting immediately following.

Wednesday, August 14

Parent Orientation at 7:00 pm in Langan Hall for new families enrolling at Divine Infant Jesus School, 1640 Newcastle Avenue. For more information, contact the school office at 865-0122.

Town Hall Meeting with Congressman Danny K. Davis at 7:00 pm in the Village Hall Board Room.

Thursday, August 15

Board of Education Meeting at WMS (7:00 P.M.)

Feast of the Assumption of Mary (holyday of obligation) - Masses at 6:30 AM, 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM, Divine Providence Church, 2600

Mayfair Ave.

Grace Lutheran Church will have an outdoor service at York Woods followed by their annual church picnic. All are welcome!

Come and play games and enjoy some great barbecue! Services are at 10AM with the picnic to follow. Guests are welcome to bring a dish to share or just come and enjoy!

Friday, August 16

Taize Prayer, 7:30 PM, Divine Providence Church, 2600 Mayfair Ave.

Saturday, August 17

Market Day Pickup 8:30-9:30 a.m.
Divine Providence School, 2500 Mayfair Avenue, 708-562-2258, www.divineprovidenceschool.org:

Prairie Walk at 7 pm. Meet near the middle parking inlet on 31st Street just west of Wolf Rd.

Enjoy a relaxing and informative stroll on the August Prairie. Our guide will help us identify birds, plants, and insect sounds. Free Event. For more information call 708-354-5512; visit www.savetheprairiesociety.org

Monday, August 19

First day of school for students at Divine Infant Jesus School, 1640 Newcastle Avenue. Dismissal will be at 11:35 am. For more information, contact the school office at 865-0122.

Senior Matinee featuring "Mrs. Miniver" at 2:00 PM at Library.

Westchester Civic Theatre Auditions for the musical "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown" music and lyrics by Clark Gesner, based on the characters created by cartoonist Charles M. Schulz in his comic strip Peanuts. Audition at St. Joe's High School in the theater at 10900 W. Cermak, Westchester. August 19 & August 21. Come between 7 and 9 PM. All roles available for auditioners 16 y.o. and up. Auditions will consist of a group improv type warm-up exercise and singing.

They will take 30-45 minutes. Prepare 32 measures of a Broadway song and bring sheet music, an accompanist will be provided. Callbacks are August 22, 7-10 PM by invitation. Rehearsals will be Sundays 2-5 PM, Mondays and Thursdays 7-10 PM beginning August 25. Show dates

are October 26, 27, November 2, 3, 9, 10. We rehearse and perform at St. Joseph H.S. Theater. Visit www.WestchesterPlays.com for more information.

Tuesday, August 20

1st Day of School, grades 1-8

Wednesday, August 21

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 865-0122.

Friday, August 23

PreSchool, PreKindergarten and Kindergarten Parent-Child-Teacher Meet & Greet 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Divine Providence School, 2500 Mayfair Avenue, 708-562-2258, www.divineprovidenceschool.org:

Monday, August 26

First Student Attendance Day (EC, PreK, K, Grades 1-8)

This is a full day of classroom instruction.

1st Day of School of PreSchool, PreKindergarten and Kindergarten: Half Day only.

Divine Providence School, 2500 Mayfair Avenue, 708-562-2258, www.divineprovidenceschool.org:

Monday, August 26: Senior Matinee featuring "The Maltese Falcon" at 2:00 PM at Library.

Tuesday, August 27, 2013

Chamber Networking Luncheon with Guest Speaker Jerry Peterson, "Online Marketing, the Internet and Your Business". August 27, 2013, Noon-1:00pm Stimacs 4843 Butterfield Road, Hillside Cost: \$17.00 per person RSVP by Friday, August 23rd (708) 240-8400

Do you suffer with Diabetes? TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR DIABETES! Six-Week Session Tuesdays, August 27 - October 1, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. St. Barbara's Church 4009 - 15 Prairie Avenue, Brookfield. Please call Aging Care Connections to register: 708-354-1323. Free of charge!

This series is based on the Chronic

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Thank you for supporting the Eagle Scout project at Westchester Fountain

From David Qiao and Xiaoying Qiao

After a long wait and a lot of hard work, we welcome the Westchester Fountain at the corner of Cermak Street and Mannheim Road. To beautify the area, Eagle Scout Candidate David Qiao of Westchester Boy Scout Troop 73 proposed an Eagle Scout project plan to add a flower island to the fountain site. The project was approved by the Des Plaines Valley Council in March 2013.

Local business greatly supported the project. We went to Peter Troost Monument Co. at 4300 Roosevelt Road, Hillside, to present the project sketch and discuss the stone design. We were very glad and thankful that Mr. Jack Hallihan, CM, Monument Consultant and Designer said: "We are going to donate the stone to you!" They made a marvelous engraved stone marking the flower island. We also went to the Home Depot Store at 700 Broadview Village Square, Broadview. Acting like kids in a candy store, we were tempted by all kinds of plants blossoming spring flowers. Thanks to the Store Manager Ms. Maggie Macias, we obtained a Spruce tree, Azalea, and Bleeding Heart plants from Home Depot. These became the first batch of plants placed in the flower island.

Huge thanks to the scouts, friends, and families of Troop 73 and Troop 1 in Westchester. In our patrol meetings, Scouts and families signed up to donate plants and flowers of their own garden or from stores. Scouts and friends discussed what kind of plants would

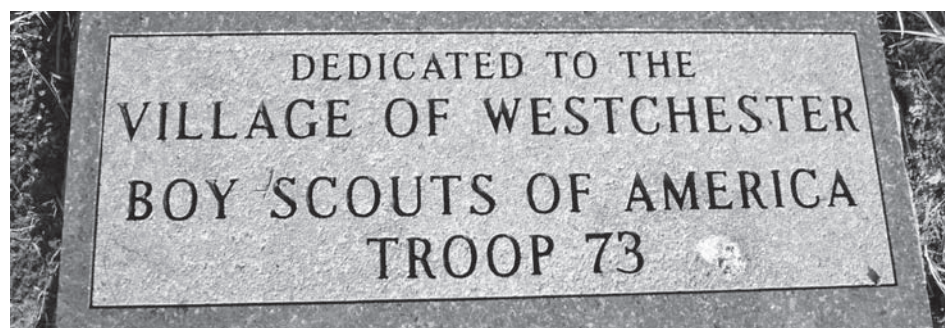
be beautiful in our garden. We wished the flower island could have blossoms and colors all year around: evergreen bushes in Winter; red Japanese Maple in Fall; colorful Azalea in Spring; and glorious flowers in Summer. Ms. Barbara Lucchese donated a generous sum of money to the landscaping around the fountain. A portion of the donation was used for plants in the Boy Scouts garden. The flower donation was really a success. Now, you can see a variety of plants from different families growing in the flower island. Now, when our families pass the corner of Cermak and Mannheim, we all check our flowers. Oh, they are getting bigger and taller!

Sweat brought the color of our flowers. A total of 17 scouts, friends, and adults participated in the project. More than 50 hours of manual labor made this idea blossom into a reality. On work day one, we planned to remove the thick layer of grass from the underneath soil. We had no idea that it would be so hard - our garden tools could barely pierce the grass. We had to force the sharp shovel to divide the blanket of grass into separate squares, and then flipped it over. It took one and a half hours to finish the job. We were tired and hungry, but afterwards, we had a tasty and satisfying meal at Paul's Pizza at 3044 Wolf Road, Westchester. Thanks to the courtesy of Mr. Paul Gattuso.

Special thanks go to Westchester Chamber of Commerce, especially Village President Sam Pulia. Sam has always been very supportive to Scouts and dedicated to our village. He took



Boy Scout Flower island by Westchester fountain.



Engraved stone donated by Peter Troost Monument Co.

time out of his busy day to talk to us, give us permission, dedicate the land, and help maintain the garden. We often saw Sam working at the fountain site after normal working hours, all by himself. One day, Sam saw that our garden needed water, he immediately hand watered the flowers. Afterwards, he bestowed a sacred water key to us, so that we could get water from a nearby

source. Ms. Molly Keane, Management Assistant, helped us communicate with the Village President as the project progressed. Public Works brought in topsoil and mulch for us to cultivate the flowers.....

Thanks Everyone. Because of you, the plants are blossoming now, and they will be there enhancing the fountain for years to come.

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Disease Self-Management Program developed by Stanford University. Research has demonstrated the effectiveness of the program in improving health outcomes of participants over time.

The series is made possible through a grant from the U.S. Administration on Aging via the Illinois Department of Public Health.

Topics to be covered include: Coping with fatigue, frustration and pain, Exercising to maintain and improve strength, using medications, practicing good nutrition and evaluating new treatment options.

Village Board Meeting at 7:00 PM in the Village Hall Court Room with the Committee of the Whole Meeting immediately following.

Wednesday, August 28

TAG - Teen Advisory Group meeting at 4:00 PM at Library. For teens in grades 8-12. Contact Youth Dept or call 708-562-3573.

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 865-0122.

Sunday, September 1 - 2

Library closed for Labor Day Weekend.

Monday, September 2

Village Hall Closed in Observance of Labor Day

School will be closed for Labor Day. Divine Infant Jesus School, 1640 Newcastle Avenue.

Tuesday, September 3

Library normal hours return: Monday-Thursday 9:30-9PM, Saturday 9:30-5PM, and Sunday 1-5pm.

Wednesday, September 4

All School Mass, 9:00 AM, Divine Providence Parish, 2600 Mayfair Ave

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 865-0122.

Thursday, September 5

Divine Infant School's McTeacher Fundraiser Night will be held at the Westchester McDonalds, 1110 W. 31st St. from 5-8 pm. Bring in your fundraiser slips to raise money for the DI Technology Fund. For more information, contact the school office

at 708-865-0122.

September 5 - 6: Vision & Hearing testing at Divine Infant Jesus School, 1640 Newcastle Avenue.

Students in Pre-School, Kindergarten and second grades will have their hearing and vision tested, students in grades 5 and 8 will have their vision tested and students in grades 1 and 3 will have their hearing tested. For more information, contact the school office at 865-0122.

Friday, September 6

Back to School Picnic and Pool Party at Community Center Park, 10201 Bond St. from 5:00 pm-9:00 pm

Eucharistic Adoration, 8:00 Opening Prayers until 7:00 PM Benediction, Divine Providence Ministry Center Chapel, 2540 Mayfair Ave



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Westchester Real Estate Market Info 6/16/13 – 7/15/13

Average Sales Price: \$202,270
+12% Year over Year*

Total Number of Homes Sold: 41
+41% Year over Year*

Average Listing Market Time: 52 Days
244% Faster Year over Year*

#	Str Name	Price	Beds	Baths	#	Str Name	Price	Beds	Baths	#	Str Name	Price	Beds	Baths
1426	Gardner	\$ 71,950	3	1.1	11117	Mandel	\$ 165,000	3	2	3033	Downing	\$ 218,000	2	2
1136	Suffolk	\$ 79,000	3	1	1902	Newcastle	\$ 170,000	3	1	11568	Burton	\$ 219,900	2	1.2
627	Suffolk	\$ 96,000	3	1.1	10327	Kipling	\$ 170,000	3	1	2238	Downing	\$ 230,000	2	1.1
1532	Gardner	\$ 100,000	2	1	10821	Hastings	\$ 175,000	2	1.1	2947	Downing	\$ 230,000	3	2
920	Cromwell	\$ 134,900	3	1	2	Princess	\$ 180,000	2	2	1257	Heidorn	\$ 235,000	3	1.1
1003	Portsmouth	\$ 140,000	2	1	10520	Preston	\$ 190,000	3	1.1	2544	Kensington	\$ 242,000	3	1.1
1434	Westchester	\$ 140,100	3	1.1	1654	Kensington	\$ 197,500	3	2	1358	Haase	\$ 249,850	3	2
10130	Cambridge	\$ 149,900	3	2.1	2836	Downing	\$ 200,000	3	2	11405	Enterprise	\$ 258,000	3	2.1
1607	Stratford	\$ 152,000	2	2	2221	Hawthorne	\$ 200,000	3	2	2716	Burton	\$ 259,000	3	2.1
10325	Bond	\$ 152,000	2	1	10541	Preston	\$ 207,000	3	2.1	2132	Newcastle	\$ 269,500	3	2
1530	Concord	\$ 152,500	3	3.1	1637	Manchester	\$ 210,000	3	2	2431	Prescott	\$ 310,000	3	2.1
10020	Kent	\$153,000	3	1.1	10629	Fleet	\$ 215,000	3	1.1	11286	Wildridge	\$ 340,000	3	3.1
1812	Newcastle	\$158,000	3	1.1	10507	Dorchester	\$ 216,000	2	2	2625	Somerset	\$ 395,000	4	2.1
					1501	Heidorn	\$ 217,000	2	2.1	11318	Alexandria	\$ 445,000	3	3

**Year over Year: These statistics compare data from the same time period the previous year. This chart represents all detached and attached single-family homes that closed in Westchester according to MRED data between 6/16/2013 and 7/15/2013. Data supplied by MRED may not reflect all real estate activity in the market. MRED is not responsible for the accuracy of the data supplied.*



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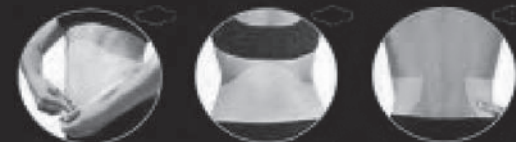


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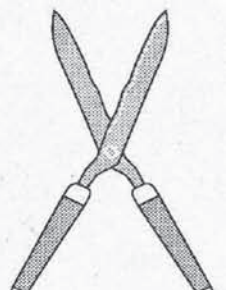
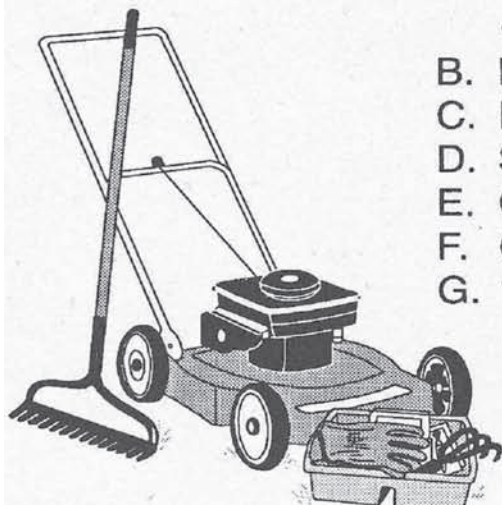
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Branch Pick-up Schedule

August: 5-9

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

The branch pickup for August will be August 5-9. September's will be 3-6 and October's will be 7-11.

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

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 31st Street

The branch pick up for September will be September 3-6

The branch pick up for October will be October 7-11

September 2-6

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October 7-11

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Sprinkling Ban Reminder

Effective May 15-September 15

Residents and businesses are reminded that we have water use restrictions in effect every year, from May 15th through September 15th, during the hours of 12pm to 6pm.

This includes:

1. Outdoor Watering
2. Cleaning Outdoor Surfaces
3. Cleaning Buildings
4. 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.

For example:

June 10-even numbered day of the month: West side and north side can water before 12 noon and after 6:00pm.

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 6:00pm.

West side and north side cannot water.



Saturday, August 10th
9:00 AM-12:00 PM

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Summer Public Works Hours

Due to the extreme heat, Public Works hours have been changed to 6:00 am to 2:30 pm, Monday - Friday through August 31st.

Normal hours of 7:00 am—3:30 pm will resume beginning September 1st

2013 Street Rehabilitation Program

The Village Street Rehabilitation Program has commenced with completion scheduled for the end of October. This planned work includes complete concrete curb and gutter removal and replacement, concrete driveway removal and replacement, pavement removal and replacement, and restoration of

disturbed areas with sod. Residents affected by this work will be notified by hand delivered notice of actual start date which will include information on relocation of vehicles when the curb and apron work is being accomplished. Curb and apron work will occur on one side of the street at a time to allow for park-

ing in the street for residents displaced from their driveways while new concrete is allowed to cure. Garbage pickup and mail delivery service will continue as usual.

Phase 2

Hull Avenue from Gladstone Street to The Strand

Highridge Avenue from Canterbury Street to Boeger Avenue
Heidorn Avenue from Canterbury Street to Charles Street
Charles Street from Wolf Rd. to Boeger Avenue

Newcastle Avenue from Roosevelt Road to the north end
The Strand

50/50 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 5 types of trees indigenous to the area.

The trees will be planted in November 2013. Call Public Works at 708-345-0041 to register!

Application cut-off date for the 50/50 tree program has not been determined yet—More information will be available in future newsletters this summer.

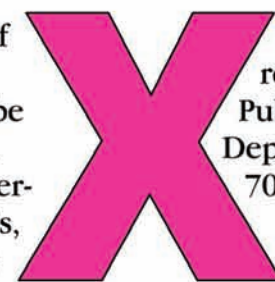
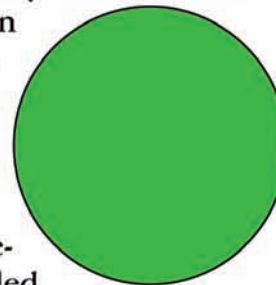
Free Yard Waste Stickers

Don't forget we offer free yard waste stickers at the Public Works Department and Village Hall.

Stickers are limited to 2 per household.

Ash Tree Removal

If the parkway tree is marked with a green dot, it indicates the tree will not be trimmed due to it being scheduled for removal at a later date. If the parkway tree is marked with a pink X, the tree will be removed in the near future. The Village forester will determine, on a case by case basis, whether a replacement tree



will be placed in the same or nearby location; tree replacement species will be determined by the Village forester as well. In some instances, tree replacement will not occur at all, due to proximity of existing trees in the parkway.

Questions can be directed to the Public Works Department at 708-345-0041.

Additional Public Works News

- Construction season has started, so please drive carefully in all work zones!
- Waste Management will also pickup your branches as long as they are tied in bundles no more than 4 feet in length. These are picked up each week, on your regular garbage day.
- The Public Works Department is now repairing parkways that have been damaged by water excavations and snow plow damage. We are also restoring parkways due to Ash tree removals. Concrete work and street repairs have started, as weather permits.
- The Public Works Department continues to fill potholes throughout the Village. Please call Public Works at 708-345-0041 to report potholes.
- The vac and jet machine will continue cleaning storm sewer inlets, as weather permits.
- 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.

In-House Pavement Patching Program

Public Works will lay 2,000 tons of asphalt this summer as part of our in-house pavement patching program. Pavement grinding on the 1st phase has been completed in the south central portion of town. Phase 2 of the in-house pavement patching began the week of June 17th. The work is being done on various streets east of Mannheim Road. Please be aware that there will be some bumps as we complete this process, so please slow down to avoid any accidents, injury or damage.



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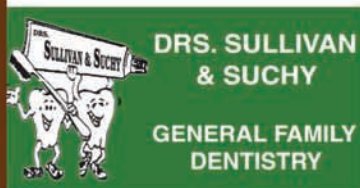
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