



# Village of Westchester

November 2013 Newsletter

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## From the Desk of The President



Hillside Mayor Tamburino and Westchester President Pulia with Joseph Tousek, owner of Alpine Banquet Haus, at his 25th Anniversary event. Congratulations, Joseph!

November 2013 is of some special significance this year. In addition to the Thanksgiving holiday, another date will certainly be a mark in our annals of history. November 22, 1963, is that date. Fifty years ago, or ½ century ago, our 35th President of the United States was assassinated. John Fitzgerald Kennedy was assassinated at 12:30 p.m. Central Standard Time in Dealey Plaza, Dallas, Texas.

I know everyone who was alive that day remembers exactly what they were doing, where they were, and the total disbelief that something like that could occur in our country. I was not yet 10 years old, riding on the Westchester District 92.5 school bus on 28th street (now called Wakefield) near Kensington traveling with my 5th grade class to Britten School. Due to increasing enrolment at the Mary Jane Kennedy School, (now the Westchester Primary School), 5th grade was bused to Britten School at the north end of the Village. I recall Mrs. Wilhelm, our 5th grade teacher, recapping the event upon our arrival. I'm sure we did not know the significance of the event at that time; however, our social studies class was discussing aspects of the Civil War and the assassination of our 16th President Abraham Lincoln. What a coincidence, learning

about President Lincoln's assassination and living through another one at the same time. Fifty years have passed and I'm sure we all have memories of certain historical events that have been etched in our minds. I know that the assassination of President Kennedy is one of those I will always remember.

Even today, although the Warren Report containing 888 pages concluded that President Kennedy was murdered by Lee Harvey Oswald who acted alone, many people believe others were involved. Most of the Warren Report has been released to the public. In 1976, the United States House of Representatives Select Committee on Assassinations was established to investigate the assassination of President Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. In 1992 Congress created the Assassination Records Review Board to further investigate the evidence related to President Kennedy's death. From 1992 until 1998 the Assassination Review Board gathered and unsealed about 60,000 documents, totaling 4 million pages. All remaining documents are to be released by 2017.

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# Fire Department

## Turkey Fryers

In recent years deep-frying turkeys has become increasingly popular. The cooking method requires placing the turkey in three gallons or more of oil, heated by propane. The use of cooking a Turkey with deep-fat turkey fryers can be very dangerous as they have a high risk of tipping over, overheating, or spilling hot oil. That could lead to fires, burns, or other injuries.

### Dangers of Frying a Turkey

Here are 5 dangers associated with deep frying a turkey, according to the Avondale Fire Department.

1. Units can easily tip over, spilling hot cooking oil over a large area.
2. An overfilled cooking pot or partially frozen turkey will cause cooking oil to spill when the turkey is inserted.
3. A small amount of cooking oil coming into contact with the burner can cause a large fire.
4. Without thermostat controls, deep fryers have the potential to overheat the oil to the point of combustion.
5. The sides of the cooking pot, lid and pot handles can get dangerously hot, creating severe burn hazards.

### If You Fry a Turkey

- Fryers should always be used outdoors, on a solid level surface a safe distance from buildings and flammable materials.
- Never use a fryer on a wooden deck, under a patio cover, in a garage or enclosed space.
- Do not overfill the fryer.
- Never leave the fryer unattended because, without thermostat controls, the oil will continue to heat until it catches fire.
- Never let children or pets near the fryer when in use or after use as the oil can remain hot for hours.
- Use well-insulated potholders or oven mitts and wear long sleeves and safety goggles to protect from splatter.
- Make sure the turkey is completely thawed before it is placed in a fryer.
- Keep all-purpose fire extinguishers nearby.
- If a turkey fryer fire occurs, call 911 immediately.



### 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 Prevention Open House

Chief Jim Adams and the Westchester Fire Department wish to thank all the residents that attended the open house held on October 12, 2013 making it a big success. The event drew children and adult residents giving them a better understanding of the Fire services. The open house also provided residents a chance to see how the Fire Department works to ensure their safety. The Fire Department was given the opportunity to provide Blood Pressure screenings, education on safety issues in the home, did a live burn demonstrating the importance of sprinklers in the home. The Fire Department also gave fire engine rides and provided other activities to better educate residents in fire safety. The theme the NFPA was promoting this year for Fire Prevention Week was "Prevent Kitchen Fires".

Fire Prevention week was established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire, the tragic 1871 fire killed more than 250 souls, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2000 acres with the most damage occurring on October 9. Although the Chicago fire is remembered it was not the largest fire loss suffered that week. A fire that started in Peshtigo Wisconsin was larger and more tragic. The fire tragically killed 1152 souls, burned down 16 towns and scorched 1.2 million acres before burning itself out. In 1920, President Woodrow Wilson issued the first National Fire Prevention Day proclamation, and since 1922, Fire Prevention week has been observed on the Sunday through Saturday during the week in which October 9 falls. On the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire, the Fire Marshals Association of America decided the anniversary should not be observed with festivities, but be used as a time to educate the public and provide information in fire safety and prevention.

The Westchester Fire Department was able to provide a fun day for residents while using the opportunity to educate young and old on how to keep their homes safe and what to do if an emergency occurs. The Westchester Fire Department is proud of the services it provides to the community and is always available to answer any questions regarding Fire Safety do not ever hesitate to call 708-345-0433.



Fire Safety Tips

The Holidays are a time for celebration and that means cooking and with cooking regrettably home fires and injuries. Unattended cooking fires account for 33% of these fires. Other leading causes are placing combustible items too close to the heat source and various electrical defects. The most common reason for unattended cooking fires is when the cook becomes distracted and leaves the kitchen. To increase your safety when cooking follow these safety tips.

- Stay in the kitchen: don't leave cooking unattended (stand by your pan!)
- Wear short or tight fitting sleeves loose clothing is more likely to catch on fire or get caught on pot handles
- Enforce a kid free zone of three feet around stove
- Keep area around stove clear of all combustible items papers, pot holders, dish towels
- Cook at indicated temperature settings rather than higher settings
- Keep pot lid handy to smother pan fires do not attempt to pick up a pot or pan that is on fire turn off heat and cover with lid

**DO NOT USE WATER!!**

**It will cause splashing and spread fire.**

- Treat burns immediately with cool running water and seek medical care if needed.

# Profile



**Name:** Jeffrey Battaglia  
**Rank:** Patrol Officer  
**Years as Police Officer:** 3

**What made you choose police officer as a profession:**

I chose this profession because I have family and friends in this field and I felt this would be a good career for me.

**Describe a good day at work:**

Helping someone in need, preventing or catching someone involved in a crime and of course, going home on time.

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

The best part of this job is helping someone that cannot help themselves and the satisfaction that comes along with that. In this profession, receiving a thank you is rare, therefore, when one is given it usually is sincere and truly meant.

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

Remember that you are a person first and a police officer second. Be fair but do your job.

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

Any time spent with my family and friends that includes a back yard, a BBQ or some golf is a good day off.

# Residential Security Tips

by John M. Carpino

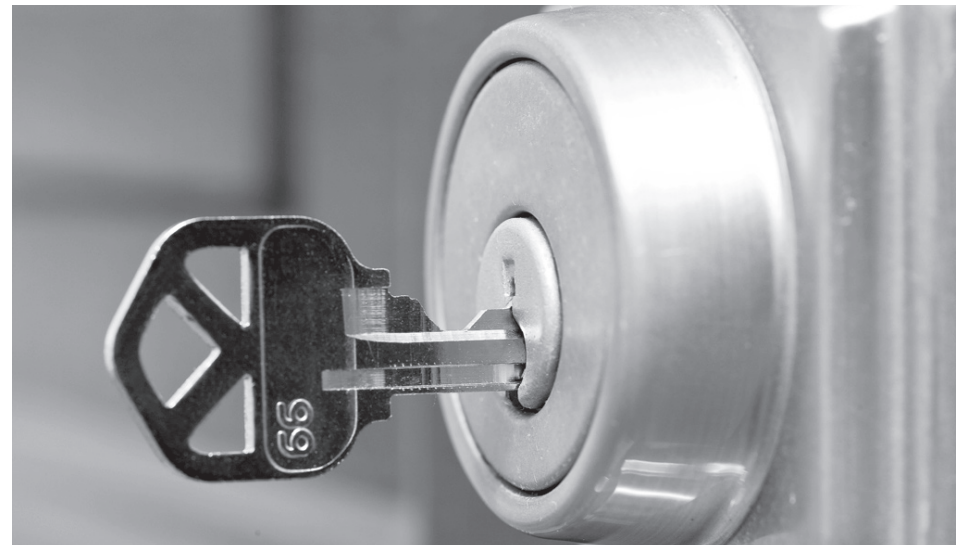
If stranger rings your bell and his/her story doesn't sound right and appears nervous, alert the police. It may be a burglar checking to see if anyone is home. Had no one answered the door when he rang the bell, he would have tried to break in. DO NOT open the door to a stranger.

- Install double dead bolt type locks on doors where there is glass near the lock. A thief can break the glass, reach in and guess what, you're a victim. A double dead bolt lock would prevent this from happening. Keep a spare key close for fast exit in the event of a fire.

- Use as much outdoor lighting as possible, especially in areas that may conceal a burglar's activity. Use motion type lighting in these areas.

- Check with a local locksmith or hardware store for ideas on how to better equip your home with security devices for windows and doors. Don't forget about basement windows and attached garage, as these are areas often overlooked by the homeowner.

- Don't forget about the garage door opener that is on the sun visor waiting to be taken, while the car is parked unlocked on the driveway. This is another good source for a burglar to gain easy entry into your



home.

- Even in the best neighborhoods burglars go around at random and look for the target with no security system and unlocked doors or windows.

- If you insist on leaving your windows open on the ground floor, then you need to seriously consider a security system with motion detection. An alarm provider can educate you on what type of system and related options will best fit your lifestyle.

## Going on vacation?

- Stop the U.S. Mail delivery.
- Stop any/all newspaper delivery.

- Load luggage in garage, don't advertise the fact you are leaving on a trip.

- Ask a trusted neighbor to park on your driveway and give the appearance someone is home.

- Think about installing an alarm system. All the locks in the world won't stop a burglar from entering into your home, but a security system will reduce your chances from being a victim. If you are worried about a burglar defeating a security system, you apparently have something of value in your home that sounds like it should be secured in a bank security vault. Burglars are looking for cash, jewelry, and electronic devices easily concealed.

## Police blotter

1) At 2:51 am on September 26, 2013, a Commercial Burglary was reported at 9906 Roosevelt, the New China Wok. Westchester Police responded to a burglar alarm and discovered that forced entry was made into the business.

2) At 5:21 pm on October 1, 2013, a Theft was reported on the 1400 block of Norfolk. The resident reported that an unknown person removed a UPS delivered package that was left on the front porch.

3) At 9:10 am on October 2, 2013, a Motor Vehicle Theft was reported on the 10600 block of Cermak. The resident reported that between 11pm on October 1st and 9am on October 2nd unknown person(s) took their vehicle that was parked behind a house in the parking lot.

4) At 5:27 pm on October 2, 2013, a Theft of Bicycle was reported at 10147 Roosevelt Road, J-Dee's Convenient. The bicycle owner reported that while inside the store

he observed a male riding away on his blue Schwinn bicycle.

5) At 9:13 am on October 5, 2013, a Criminal Damage to Property was reported on the 10800 block of Claridge. The resident reported that between 6pm on October 2nd and 3pm on October 4th unknown person(s) broke the side mirror on their vehicle while parked in the street.

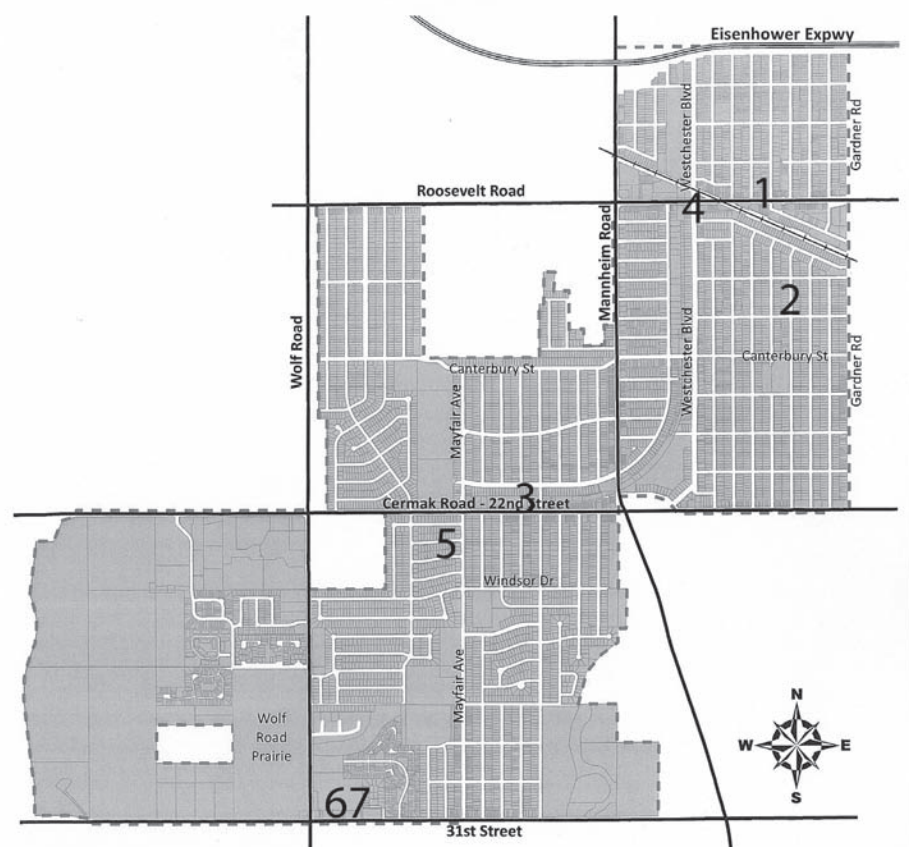
6) At 11:18 am on October 12, 2013, an Aggravated Robbery occurred at 11110 31st, McDonalds. A person reported that at 7am, while walking in the parking lot, an unknown person took her iPhone by force and ran from the scene.

7) At 7:31 pm on October 15, 2013, a Residential Burglary was reported on the 3000 block of Rosebrook Circle. Westchester Police responded to a burglar alarm and discovered the door had been forced open by unknown person(s). Money and jewelry were reported missing.



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NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME WATCH



# PRESIDENT

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The Thanksgiving Holiday to be celebrated on Thursday, November 28th, this year has an interesting history of its own. I came upon an article written by Ms. Jennifer Rosenberg, a noted author who has written hundreds of articles about 20th Century history. The one I am referring to is "How President Franklin D. Roosevelt Changed Thanksgiving". Specifically, in 1939, there were actually two Thanksgiving Holidays. Most of us know the origins of the first Thanksgiving in 1621. A three day feast occurred sometime between September 21st and November 11th when Pilgrims were joined by Native American Indians from the Wampanoag Tribe, including Chief Massasoit. It wasn't until 1777 that all thirteen original colonies celebrated a day of Thanksgiving. The very first national day of Thanksgiving was held in 1789, when then President George Washington proclaimed Thursday, November 26th, to be "a day of public thanksgiving and prayer", to give thanks for the opportunity to form a new nation and establishment of a new constitution. Even though a national day of Thanksgiving was declared in 1789, it was not an annual celebration. For 40 years, Sarah Josepha Hale, the editor of Godey's Lady's Book, and author of the nursery rhyme "Mary Had a Little Lamb" had advocated to make Thanksgiving a national holiday. During the Civil War, Hale discussed making Thanksgiving a national holiday as a way to bring the nation back together. On October 3, 1863, President Lincoln issued a proclamation declaring that the last day of November to be the day of "thanksgiving and praise".

For 75 years after the Lincoln Proclamation, subsequent presidents honored the tradition issuing their own Thanksgiving proclamations, declaring the last Thursday in November Thanksgiving. In 1939, President Franklin D. Roosevelt was lobbied by retailers complaining that the last Thursday being the 30th of November left only 24 days until the Christmas Holiday, and would greatly impact the shopping season. FDR agreed with the retailers and announced that Thanksgiving would be held one week earlier that year on Thursday, November 23rd, the second to the last Thursday of the month. As you can image, the change caused much confusion with school calendars, vacations, and the playing of football games. Many political opponents questioned the President's authority to change the holiday. Many governors also did not agree with FDR's

decision and refused to follow him. The country became split on which Thanksgiving Day to observe. Twenty-three States followed FDR's change to be November 23rd and twenty-three other States disagreed and kept the traditional November 30th date while Colorado and Texas decided to honor both dates.

An analysis of the additional week for increased spending, done to improve the country's economy, revealed that spending was approximately the same. For those states who celebrated the earlier Thanksgiving date, the shopping was evenly distributed throughout the season. For those who celebrated the traditional date, business experienced a bulk of shopping in the last week before Christmas.

Finally, on December 26, 1941, Congress stepped in and passed a law that Thanksgiving would occur every year on the 4th Thursday of November. For those who lived through this time, you have first-hand knowledge of a historical fact that up until now I had no knowledge of. Being somewhat of a history buff I find it fascinating. More historical information from Ms. Jennifer Rosenberg can be found at [www.about.com](http://www.about.com).

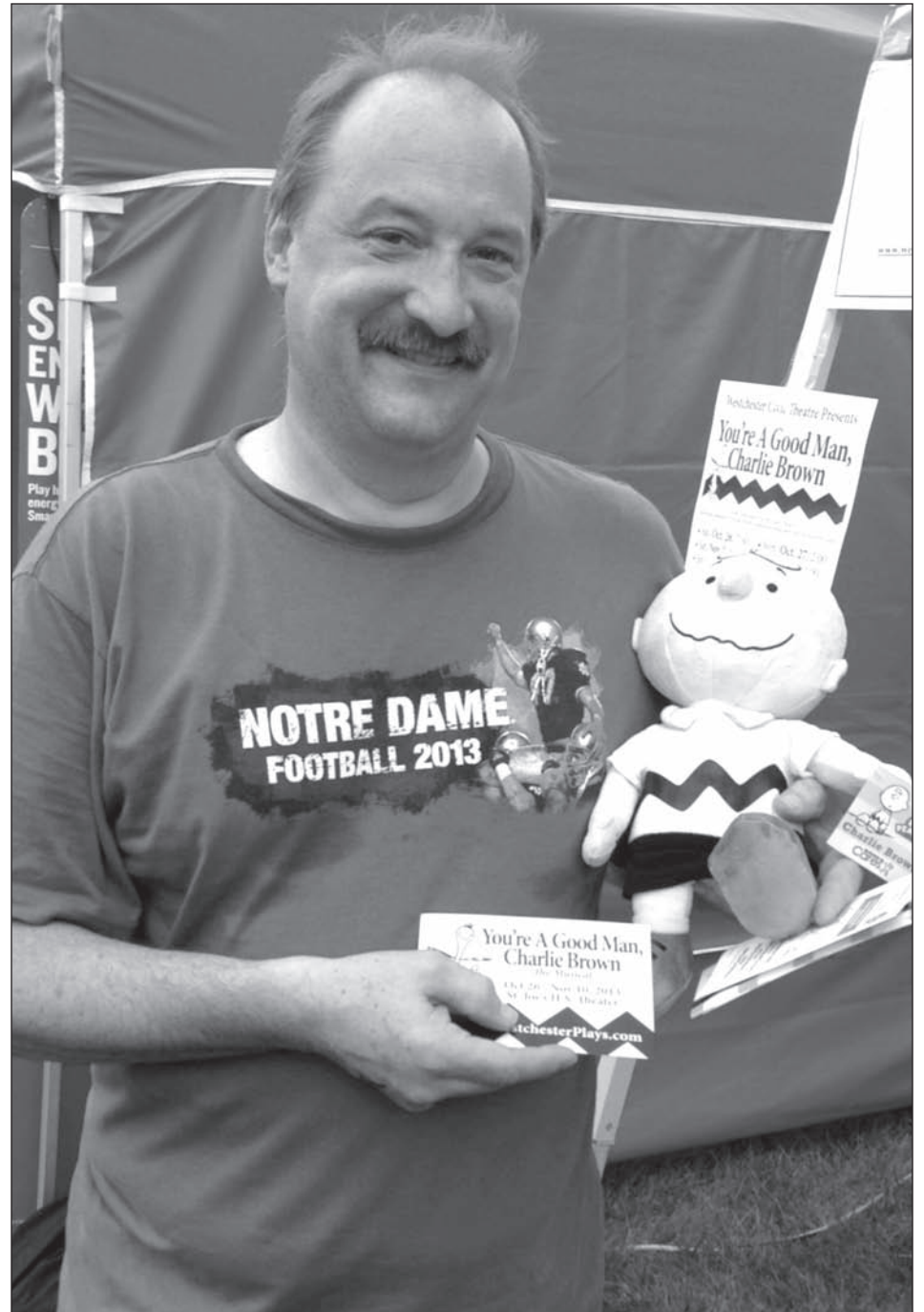
I'll attempt to tie the above information together by quoting a phrase offered by President John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."

If I may use the words of my departed friend Mayor William J. "Bill" Mueller, from the Village of Lombard, that I believe apply here. The Village of Westchester is very fortunate and during this time of Thanksgiving, may we all realize the good in our lives and be grateful for it.

November is American Indian Heritage Month. In 1990, President George H.W. Bush approved a joint resolution designating November 1990 "National American Indian Heritage Month". President Bush called on all Americans to learn more about the history and heritage of native people of this great land. He stated "such actions reaffirm our appreciation and respect for their traditions and way of life and can help preserve an important part of culture for generations yet to come".

During World War II, more than 44,000 American Indians, out of a total Native American population of less than 350,000, saw military service. They served on all fronts in the conflict and were honored by receiving numerous Purple Hearts, Air Medals, Distinguished Flying Crosses, Bronze Stars, Silver Stars, and 12 Congressional Medals of Honor given for military heroism "above and beyond the call of duty". These warriors exhibited



Wally Novak promotes WCT's next show "You're A Good Man Charlie Brown" at the Fall Festival at the Fountain on October 5th.

extraordinary bravery in the face of enemy and, in many cases, made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. Their names can be found below.

World War II: Pappy Boyington USMC, Ernest Childers US ARMY, Jack C. Montgomery US ARMY, Van T. Barfoot US ARMY, Roy W. Harmon US ARMY, Ernest Edwin Evans US NAVY and John N. Reese Jr. US ARMY.

Korean War: Charles George US ARMY, Raymond Harvey US ARMY, Tony K. Burriss US ARMY, Mitchell Red Cloud Jr. US ARMY and Woodrow W. Keeble US ARMY.

The Medal of Honor was created during the American Civil War. Of the 3,469 Medals of Honor awarded as of 2010, 28 have been awarded to Native Americans (source Wikipedia).

## VETERANS DAY

Monday, November 11th, is Veterans Day. Veterans Day is an official United States holiday which honors people who have served in the armed services, known as veterans. It is a

Federal holiday and coincides with other holidays such as Armistice Day and Remembrance Day, which are celebrated in other parts of the world and also mark the anniversary of the end of World War I. Major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, when the Armistice with Germany went into effect. In May 1938, Congress made November 11th in each year a federal holiday. In 1945, World War II Veteran Raymond Weeks led a delegation to Gen. Dwight Eisenhower who supported the idea of a National Veterans Day. Then, on May 26, 1954, President Dwight Eisenhower signed the bill establishing the holiday through congress. Congress amended the bill on June 1, 1954, replacing the word "Armistice" with "Veterans" thereby making November 11th what we know today as "Veterans Day".

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## WITH 5K RUN

For the past 20+ years, through the hard dedicated work of Thomas Sullivan, Gary Kasanders, and a host of volunteers, the Village of Westchester and the Westchester Park District have sponsored a 5K race and 1 mile walk that has contributed several thousand dollars to the Wounded Warrior Foundation Fund. The event will be held at Mayfair Park, 10835 Wakefield, on Sunday, November 10th. The race starts promptly at 9:00 AM.

Parking will be available at the Westchester Primary School on both the Windsor Drive and Fleet Street side. Race participants will not be allowed to park in the front or rear of the Divine Providence Church and School. Sunday mass at Divine Providence Church is scheduled for 8:30 AM and again at 10:30 AM. Every effort should be made not to interfere with Sunday worship. For those residing along the race route, please remember that you will not be able to drive on the route until it is safe to do so. The race route has not changed for several years. The race is 5K (3.2 miles) in length. The runners will be through the race course in a very short period of time. More information/registration and the race route can be found on the Park District's website at [www.wpdparks.org](http://www.wpdparks.org).

## SENIOR EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

On Thursday, November 7, 2013, a free seminar is being held at the College of Du Page designed to help seniors plan and prepare for important employment issues and decisions ahead. Join an employment specialist and learn about: discovering options, optimizing the seasons of your career, and aligning career interests with job possibilities. Seating is limited so register as soon as possible at [www.foundation@cod.edu](http://www.foundation@cod.edu) or contact Shelly at 1-630-942-2461.

The College of Du Page is located at 425 Fawell Blvd. Glen Ellyn, IL 60136. The seminar is being held in the Student Resource Center (SRC), Room 2000 from 6:00 to 7:00 PM and refreshments will be served.

## WESTCHESTER RUNNERS COMPETE

On Sunday, October 13th, 40,000 people ran the Chicago Marathon. The running of 26.2 Miles is no small feat. In fact it is quite an accomplishment. Westchester, Illinois was well represented at the Marathon with 19 people participating. Below are the names of the Westchester participants: Daniel Anderson, Stefan Bailey, Eduardo



Westchester Firefighters suppressed a demonstration fire at the Fire Department Open House held on October 12th during Fire Prevention Week. The demonstration featured two burns; one of a home with an automatic sprinkler system and another without.

Brambila, Yalitz Brambila, Jerry Branklin, Will Buchanan, Elda Capilla, Jessica Gage, Alex Meuino, Efrain Miranda, Colleen Quaid, Jessica Quaid, Jim Quaid, Adam Rodriguez, Josue Sias, Christina Soto, Kristen Tabascio, William Tworek, and Melissa Wollard. Congratulations to all of our resident runners and all of the participants, volunteers, and the City of Chicago for hosting a great international event. Thank you to Mr. Richard Dolnics who took the time to scan 68 pages with 340 columns to tally the above listed residents.

## WESTCHESTER RECYCLES

Since April 2011, Westchester has collected a total of 175,736 pounds of electronic equipment. Since April 2013, we have collected 60,545 pounds. November 9th will be our last collection of the year. On November 9th, in addition to our electronics collection, we will be having a shredding event as well. The shredding event is not without a hitch. We are requesting that you bring a nonperishable, non-expired, food product for our food pantry. The holiday season is upon us and there are members of the community that could use our help. Please help in any way you can.

## REPRESENTATIVE WELCH COMES THROUGH

On Monday, October 14th, I, along with Trustee Angelo Calcagno and Village Manager Janet Matthys, were present at the Westchester Library Board Meeting to witness the check presentation to Westchester Library

Officials for a very important "Green Initiative". Representative Welch presented a check for \$163 thousand that will cover 73% of the \$223 thousand cost to fund construction of a permeable parking lot at the Westchester Public Library. The Library, as you may know, fell victim to excessive flood damage as a result of the July 2010 flood. This proposed project will retrofit the fifteen thousand square foot existing asphalt parking lot with interlocking permeable pavers and 535 square feet of bio-retention. This will reduce storm-water runoff volumes and rates and improve the quality of water, including; reductions in sediment loads, nutrients, chlorides, and oxygen-demanding substances such as hydrocarbons.

## COOK COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

The Cook County Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, with the assistance of the consultants Tetra Tech, have embarked on a project to create a Hazard Mitigation Plan for Cook County. In order for Cook County to receive disaster funds from the Federal government (FEMA), a Hazard Mitigation Plan is required. As a result of Cook County not having a plan, Cook County and its municipalities have been unable to receive monies from FEMA to mitigate natural disaster issues such as flooding. Monies received from FEMA as a result of Disaster Declarations received by the State of Illinois could only be allocated to counties having Hazard Mitigation Plans. Unfortunately, until Cook County

Board President Toni Preckwinkle was elected and hired Michael Masters as her Homeland Security Chief, as this important step had not yet been taken. On July 10th, Cook County convened its first Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazard Mitigation Plan Planning Partner Meeting inviting individuals from throughout the county to participate in a collaborative effort to create the plan in the next 10 months. Over 117 municipalities and townships in Cook County have signed a letter of intent to participate. I have volunteered to be the Chairperson of the Steering Committee, with the assistance of Vice Chairperson Sandra Frum, Village President of the Village of Northbrook. We have been meeting each month with over 20 Planning Partners from ComEd, Nicor, Army Corps of Engineers, Red Cross, City of Chicago, Department of Natural Resources, MWRD, North West, West Central and Southwest Councils of Mayors, MABAS, and several other professionals to complete the Hazard Mitigation Plan for submission to FEMA for approval by May 2014. Our meetings are open to the public as well as for public comment. The meetings are being held at 69 W. Washington in Chicago, Illinois at 10:00 AM. The Steering Committee has met on August 27th, September 24th, and October 22nd. During these meetings, our mission statement and goals have been discussed. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 19th. I encourage all interested persons to go to the Cook County Homeland Security website,

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## Tuesday, November 5

Westchester Chamber of Commerce Breakfast, 7:30 AM, Westchester Village Hall Board Room, 10300 W. Roosevelt Rd.

BOE Committee of the Whole Mtg. at WMS at 6:30 PM

Divine Infant Jesus School Advisory Board Meeting at 7:00 PM at the Rectory, 1601 Newcastle Avenue. For more information, contact the school office at 865-0122.

## Wednesday, November 6

DP Over 50 Thanksgiving Luncheon Members \$8.00 and Guests \$10.00. Tickets for the Christmas Luncheon on December 10th will be available. Members: \$22.00 and Guests: \$25.00. Our luncheon will be at Park Place in Countryside. Doors will open at 11:30 AM and Lunch at Noon. Once again we will have entertainment. Deadline is December 2nd. If you need a ticket and will not be at the November meeting you can call Ruth @ 708-947-9020.

A Diamond Tours Motor coach trip is planned for May 18-23, 2014 to the Biltmore Estates and Asheville, NC. The trip includes 5 nights lodging, 5 breakfasts, 3 dinners, tour of Asheville, full day at the Biltmore Estates and Gardens along with the Antler Village and Winery, St. Lawrence Basilica and the scenic Blue Ridge Parkway. Cost is \$529 based on double occupancy. A deposit of \$75 will hold your seat. Call Marianne @ 708-562-3766 for more information.

A Mayflower Tour is also planned for September 25 - October 1, 2014 to Mackinac Island and the Grand Hotel featuring Agawa Canyon Autumn Foliage Train Ride (PASSPORT REQUIRED). This trip includes 6 nights lodging (2 at the Grand Hotel) 11 meals. The cost is \$2,069 per person based on double occupancy. Some discounts apply if booked by October 30, 2013. Insurance is extra. Call Marianne @ 708-562-3766 for information. Space is limited.

BAR-W (Grades 1st-6th)/ Ambassadors (Grades 7th-12th) from 6:45 PM - 8:00 PM at Westchester Bible Church, 10600 W. Cermak Rd. www.westchesterbiblechurch.org

Table Grace, 11:30 AM, Grace Lutheran Church, 1101 Manchester

Bible Study/Prayer Meeting from 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM at Westchester Bible Church, 10600 W. Cermak Rd. www.westchesterbiblechurch.org

Tai Chi Class, 4:30 PM, Divine Providence Church Narthex, 2600 Mayfair

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, November 7

Literacy Night at WMS from 6:30-8:00 PM

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held from 12:30 PM to 7:00 PM, at Divine Infant Jesus School, 1640 Newcastle Avenue. Dismissal will be at 11:35 PM. For more information, contact the school office at 865-0122.

## Friday, November 8

Addiction Program (RU) begins at 7:00 PM at Westchester Bible Church, 10600 W. Cermak Rd. www.westchesterbiblechurch.org

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

## Saturday, November 9

Craft fair at Immanuel Christian Academy from 9:00 AM-2:00 PM, 2329 S. Wolf Road

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church 56th Annual Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale Fundraiser from 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM, 1101 Manchester Avenue. Tickets \$5.00 per person, children 7 years of age and under are free.

Village Hall front office open from 8:30-12:30

Electronics Recycling event in conjunction with the free Community Shredding and Food Drive at Village Hall from 9 AM-Noon. The Environmental Sustainability Committee and Citizen's Advisory Board have teamed up this year to offer residents a one day event for electronics recycling, document shredding, and making donations to the food pantry. Westchester will offer residents the opportunity to bring their personal and financial documents to Village Hall on Saturday, November 9, 2013 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM for free document shredding.

This event will be held in conjunction with the last electronics recycling event of the year. E-Waste events will not be offered again until April 2014. Both events will be held behind Village Hall, and residents may follow the directional signs to both events. If you will be bringing your documents

to be shredded, please make sure they are not sealed in plastic, as the shredder cannot handle plastic bags. Additionally, those who are using the free shredding service are asked to bring at least one non-perishable food item for donation to the Westchester Food Pantry.

## Saturday, November 9 & Sunday, November 10

Blessing of Veterans during Mass and Coffee and...Reception after Mass, 5:00 PM Sat., 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM Sun., Divine Providence Church 2600 Mayfair Ave.

## Sunday, November 10

Sunday School/Worship Service/ Evening Service at 9:30 AM, 10:45 AM and 6:00 PM at Westchester Bible Church, 10600 W. Cermak Rd. www.westchesterbiblechurch.org

## Monday, November 11

Special showing of film "Gettysburg" followed by discussion and refreshments at 7:00 PM at Library. Advance registration is requested. Contact Adult Dept or call 708-562-3573.

Veteran's Day Assembly at 12:30 PM at Divine Infant Jesus Church, 1600 Newcastle Avenue. The program will include all of the service flags and a salute to the Armed Forces. Contact: Mrs. Donna Day 708-865-0122 for more information.

EDC Meeting at 7:30 AM in the Community Room of Village Hall.

## Tuesday, November 12

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

## Wednesday, November 13

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.

Market Day pick-up from 5:30 - 6:30 PM in Langan Hall at Divine Infant Jesus. Contact the rectory at 708-865-8071 for more information.

All Schools Visitation Day for Westchester Public Schools from 9:30-11:00 AM & 1:30-2:30 PM

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## Thursday, November 14

Bilingual PAC Meeting at WPS begins at 7:00 PM

11:35 Dismissal for Students. Afternoon and Evening Parent Teacher Conferences, Divine Providence School, 2500 Mayfair Avenue, 708-562-2258, www.divineprovidenceschool.org

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

Faculty Inservice; No School, 2500 Mayfair Avenue, 708-562-2258, www.divineprovidenceschool.org

## Saturday, November 16

Market Day Pickup 8:30-9:30 AM, 2500 Mayfair Avenue, 708-562-2258, www.divineprovidenceschool.org

## Sunday, November 17

Sunday School/Worship Service/ Evening Service at 9:30 AM, 10:45 AM and 6:00 PM at Westchester Bible Church, 10600 W. Cermak Rd. www.westchesterbiblechurch.org

Write-A-Book Awards Ceremony 1:30 PM at Library. Winners will be announced in December newsletter. Contact Youth Dept or call 708-562-3573 for more information.

## Monday, November 18

The Divine Infant Jesus School student body will be Praying the Rosary -12:30 PM at Divine Infant Jesus Church, 1600 Newcastle Avenue. Come join us. For more information, contact the school office at 865-0122.

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### Tuesday, November 19

Commissioner Dan Patlak will present a Property Tax Appeal Seminar on Tuesday, November 19th at the Westchester Village Hall. Taxpayers can learn how to appeal their property assessments and will be able to fill out an appeal form at the end of the event. Analysts from the Board of Review will also be available to answer any questions. This event is free to the public and will begin at 6:30 PM in the Court Room.

### Wednesday, November 20

Dads & Donuts at WPS begins at 8:15 AM

BAR-W (Grades 1st-6th)/ Ambassadors (Grades 7th-12th) from 6:45 PM - 8:00 PM at Westchester Bible Church, 10600 W. Cermak Rd. [www.westchesterbiblechurch.org](http://www.westchesterbiblechurch.org)

Bible Study/Prayer Meeting from 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM at Westchester Bible Church, 10600 W. Cermak Rd. [www.westchesterbiblechurch.org](http://www.westchesterbiblechurch.org)

Table Grace, Grace Lutheran Church, 1101 Manchester

Tai Chi Class, Divine Providence Church Narthex, 2600 Mayfair

### Thursday, November 21

Board of Education Meeting at WMS begins at 7:00 PM

### Friday, November 22

Addiction Program (RU) begins at 7:00 PM at Westchester Bible Church, 10600 W. Cermak Rd. [www.westchesterbiblechurch.org](http://www.westchesterbiblechurch.org)

### Saturday, November 23

The Divine Infant Women's Guild will have their annual craft fair, Aisle of Gifts, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Divine Infant Jesus Church, Langan Hall, 1600 Newcastle Avenue. Featuring over 50 crafters, pictures with Santa, raffles, food and fun! Santa pictures will be from 11 AM to 1 PM.

Aisle of Gifts, "Home for the Holly Days!" will be from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Divine Infant Jesus School, 1640 Newcastle Avenue. The holiday craft show will feature over 50 crafters, pictures with Santa, raffles, food and fun. Santa pictures will be taken from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. For more information, contact the school office



DP Over 50 Bus Trip to Boston on September 4th.

at 865-0122.

### Saturday, November 23 through Tuesday, November 26

A Book Fair will be held on Saturday from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, Sunday from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM, Monday and Tuesday from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM at Divine Infant Jesus School, 1640 Newcastle Avenue. For more information, contact the school office at 865-0122.

### Sunday, November 24

Sunday School/Worship Service/ Evening Service at 9:30 AM, 10:45 AM and 6:00 PM at Westchester Bible Church, 10600 W. Cermak Rd. [www.westchesterbiblechurch.org](http://www.westchesterbiblechurch.org)

### Monday, November 25

Teacher Institute Day ~ No School for Students, Westchester Public Schools

EDC Meeting at 7:30 AM in the Community Room of Village Hall.

### Tuesday, November 26

Parent Teacher Conferences from 12:00-7:00 PM, Westchester Public Schools

All-School Thanksgiving Prayer Service, 2:00 PM, Divine Providence Church, 2600 Mayfair

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

### Wednesday, November 27

Library will close at 3:00 PM for Thanksgiving holiday.

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.

### Wednesday, November 27 – Friday, November 29

Thanksgiving Break, Westchester Public Schools

No School, 2500 Mayfair Avenue, 708-562-2258, [www.divineprovidenceschool.org](http://www.divineprovidenceschool.org)

### Thursday, November 28

Thanksgiving Day Mass, 9:30 AM, Divine Providence Church, 2600 Mayfair Avenue

Library closed for Thanksgiving holiday.

Village Hall offices closed for the Thanksgiving holiday

Thanksgiving Holiday, 2500 Mayfair Avenue, 708-562-2258, [www.divineprovidenceschool.org](http://www.divineprovidenceschool.org)

### Friday, November 29

Addiction Program (RU) begins at 7:00 PM at Westchester Bible Church, 10600 W. Cermak Rd. [www.westchesterbiblechurch.org](http://www.westchesterbiblechurch.org)

No School, 2500 Mayfair Avenue, 708-562-2258, [www.divineprovidenceschool.org](http://www.divineprovidenceschool.org)

Village Hall offices closed for the Thanksgiving holiday

### Saturday, November 30 and Sunday, December 1

Friar Johnpaul Cafiero speaks at all Masses, Sat., 5:00 PM, Sun. 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM, Divine Providence Church, 2600 Mayfair

### Sunday, December 1, Monday, December 2 and Tuesday,

### December 3

Parish Mission with Friar Johnpaul Cafiero, OFM, "The Triptych of Love: Christ Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow, 7:00 PM, Divine Providence Church, 2600 Mayfair

### Monday, December 2

Registration begins for Youth Department's Winter Reading Club. Watch for details in the December newsletter.

### Tuesday, December 3

Divine Infant Jesus School Advisory Board Meeting at 7:00 PM at the Rectory, 1601 Newcastle Avenue. For more information, contact the school office at 865-0122.

### Wednesday, December 4

Winter Band Concert at WMS begins at 7:00 PM

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, December 5

Senior Concert at WMS begins at 10:00 AM

Winter Choral Concert at WIS begins at 7:00 PM

### Friday, December 6

Fish Fry Fundraiser on Friday, December 6th from 4:30 PM-7:30 PM. Westchester Community Church, 1840 Westchester Blvd. Serving shrimp, fried cod or fried chicken, and rotisserie chicken. Each dinner comes with 2 sides, bread, and a dessert. Adult dinners are \$10. A children's menu is available with options \$5 and under. Contact the church office for more details 708-865-1282 between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM



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www.cookcountyhomesecurity.org, and download not only meeting information but a host of additional information about natural hazards and the preparation homeowners can do to mitigate them.

## WESTCHESTER TO HOST HAZARD MITIGATION MEETING

On Thursday, December 12th, the Village of Westchester will be hosting a public meeting regarding the above Cook County Hazard Mitigation Plan. The public meeting is designed allow the public to comment on the plan to be better informed about what the Steering Committee, with the guidance from Tetra-Tech and the Cook County Department of Homeland Security, is working on for the benefit of all Cook County residents. The meeting will be held at the Westchester Village Hall beginning at 6:00 PM and concluding at 8:30 PM. The latest flood maps will be available for review. I hope you will join me in attending this public outreach meeting.

## FLOOD CORRESPONDENCE

As you may be aware, I, along with the entire Village Board and staff, are committed to leaving no stone unturned to address the flood events we have been experiencing over the past few years. We have been addressing issues with both Addison Creek and Salt Creek. MWRD is still in the process of examining the cost/benefit ratio and hydrologic modeling surrounding the purchase and possible construction of a reservoir upstream from Westchester. Unfortunately, no time frame has been established for this project over the pleas of several municipalities that have seen flood damage as a result of Addison Creek.

On the Salt Creek side, we have submitted expansion plans for the Mayfair Reservoir Pond to the State of Illinois and MWRD. We have done some preliminary engineering that is always required for project submittals. We completed and submitted a pre-application for funding in the amount of 2 million dollars to expand the retention pond 30-40% as well as add additional piping to Salt Creek. On October 17, 2013, we received a letter from IEMA, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, who is charged with deciding on what projects to fund, that Westchester's Project was NOT approved. The State indicated that they only received 30 million dollars for mitigation funding and they received 240 million dollars worth of projects. All of the pre-applications were reviewed by the Illinois

Mitigation Advisory Group Committee Coordinating Committee (IMAG-CC) against the State's mitigation priorities, and ultimately reduced the number of applications to those dealing directly with acquisition of substantially damaged or repetitive loss properties. My guess is that they selected jurisdictions that were going to use the money to knock down and demolish the affected homes instead of trying to prevent further damage. You could imagine our Board's frustration with this decision. I have contacted several elected officials to vent my frustrations and have asked that our project be reconsidered.

## MEETING WITH MWRD

On a positive note, if there is one, Village Manager Janet Matthys and I have been contacted by the MWRD to discuss our Mayfair Retention Expansion Project on November 5, 2013. MWRD owns the Mayfair Reservoir Pond and we have submitted our project to them as well. MWRD, as a result of the April 18, 2013, flood event, has been soliciting projects that they would have cost/benefit ratio's positively affecting Cook County municipalities. Keep your fingers crossed.

## MWRD PASSES NEW STORMWATER REGULATIONS

On October 3, 2013, MWRD unanimously approved the Cook County Watershed Management Ordinance (WMO). The purpose of the ordinance is to establish uniform storm-water management regulations for Cook County, and by doing so, help prevent flood damages that can result from commercial, municipal, and residential developments. Paved roads, parking lots, walkways, and buildings can make cities livable, but they also reduce the amount of surface area on which water can be absorbed. If communities grow without careful and thorough storm-water planning, sewer systems and local waterways can become overwhelmed and contribute to flooding. The WMO permit will be required for development and redevelopment of more than .05 acres in ownership outside the flood protection areas (1 acre for residential subdivisions). For disturbance in flood protection areas including; floodplains, wetlands and wetland buffer areas, riparian environment areas, certain types of sewer construction, reconfigurations of existing major or minor storm-water systems that alter the drainage of a permitted or existing detention facility, modification to permitted and/or existing detention facilities, and direct impacts to MWRD facilities, direct connections to MWRD interceptors, tunnels, reservoirs or onto MWRD properties. The strong

Watershed Management Ordinance will help future developments and redevelopments from adding flooding problems for downstream communities and from degrading water quality. In its current form the WMO brings Cook County in step with all surrounding counties of Lake, DuPage, Will, McHenry and Kane. The ordinance goes into effect on May 1, 2014. More information and frequently asked questions regarding the new requirements can be found at [www.MWRD.org](http://www.MWRD.org).

## ADDISON CREEK CLEAN-UP

As reported last month, MWRD was scheduled to start a clean-up project along Addison Creek south of Roosevelt Road, in October. Due to the fact that the trees had not dropped their leaves, and awaiting permission from the CN Railroad, the project has been delayed. We have been told by MWRD officials that they are planning to start the project toward the end of November.

## AFFORDABLE CARE ACT OR "OBAMACARE"

As of October 1, 2013, every state will have a health insurance marketplace, where consumers can shop for coverage. In addition to mandating that every insurer in those marketplaces offers the 10 essential health benefits (see list below), the law also sets certain standards that all insurers must meet, whether they are providing health insurance through an employer or directly to individuals and small groups.

The Law:

Eliminates lifetime limits on essential medical expenses,

Prohibits insurers from dropping your coverage or raising your premiums if you get sick or from denying coverage if you have a pre-existing condition,

Ensures that your child can stay on your health plan until age 26, and

Caps annual out of pocket medical and drug expenses up to an estimated \$6,400 for individuals and \$12,800 for families.

On Tuesday, October 18, private companies in Illinois began selling residents health insurance through the online health insurance shopping mall being organized by the state government. The official name for this new Illinois marketplace is "Get Covered Illinois". The private companies selling this insurance are Aetna Life Insurance Co., Coventry Health and Life Insurance Co., Coventry Health Care of Illinois, Inc., Health Alliance Medical Plans, Inc., Blue Cross Blue Shield, Humana Health Plan, Inc. Humana Insurance Co., and Land of Lincoln Health Insurance Co.

If you are young and uninsured, this is your opportunity to finally get

affordable health insurance. Also, depending on your income, you may be eligible for a government subsidy to make the insurance even less expensive. Keep in mind though, if you decide not to buy any health insurance, you will pay a penalty, starting with income tax returns filed in 2015 from money earned in 2014. Penalties in 2014 are \$95 or 1% of income, in 2015 \$325 or 2% of income, and in 2016 \$695 or 2.5% of income, (whichever is greater).

Estimates show there are 55 million Americans with no health coverage, as well as millions more who are underinsured. There are 9 million uninsured between the ages of 50 to 64, and another 4 million who buy health insurance on their own. The Affordable Care Act (ACA) sets certain standards that all insurers must meet and mandates that all health plans offered to those who buy health insurance on their own or in small groups include a set of "essential health benefits".

Those benefits are:

Ambulatory Patient Services- The most common form of health care, often called outpatient care.

Prescription Drugs- All individual and small group plans will cover at least one drug in every category and class in the U.S. Pharmacopedia, the official publication of approved medications in this country. Drug costs will also be counted toward out of pocket caps on medical expenses.

Emergency Care- Emergency room visits do not require preauthorization and you cannot be charged extra for out-of-network visits.

Mental Health Services- Mental Health Services will be offered but patients may be billed around \$40 dollars per session. In some states, though, coverage may be limited to a set number of therapy visits per year.

Hospitalization- Your insurer must cover your hospitalization, though you may have to pay 20% of the bill or more if you have not reached your out-of-pocket limit.

Rehabilitative and Habilitative Services- Therapies to relieve pain and help you regain your ability to speak, walk or work.

Preventive and Wellness Services- The law instructs insurers to provide all of the 50 preventive services recommended by the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force at NO extra cost.

Laboratory Services- The law codifies the full set of preventive screening tests that individual and small group insurers must cover. However, costs can still be incurred for diagnostic tests that doctors order when you have symptoms of a disease.

Pediatric Care- Children under age 19

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will be able to get their teeth cleaned twice a year, as well as x-rays, fillings and medical necessary orthodontia. Additionally, children under age 19 will be entitled to an eye exam and one pair of glasses or set of contact lenses a year.

Maternity and newborn care-The law classifies prenatal care as preventive service at no extra cost. And, it requires insurers to cover childbirth as well as newborn infant's care.

For additional information visit <http://obamacarefacts.com/obamacare-facts.php>.

## 17 YEAR OLDS ENCOURAGED TO VOTE

Beginning January 1, 2014, 17 year olds who will turn 18 by the general election date of November 4, 2014, can register to vote and cast their ballots in the primary election come March 18, 2014. Illinois Governor Quinn signed this into law last July to encourage young adults to make their voices heard in Illinois elections.

## WESTCHESTER HISTORICAL PHOTOGRAPHS NEEDED

Local author Kathryn Anderson has been gathering information for the past year including photographs to include in a book she is writing about the history of Westchester. Pictures are needed of families that live in Westchester or used to live in Westchester. Pictures of people and events prior to 1990 are being sought. Special events, historical significance of life in Westchester's past depicting our chronology will be considered. If you should have such pictures and would like to share them, please contact me so I can put you in touch with Kathryn and Steven Busa who are assisting Kathryn in this undertaking.

## EISENHOWER EXPRESSWAY PROJECT

In the fall of 2009, the I-290 study began focusing on I-290 from Mannheim Road to Cicero Avenue. As the alternative evaluation process advanced into round two, there was a need to extend the study to Racine Ave. Round three alternatives advancing include the key features such as:

Extending the CTA Blue Line as either rail or bus rapid transit to Mannheim Road, with supporting buys feeder routes along the Blue Line to improve ridership.

Express bus service west of Mannheim Road.

Improving I-290, without widening the "trench", to provide an additional lane in each direction between Mannheim and Austin.

3 of the 4 alternatives include

converting the existing inside lanes between Austin and Racine to provide a managed lane, which could include tolls or vehicle occupancy requirements.

The NO build alternative will also be carried forward.

A Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Public Hearing is scheduled for late spring or early summer 2014.

For more information go to [www.dot.il.gov](http://www.dot.il.gov) or [www.eisenhowerexpressway.com](http://www.eisenhowerexpressway.com).

## HANDICAPPED PARKING

I have received a brochure from the Honorable Jesse White, Illinois Secretary of State, alerting municipalities that the Parking Program for Persons with Disabilities has changed, effective January 1, 2014. The Secretary of State, in an effort to reduce fraudulent use and abuse of disability license plates and placards, has introduced a new type of disability placard. Beginning in 2014, persons with disabilities will NO longer be exempt from the payment meters unless they have certain types of disabilities. The Secretary of State's office will be issuing 4 types of Parking Placards.

Meter-Exempt Permanent Placards- (Yellow and Gray striped) are issued to persons with permanent disabilities who have significant impairments that cause difficulty in accessing a parking meter. This placard EXEMPTS the authorized holder from the payment of parking meters and time limitations, EXCEPT at meters or signs with time limitations of 30 minutes or less.

PERMANENT PLACARDS (Blue) are issued to persons with permanent disabilities and allows authorized holders to park in spaces for persons with disabilities, such as a mall, grocery, retail store, etc. Permanent Placards (blue) DO NOT exempt authorized holders from payment of parking meters and time limitations at parking meters.

Temporary Placards- (Red) are issued to persons with a temporary disability and are valid for a length of time not to exceed 6 months, or up to 90 days if issued by a local municipality, and DO NOT exempt the holder from the payment of parking meter fees and time restrictions at parking meters.

Organization Placards (Green) are issued to organizations that transport persons with disabilities free of charge and expire on April 30, 2018. Organizational Placards allow the authorized agent for the organization to park in spaces reserved for persons with disabilities when transporting persons with disabilities and DO NOT exempt the agent from the payment of parking meter fees and time limitations at parking meters.

## PROPER DISPLAY OF PLACARDS

Placards are issued to the person with the disability and not to any specific vehicle, it may be used in any vehicle in which the authorized person is driving or is a passenger. When parked in a space reserved for persons with disabilities, the placard MUST be properly displayed in one of the following locations so it is clearly visible to law enforcement: HANGING FROM THE REARVIEW MIRROR OR PLACED ON THE DASHBOARD.

Failure to properly display a parking placard may result in a fine. It is illegal to hang the placard on the rearview mirror when the vehicle is in motion.

The minimum fine for parking in a space reserved for persons with disabilities without disability plates and/or a placard is \$250. Local municipalities may increase the fine to \$350.

Unauthorized use of disability plates and/or a parking placard can result in a \$600 fine and driver's license suspension for a first offense.

Police may confiscate a placard and the Secretary of State's office may suspend or revoke plates or placards being used illegally.

The following are Class A Misdemeanors for a first offense and may result in a fine up to \$2,500 and a 1 year driver's license suspension. A second offense is a Class 4 Felony.

Using a deceased person's placard.

Possessing a fake, fraudulent, lost or stolen placard

Altering a parking placard.

Duplicating or manufacturing a placard.

Selling or otherwise distributing a fraudulent placard.

The brochure states that persons with disability license plates will also be issued a disability parking placard. The type of placard issued will depend on the type of disability. When parking your vehicle in a space reserved for persons with disabilities or a metered space, the placard also MUST be displayed on the vehicle in addition to the disability license plates.

Reminder: It is illegal to use the crosshatching parking space as an additional space. The crosshatched space allows vehicles with wheel chairs and/or lifts to exit vehicles safely. Only park in the open space adjacent to the crosshatched space. Tickets may be issued for parking on the crosshatching.

For more information visit the Secretary of State's website at [www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com) or TX# 1-217-782-2709.

## IT IS HARD TO SAY GOOD-BYE

The Village Administration and Finance Department is losing one family member. Finance Director Anne Burkholder, aka "Annie Oakley"

has informed the Board that she has accepted the position of Finance Director for the Village of Shorewood. Annie grew up in Morrison, Illinois and attended Bradley University. Early in her career, she worked for the Village of Shorewood before landing in Westchester. For the past year and a half, Annie has done an outstanding job as our Finance Director and was recently awarded the CAFRA Award for her work on Westchester's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. We all wish her well in her new position.

## ALPINE BANQUET HAUS ANNIVERSARY

On Wednesday, October 16, Joseph Tousek, owner of Alpine Banquet Haus, opened his doors to the entire community to show his appreciation for the support Westchester has shown him for the past 25 years. I, along with Mayor Joseph Tamburino from the Village of Hillside, thanked Joseph and his wife, for creating such a nice venue and showcase that is certainly an asset to both our communities. Mayor Tamburino reminded us that when then Senator Barack Obama was running for his senate seat in Illinois, Mayor Tamburino arranged to have his fundraiser at the Alpine Banquet Haus in Westchester. Mr. and Mrs. Tousek, thank you for being the people you are, always ready to help when needed, and for providing such a fine cuisine while continuing to spotlight your heritage and culture through your friendship, food, and family.

## FLU SEASON IS UPON US

Unfortunately, another flu season is upon us. We have all heard of the benefits of receiving a flu vaccination, dressing appropriately for inclement weather, and taking precautions to avoid getting sick. In a recent TV program of Myth Busters the question was, what was the proper method of preventing the spread of fluid when sneezing? 1: Cover your nose with your hand; 2: Place a handkerchief in front of your face; 3: Sneeze into the fold of your elbow by bringing your arm up to your face. They placed a white piece of poster type board out in front of them, placed a liquid colored food type in their mouth inhaled some black pepper and made themselves sneeze. Based on the demonstration, using the 3rd method kept the majority of the bodily fluid from spreading. I had been taught that the hankie method was best however, every time you go to the hankie after putting it in your pocket you touch it and unless you are washing your hands between touches everything you touch the hankie you spread the germs. I guess it makes some sense. There are a number of

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## WESTCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

### Congratulations!

The Westchester Public Library is one of 13 recipients of the Illinois Green Infrastructure Grant for 2013 which carries an award of \$163,099 for the construction and installation of a new parking lot using an interlocking permeable paving system.

The permeable lot will reduce the amount of storm water flowing into the municipal sewer system and the innovative design will improve the water quality flowing into the sewer system by removing environmental contaminants and carcinogens. In addition, the new paving system has a lifespan approaching 50 years, reducing the need for costly periodic re-paving.

We congratulate director Fidencio



### Happy Thanksgiving

The Library will close at 3:00 pm on Wednesday, November 27 and remain closed for Thanksgiving Day on Thursday, November 28



*Presentation of the Award on October 14: (from left to right) trustee Steven Bernasek, village president Sam Pulia, State Representative Chris Welch, director Fidencio Marbella, trustees Cathy Kuratko, Allison Muzal and James Negrete.*

Marbella and reference librarian Patrick Callaghan who prepared the grant application with the assistance of Tom Price of Conservation Design Forum. Their effort demonstrates the Library's ongoing commitment to green initiatives that benefit the environment and the community.

We also thank State Representative Emanuel "Chris" Welch, Westchester village president Sam Pulia, village manager Janet Matthys, and the

Westchester Public Library Board of Trustees.

Funding for this project will be provided, in part, by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency through the Illinois Green Infrastructure Grant Program (IGIG).

The award was announced in late September and planning for the new permeable parking lot has begun. Watch for further announcements in the new year.

### Gettysburg the 150th Anniversary

It was one of the fiercest battles of the Civil War and inspired Lincoln's famous address.

Join us for the film **Gettysburg**, followed by discussion and refreshments.

**Monday, November 11**

**7:00 pm**

### Write-A-Book

**Awards Ceremony**

**Sunday, November 17**

**1:30 pm**

*Hosted by the Youth Department*

### Winter Reading Club

Registration begins Monday, December 2, for the Youth Department's Winter Reading Club. This year's theme is **Reading is our Thing**. Watch for details in the December newsletter!

### Holiday Shoppers Special

Stop by the Adult Department and have a librarian show you how to access **Consumer Reports Online**.

WESTCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY ♦ 708-562-3573 (TTY/TDD 708-562-9364) ♦ askus@westchesterpl.org ♦ www.westchesterpl.org  
Regular Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:30 am - 9:00 pm, Friday 9:30 am - 6:00 pm, Saturday 9:30 am - 5:00 pm, Sunday 1:00 - 5:00 pm.

## Westchester Civic Theatre Presents

# You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown

*The Musical*

Saturday and Sunday • Nov 2,3,9,10

St. Joseph High School Theater

To Order Tickets

on-line: [WestchesterPlays.com](http://WestchesterPlays.com)

e-mail: [wcttickets@gmail.com](mailto:wcttickets@gmail.com)

call: 708-928-5010

Adults: \$13 • Seniors/Students (ID): \$11 • Child 6-12: \$9 • Under 6: Free

Show times and info visit [www.WestchesterPlays.com](http://www.WestchesterPlays.com)



## Free Shredding, E-Recycling, and Food Drive on Nov. 9

The Environmental Sustainability Committee and Citizen's Advisory Board have teamed up this year to offer residents a one day event for electronics recycling, document shredding, and making donations to the food pantry. Westchester will offer residents the opportunity to bring their personal and financial documents to Village Hall on Saturday, November 9, 2013 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm for free document shredding.

This event will be held in conjunction with the last electronics recycling event of the year. E-Waste events will not be offered again until April 2014. Both events will be held behind Village Hall, and residents may follow the directional signs to both events. If you will be bringing your documents to be shredded, please make sure they are not sealed in plastic, as the shredder cannot handle plastic bags.

Additionally, those who are using the free shredding service are asked to bring at least one non-perishable food item for donation to the Westchester Food Pantry.

### CAB Begins Annual Food Drive and Toys for Tots Collection

The CAB will begin their annual food drive in November and it will continue until January. Donations may be dropped off at the Village Hall, Westchester Park District Community Center or Mayfair Recreational Center. Bins will be at all 3 locations. Any donation would be greatly appreciated.

CAB is again participating in the Toys for Tots collection. The donation box can be found in the lobby of the Village Hall. Donations will be accepted until December 10, 2013.

### NOVEMBER SCOUT FOOD DRIVE

The Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts chartered by The Westchester Community Church will again be coordinating their annual Thanksgiving Food Drive, together with other Scouts of Westchester, on Saturday November 23rd.

This food drive will help to support the food pantries of Westchester Village Hall, Divine Infant Church, and The Westchester Community Church, just in time for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

The Scouts, their parents and adult



## Westchester Lions Club

The Westchester Lions Club members were out in force during the weekend of October 11-12, raising money to help those with hearing and vision impairments as part of the club's annual Candy Day fundraiser. Pictured from left to right: Andreas Brandt, Matt Duff, Mike Weber, Candy Day Chairman Mike Laszkiewicz, Don Prignano and Don Scott. — with Donald

leaders will be passing out flyers on Saturday Nov. 16 to homes in Westchester, which will ask all residents to place their donation items on their front porches by 9:00 a.m. the following week, on November 23rd when Scouts will collect them.

Residents are asked to donate canned foods, such as canned meats, fruits, vegetables, hearty soups, rice, beans, and pastas.

Personal care items such as soap, toilet tissue, and paper towels will also be accepted.

In addition, residents are asked to donate their used eyeglasses for the Lyons Club Recycle for Sight Program, and old U.S. worn flags no longer fit to be flown.

Anyone wishing to make a donation in person can bring their items to The Westchester Community Church north side parking lot by 11:00 a.m. on Saturday November

23rd.

Please help those less fortunate by donating generously.

### WESTCHESTER BLOOD PROGRAM-TURKEYS OFFERED FOR BLOOD DONORS

On Wednesday, November 13, two weeks before Thanksgiving, the Westchester Blood Program will once again be offering vouchers for a free turkey during their last community blood drive of the year.

The Westchester Community blood drive will be held from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. in a LifeSource Donor Coach parked in the lot between the Community Center and Westchester Community Church, 10201 Bond Street and Westchester Blvd.

The turkeys are being provided

through a generous agreement between LifeSource Blood Services, the Westchester Blood Program and a local grocery store chain. Donors must successfully complete a donation unit to be eligible for a voucher.

Registration will take place in a classroom of the Westchester Community Church and then proceed to the mobile coach.

Schedule your appointment today! Call JOE at 1.877. LIFESOURCE (1.877.543.3768) or visit lifesource.org and use sponsor code: E105. Locally call 708-606-4548. Those who donated at the community's Oct. 19 drive will not be eligible.

The WBP collected 106 units at its fifth drive Oct. 19, giving it 457 this year, with only the Nov. 13 drive remaining.

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very inexpensive hand sanitizers in spray or gel form that you can carry in a purse, pocket or car. Many of these are present in offices, workplace, stores, etc.

Washing hands with soap and water for 15-20 seconds before eating or drinking is the best way to prevent infection with flu and Novovirus illness. Most importantly, use common sense. If you are sick, stay home, get better, have some chicken soup, and watch Myth Busters. Very interesting!

## BLACK FRIDAY SHOPPING

Friday, November 29th, is Black Friday. Black Friday, is the day after Thanksgiving in the U.S., and is often regarded as the beginning of the Christmas shopping season. It has routinely been the busiest shopping day of the year since before 2005. The day originated in Philadelphia, where the term was used to describe the heavy and disruptive pedestrian and vehicle traffic which would occur the day after Thanksgiving. A later alternative explanation is that Black Friday indicated the point where retailers began to turn a profit, or "in the black". With the increased crowds, deals, and small inventory of the "special deals" please be careful, and take a common sense approach to your shopping experience. Each year we hear of people being injured, trampled, or even assaulted on this day. Let's focus on what the Christmas Season is all about and not the material things we buy.

## WESTCHESTER CIVIC THEATRE

Would you like to have an afternoon of fun at the St Joseph H.S. theatre?

Come and see WCT's Musical "You're A Good Man Charlie Brown". Then enjoy a great dinner afterwards at Mattone Restaurant. Come see the 2 PM show on November 10th and enjoy dinner at Mattone Restaurant 9 E. 31st Street La Grange Park, Illinois with seating from 4:30 PM-5:00 PM immediately following the show.

Tickets for adults are \$13; Seniors and Students with ID \$11; Children 6-12 \$9; Children under 6- Free.

The dinner package is \$20 per person and includes chopped salad, a choice of one of three entrees; gelato for dessert, coffee, ice tea and soft drinks, tax and tip. Alcohol beverages are not included.

Show and dinner must be paid separately.

For More Information TX 708-928-5010 or [www.westchesterplays.com](http://www.westchesterplays.com).

## FALL FESTIVAL

The Village hosted its' first Fall Festival



Westchester Chamber of Commerce members Jeannie Helgesen, Steve Cerasuolo, Lloyd O'Brien, Mary Bakas, Judy Swenson, Bill Ernst and Village President Sam Pulia show their support of local business at the Alpine Banquet Haus 25th Anniversary Open House on October 16th.

at the Fountain on Saturday, October 5th. Although the inclement weather forced us to shut the event down early, the short time it was open was enjoyed by all those in attendance. As with any outdoor event, you cannot plan for the weather. The event included a pumpkin bouncy house, train ride, music, delicious food, pumpkin carving and painting. We hope to have better luck with Mother Nature next year.

### FROM THE BOARD

The Village Board conducted the following business on September 24, 2013.

Under the Consent Agenda:

Approval of the Record of Bills ending 09-19-2013 in the amount not to exceed \$ 1,645,773.13

Approved an Ordinance Creating an Environmental Sustainability Commission for the Village of Westchester, formally the Green Committee.

Resolution of the Governing Body of the Village of Westchester Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Master Equipment Lease-Purchase Agreement with PNC Equipment Finance, LLC, as Lessor, and Separate Lease Schedules thereto for the Acquisition, Purchase, Refinancing, and Leasing of Certain Equipment within the Terms Herein Provided; Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of Other Documents Required in Connection Therewith; and Authorizing all other Actions Necessary to the Consummation of

the Transactions Contemplated by this Resolution

Motion to Advise and Consent to the Appointment of Wayne Busa to the Police Pension Board.

Motion to Advise and Consent to the Appointment of Bill Ernst to the Fire Pension Board.

Motion to Advise and Consent to the Appointment of James M. Gabel and Neil Faulkner to the Citizens Advisory Board.

Under the Active Agenda:

The item Ordinance Waiving the Competitive Bidding and Authorizing the Execution of a Contract for the Purchase and Installation of LED Lighting from GNP Energy in the amount of \$281,179.00 was tabled and not called to a vote due to the Board requesting additional information regarding lighting options.

At the Committee of the Whole of September 24, 2013 the Board discussed the following items.

Under New Business:

Amendment to Chapter 11.56 of the Westchester Municipal Code.

Amendment to Contract with Azavar Audit Solutions.

Amendment to Potable Water Ordinance 11-1890.

Financing of LED Lighting Project, a handout was given to the Board.

Under Old Business:

Wright Advertising Bench locations, a handout was given to the Board with the amendments to the original

locations.

At the October 3, 2013 Village Board meeting (Rescheduled from October 8th), the board conducted the following business.

Under Consent Agenda

Approval of the Record of Bills ending 09-30-2013 in the amount not to exceed \$520,905.30.

Approval of Monthly Department Reports of Public Works, Fire, and Community Development for September 2013.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the August 27, 2013 Village Board Meeting and Minutes of the August 27, 2013 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Ordinance Amending the Annual Budget and Appropriation for the 2013 Fiscal Year in the Village of Westchester. The amendment covered three of our Funds: General Fund, MFT Fund, and E911 Fund. General Fund change was to reflect the repayment of \$1,183,512 for last falls (2012) road improvements.

Motor Fuel Tax Fund: was a expense of \$149,431 for our portion of the road improvement grant received for Gardner Road Improvements.

E911 Fund reflected an additional expense for overtime in the amount of \$17,659.

Ordinance Amending Section 11.56.030, Entitled "Fees" and Section

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11.56.040, Entitled "Time of Payment-License Year," of Title 11, Entitled "Vehicles and Traffic," of the Village of Westchester Municipal Code, allowing for vehicles purchased after October 31st of the current year the fee will be ½ of the license (sticker) fee for that year provided that the application for the sticker be made within 30 days of the vehicle purchase.

Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement by and Between Azavar Technologies Corporation and the Village of Westchester to expand the review of ordinances, and license, fee, and tax revenues not limited to business, food and beverage, sales and use, and liquor.

Under Active Agenda:

Approved the Ordinance Amending Section 11.38.050, Entitled "Defenses Available to Alleged Violator for Violation of a Red Light Signal," and Section 11.38.100, Entitled "Notice of Final Determination of Liability," of Chapter 11.38, Entitled "Automated Traffic Law Enforcement System," of Title 11 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Westchester. A warning that failure to pay any fine within 21 days may result in a petition to the Circuit Court of Cook County to have the unpaid fine rendered as a judgment.

At the October 3, 2013 Committee of the Whole Meeting, the Board discussed the following matters.

Under New Business:

TIF 101 - Bob Rychlicki of Kane McKenna presented an overview of how a Tax Increment Finance (TIF) program as part of local government planning.

Proposed Resolution Supporting the Retrofit of Existing DOT-111 Rail Tank Cars that Transport Packing Groups I and II Hazmat before the Pipelines and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration in Docket no. PHSMA-2012-0082 (HM-251) which is a resolution of support for the retrofitting the DOT-111 tank rail cars for upgraded safety standards.

Equipment Repairs to the Village's John Deere Endloader. The Public Works Director informed the Board of the need to make repairs to our endloader in our next budget cycle for the fiscal year 2015.

Under Old Business

LED Lighting - The Board reviewed its options regarding retro-fitting the existing street lamps east of Mannheim Road or replacing the



Residents and visitors of Westchester enjoyed many crafts including pumpkin painting and carving on October 5th at the Village's first ever Fall Festival at the Fountain.

entire fixture head with a new unit. After considerable analysis the Board directed the Village Manager to enter into a contract with GNP Electric to complete the retrofit of the existing head with a more cost effective LED lamp. Time constraints to receive the full amount of the DCEO cost rebate by having the LED lights installed by October 31, 2013, was also discussed.

At the October 22, 2013 Meeting, the Board addressed the following matters.

Under Consent Agenda:

Approval of the Record of Bills ending 10-18-2013 in the amount not to exceed \$1,012,125.88.

Approval of Minutes of the September 10, 2013 Village Board Meeting, Minutes of the September 10, 2013 Committee of the Whole Meeting, Minutes of the September 24, 2013 Village Board Meeting and Minutes of the September 24, 2013 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Approval of the Police Department Report of September 2013.

Resolution Supporting the Village of Barrington's and the Illinois Trac Coalition's Petition Seeking New Regulations to Retrofit Existing DOT-111 Rail Tank Cars used to Transport I and II Packing Materials before the Pipelines and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration in Docket No. PHSMA-2012-0082 (HM-251).

Motion to Advise and Consent to the Appointment of Neil James, Timothy Dent, Luigi Mazzai, Sue Nokes, Angela Smith, and Thomas Kopecky to the Plan Commission.

Motion to Advise and Consent to the Appointment of Earnest McElwee, Kathy Pater, James Sarno, James "Pete"

Walters, and Richard Vorel to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Under Active Agenda:

Ordinance Waiving the Competitive Bidding and Ratifying the Execution of a Contract for the Purchase and Installation of LED Lighting from GNP Energy in the amount of \$281,179.00.

Resolution of the Governing Body of the Village of Westchester Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Master Equipment Lease-Purchase Agreement with PNC Equipment Finance, LLC, as Lessor, and Separate Lease Schedules thereto for the Acquisition, Purchase, Refinancing and Leasing of Certain Equipment within the Terms Herein Provided; Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of other Documents Required in Connection Therewith and Authorizing all Other Actions Necessary to the Consummation of the Transactions Contemplated by this Resolution. This was a resolution to pay for the LED retrofit street lamps.

A Resolution Expressing Official Intent Regarding Certain Capital Expenditures to be Reimbursed from a Capital Lease with PNC Capital. This resolution allows the financing company, PNC, to reimburse the Village's General Fund for the LED Lights after the down payment has been made.

At the October 22, 2013 Committee of the Whole meeting, the Board discussed the following matters.

Under New Business:

General Ledger Software Purchase Update - handout supporting the vendor competitive quotes for new Village software was provided and options were discussed.

Street Improvement List - Mr. Stoiser

provided a list of 11 streets to be considered for re-furbishing next year.

Endloader Purchase - Mr. Stoiser requested the Board consider the replacement of our 24 year old endloader that has out lived its useful life cycle.

Sod Restoration on Highridge, Heidorn, and Charles Streets - Mr. Stoiser received quotes for sod replacement on the streets where new water mains were installed.

2013 Street Improvement Project - Change Order - Mr. Stoiser requested the Board consider making a change to the original concrete contract to reflect the replacement of sidewalk trip hazards, curbs, aprons, throughout the Village in areas where contract street repairs were completed.

An Amendment to Village of Westchester Municipal Code Chapter 5.36 - Liquor Sale for an Additional Class D License for Anna's Café Place, 10261 W Roosevelt Rd. The Board approved the recommendation to add a Class D Liquor License to allow Anna's Café to sell liquor.

Information Only

Presentation of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended April 30, 2013 - Mr. Dan Berg, a partner from Sikich LLP tendered our audit report for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2013 having positive comments about our accounting practices.

## WESTCHESTER EMPLOYEE RETIRES

After 13 years of service to the Village of Westchester, Karen Parenti, Building Department Clerk, has retired effective Friday, October 11th. We wish her the best of luck in her retirement.

# CONGRATULATIONS!

**STEVEN M. BUSA**  
who has been recognized by the IAPD for his 30 years of service as an elected official of the Westchester Park District.



**NOVEMBER**



Happy Thanksgiving

## 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Tip-Off Classic



**Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**Game Times 2pm & 3pm**

This historic, annual grade school Tip-Off Classic matches schools in Westchester against each other in one exciting afternoon of basketball. The winning teams receive the traveling trophy and bragging rights for the year. Come on out and support your team!!

Admission: \$3.00 Adult / \$2.00 Child

2012 Champions

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys - Westchester Middle School  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls - Westchester Middle School

## Veterans Day Run

### 5K & 1 Mile Health Walk

Join other runners and salute our Veterans on Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013 starting at 9:00am.  
Mayfair Park  
10835 Wakefield Avenue

**8:15am Flag Raising . 9:00am 5K Start .**  
**9:05am 1 Mile Health Walk Start . 9:45am Awards**



[www.signmeup.com/95392](http://www.signmeup.com/95392)  
\$3.50 of each runner's registration will be donated to the Wounded Heroes Fund.

## HOLIDAY PARTY & TREE LIGHTING

**Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> & Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:30pm-8:30pm**

This event is an annual tradition held at the park district's Community Center. We invite all residents to come out and share in the holiday spirit! Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, Old Saint Nick will be arriving by fire truck just-in-time to light the tree and invite everyone inside for music, crafts, entertainment, beautiful decorations, storytelling, treats, bike raffle and more. Santa will be back on Thursday night as well. This event is perfect for anyone of any age who loves the holidays!





## ST. JOSEPH

*Vincit Qui Laborat*



## HIGH SCHOOL

*He Conquers, Who Labors*



### Networking Working Well for St. Joseph Faculty

Written by: Tony Quattrochi, Faculty Member

While some fear that mobile devices are inhibiting genuine communication between people, St. Joseph High School has used them to develop collaboration with others for the benefit of its students. As a result of several email exchanges and online surveys, recent professional development experiences emerged for meetings of the school's faculty.

In September and October, teachers participated in two such events. Last month, Dr. Pamela Jessee (pictured), Dean of the College of Education at Lewis University, led the St. Joseph faculty in an engaging discussion on transitioning from high school to the university life.

***"It is gratifying to know that we are doing what we need to do to prepare our students for college,"*** remarked Ronald Hoover, St. Joseph Principal. ***"In addition, partnering with our Lasallian colleagues at Lewis University helps us remember how Lasallian education connects our students to opportunities locally and worldwide."*** Dr. Jessee looks forward to having members of her department at Lewis lead discussions at future faculty meetings at St. Joseph.

In September, the St. Joseph faculty joined those of Josephinum Academy, Notre Dame for Girls, and Holy Trinity to discuss authentic assessment. Last year, St. Joseph hosted the same schools for exchanges on integrating technology into the classroom. In both instances, small group discussions were led by experienced teachers in their respective fields, including a presentation by Nancy Boros, Director of Technology at St. Joseph.

In addition, the school's Guidance Department recently hosted College Planning Night, which included a panel discussion from representatives of public and private institutions, small and large schools and two-year and four-year colleges. Concurrently, workshops were given for both students and parents on LinkedIn, a professional networking tool. The workshop was led by Dr. Ravi Rao, graduate of St. Joseph from 1986.

St. Joseph has also participated in discussions with DePaul University and Triton Junior College for the purpose of maintaining exchanges for the benefits of their students.



### What's Next in Technology?

Written by: Tony Quattrochi, Faculty Member

St. Joseph High School was one of the first area schools to institute the laptop program for all of its students. Changes in technology have given the school the opportunity to make its own changes, which have recently included a new course and a new computer.

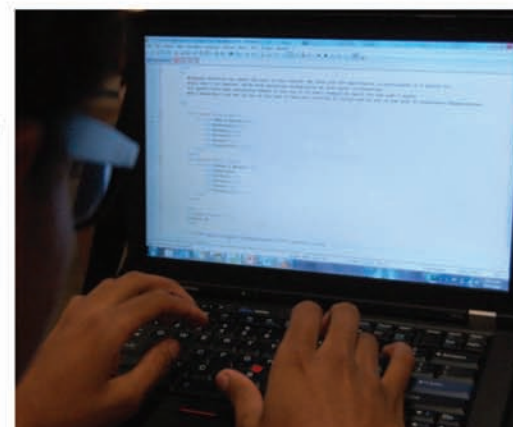
***"Technology is changing and students are use to mobile devices,"*** commented Nancy Boros, Director of Technology (pictured left). ***"Laptops serve a purpose but it's time for a change."***

The first change occurred when the school required its freshmen to complete a course in Digital Citizenship. Students in the class focus on ethical and legal issues surrounding the use of technology. ***"We discuss plagiarism, copyright laws, Internet safety, cyber bullying and all the strategies toward making the right decisions,"*** added Ms. Boros, who also teaches the class. ***"Students then work on creating a positive on-line presence in preparation for***

***developing skills in the use of computer applications I teach, such as Microsoft's OneNote as well as various Office tools. The students have significant experience in technology when they come to us but the formative aspect is enhanced greatly with this course. They become educated users of this important tool."***

The tool itself is a Lenovo tablet with bluetooth capabilities, including internal and external keyboards along with a digital pen. ***"It's considerably smaller than a laptop. It's great to take notes on. It has extra ports that allows for external devices, including SD cards for more storage space. It fits well with our current infrastructure as well."*** Students will receive the computer on the successful completion of the course in Digital Citizenship. ***"Before our students receive their machine, they will have a very good handle on how to use it."***

Other changes include the movement of the student email storage to a cloud. ***"Office 365 is what our students now use. Clouds, in general, are in vogue and will allow students to synchronize their work at anytime on a sky drive with more possibilities in web applications. It's exciting."***



# MY FIRST CHOICE

## St. Joseph High School

The **PURPOSE** of Open House is for families to become familiar with the people and **PROGRAMS** at St. Joseph High School. Two brief general sessions will provide information on the school's **MISSION**, academic and extra curricular programs, financial obligations and the **IMPACT** of St. Joseph High School on our students. Families will then be given individual tours of the school with emphasis on **CORE** subjects and Technology.



### OPEN HOUSES

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2013**

**1:00 PM - 3:00 PM**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2013**

**1:00 PM - 3:00 PM**



### ENTRANCE EXAM

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2014**

**8:00 AM - 12:00 PM**



### SHADOW DAYS

Visit [www.stjoeshs.org](http://www.stjoeshs.org) to schedule a shadow day for a Friday during the school year!

OUR STUDENTS HAVE EARNED OVER

**\$21,000,000**

IN ACCUMULATED SCHOLARSHIPS IN THE PAST 4 YEARS

# Westchester Public Schools, District 92½ news

## Vision 20/20

Several months ago all school district superintendents across the State of Illinois were asked to participate in a survey to determine the educational leaders' priorities with educational issues in Illinois. The top five priorities identified include 1) Funding of public schools in Illinois, 2) High-quality teachers, 3) High-quality administrators, 4) Flexibility of local school districts to meet the needs of students, and 5) High standards and expectations for all students. In addition, 75% of Illinois superintendents do not agree or do not strongly agree that public education in Illinois is heading in the right direction.

Armed with these results, the Illinois Association of School Administrators (IASA) began the work of creating a vision for the future of education in Illinois. Rather than passively awaiting our state legislators to act, educational leaders across the state are working to share their priorities with the legislators. The following areas have been identified as priorities: Governance, Finance, Digital Learning, Assessment & Accountability, Leadership, and Organizational Transformation.

The initiative known as Vision 20/20 is student-centered. It is a forward-thinking process designed to unite the Illinois education community around a vision to improve education in Illinois. The initiative will provide a common voice from the Illinois education community to guide state policy. Community members will be invited to participate in this exciting endeavor at some point in the future. For more information, please visit the initiative's web site at [www.illinoisvision2020.org](http://www.illinoisvision2020.org) or follow the initiative on Twitter @ILVision2020.

## School Building Inspections

Westchester Public Schools, District 92½ is currently consulting its architects and inspecting the facilities for a comprehensive study of all buildings district wide. This comprehensive study is expected to show the need for renovations and repairs in the school buildings. This will give the School Board the information that it needs to make an educated decision on how much money is needed in the short term and long range to make the

necessary repairs on buildings.

Once this plan is in place there will be open discussion with the community on what repairs are priorities and how much the cost for repairs will be to the district. The updates are for mechanical systems, plumbing updates, and energy savings updates. All the possibilities will be rated for the immediate need and cost saving to the district.

The repairs that are being investigated are going to be large in nature and cover a three to five year period of work to accomplish. Different avenues of funding are being explored at the same time for these necessary repairs. By developing this plan, it is hoped that it will take the school district and its schools well into the future for our students and the community of Westchester.

## Curriculum and Instruction

On November 11, 2013 Westchester School District 92½ will honor our country's veterans at each of the district's three school buildings. Students and staff members invited veterans to the assemblies held throughout the day. The ceremonies will include student performance of patriotic songs, the band playing patriotic songs or students reading poems or essays about Veteran's Day. At Westchester Primary School, Mr. Melvin Pennington, brother-in-law of School Board Secretary Carolyn Wilhight, will be the guest speaker. The students will view a slide show of the branches of the Armed Forces enjoyed by all at WPS.

Veterans Day is observed every year on November 11th. It was originally called Armistice Day when President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed this day in November 1919. Armistice is when warring parties agree to stop fighting and Armistice Day recognizes the end of World War I when hostilities ceased on November 11th at 11 A.M, 1918 (the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month).

On May 13th, 1938 Armistice Day was declared a legal holiday. It was a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace. Originally, Armistice Day only honored veterans of World War I. But on November 11th, 1947 Raymond Weeks, a World War II veteran, organized a "National Veterans Day" parade in Birmingham,

Alabama to recognize veterans of all wars.

This celebration led to Congress changing Armistice Day to Veterans Day in 1954 to recognize Veterans of all U.S. wars.

## Westchester Middle School

### Springfield

The Social Studies Department is pleased to announce a great learning experience for our American History students. On Friday, October 18, the 7th grade students took an all-day educational tour to Springfield, Illinois, where they visited the State Capital, the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, Lincoln's Home and the New Salem Historic Village. Students had a chance to see our state government in action.

Prior to this event, on Thursday, October 17, Abraham Lincoln and Mary Todd Lincoln spoke to the 7th grade students about the people and events that influenced their lives. They also discussed the struggles of the Civil War and the issues that troubled the nation in their time. Appreciation is given to the WMS PTO for helping support and funding this activity. The support of the staff members who participate in these learning opportunities along with the parents who provided for these learning experiences is also appreciated.

## Destination Imagination

On September 19, Westchester Middle and Intermediate School hosted a Destination Imagination Parent Information meeting. This is District 92 ½'s second year participating in the Destination ImagiNation program. Destination ImagiNation is an educational program in which student teams solve open-ended challenges and present their solutions. Teams are tested to think on their feet, work together and devise original solutions that satisfy the requirements of the challenges. Students gain more than just basic knowledge and skills; they learn to unleash their imaginations and take unique approaches to problem solving. We are hoping to have 7 teams represent Westchester Public Schools at the regional conference March 1st in Grayslake.

## Westchester Intermediate School

With the first seven weeks of school completed, this year is shaping up to be a great one—filled with change. After holding the first School Improvement Early Release Day on September 25th, where all teachers were able to process the new framework previously introduced to district staff as the new VUCA (Vision, Understanding, Clarity, and Agility), along with examining ISAT scores from the previous spring, teachers were able to have some discussion about what this means for the disaggregated groups that comprise the student body of District 92½.

Examining data can be challenging, but the administration, teachers, and staff have been on board with looking at information to better instruction for some time. What is hoped for this year is a focus on being culturally responsive to the changing climate and times our school and district is experiencing. The October 11th Institute Day was dedicated to this end. This was a nice success because teachers were able to meet in their Professional Learning Teams and continue with the conversations begun a month ago. Being proactive to the needs of our students and being able to understand and respond in appropriate ways to better help them, is something that is taken very seriously. District goals and courses of action that will help guide the School Improvement Plan were discussed so that teachers understand where the district and school are headed.

In addition, the WPTC has been busy with its new fundraiser this year—a coupon book worth \$25 to purchase, but includes hundreds of dollars of savings for families. The sale ended the 15th of October. Sales were expected to be favorable.

## Westchester Primary School

With the first trimester coming to a close on November 15th, students are demonstrating their knowledge and skills on a variety of beginning-of-the-year assessments from our benchmark AIMSweb curriculum-based measures as well as the MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) assessment for the first and second grades. These assessments, along with teacher input and grade-level assessment data, allow us the

opportunity to target students' needs across the learning continuum. In doing so, teachers are able to adjust and focus lesson plans on areas of growth while extending learning opportunities to meet a variety of needs. Daily sessions strive to ensure that each student is successful and that he or she is working to his or her full potential. However, this cannot be completely accomplished only through their time at school. It also takes a home-school commitment. As part of this commitment, parents of students below grade-level standards are provided with practice materials and are asked to maintain close communication with the classroom and specialist teachers.

### Word Wizard

This year WPS will continue working with the students on developing academic vocabulary through its "Word Wizard" program. Two academic vocabulary words will be studied building-wide each week and on Fridays the "Word Wizard" himself will come to school to visit with the students. The greater command (background knowledge) of academic vocabulary terms, the greater impact on student achievement. Research shows that what students already know about a subject is a strong indicator of how they will learn new information in that subject.

The following is a six-step process for providing multiple exposures necessary for long-term or permanent memory of target vocabulary:

#1 Provide a description/example.

#2 Have your child restate the explanation of a new term in their own words.

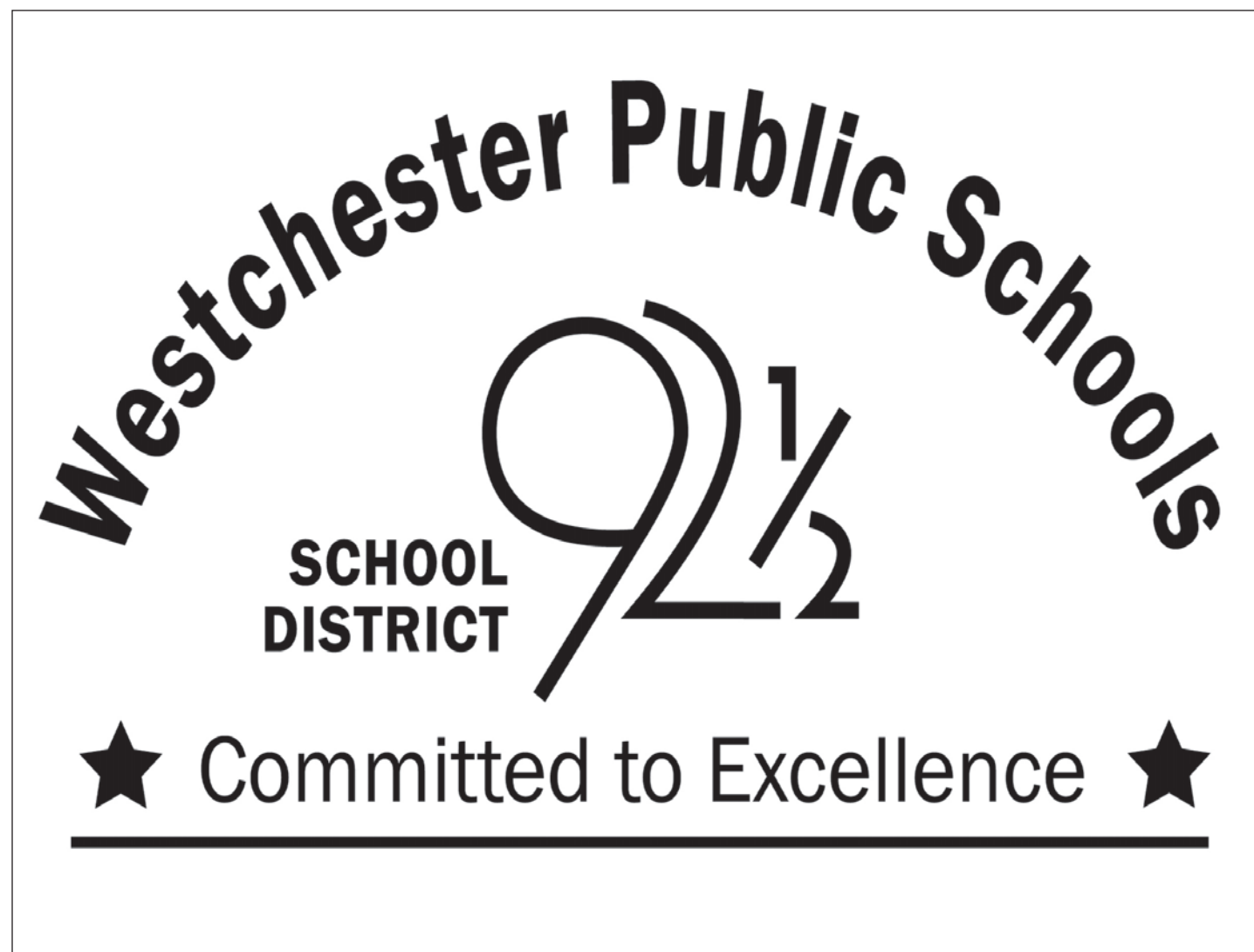
#3 Have your child create a non-linguistic representation of the term.

#4 Periodically do activities that help add to knowledge such as analogies/word associations. Also, any word game works!

#5 Every so often ask your child to discuss the terms with you.

#6 Participate in games! Games trigger emotions/fun, happy thoughts, and these associations are retained in their long term memory.

2013-2014 Reading Incentive: Where Will Our Reading Take Splash?



The WPS administration, faculty and staff are excited to kick off the new Reading incentive for this school year,

"Destination: Learning.....Where Will Our Reading Take Splash?"

The WPS students will be completing their at-home reading logs as usual and will continue turning the logs in on Fridays to their classroom teachers. Each teacher will tally the reading minutes for the whole classroom and then complete a Passport ticket showing the total number of at-home minutes for the class. Splash's suitcase will be waiting near the school office, ready for travel and ready to receive the weekly classroom passports. How far can our reading minutes take Splash? 20 minutes = 1 mile. Splash is anxious to travel and see America and our neighboring countries. Will Splash make it to Washington, D.C.? Will Splash head to Mt. Rushmore? Every destination will include a study of that location and a celebration, too. WPS students learned more about this incentive at our kick-off assembly on Wed., Oct. 9, 2013, "Where Will Our Reading Take Splash?" Please keep reading at home and recording those minutes. Splash is ready for adventure!

The Westchester Parents and Teachers for Children (WPTC) will be hosting its Fall Family Dance for families of WIS and WPS on Friday,

November 1st beginning at 6:30 at Westchester Intermediate School.

### A Look at Speech-Language Services

In order to meet the needs of students with speech-language individual educational plans (IEPs) and to support the general education teachers at WPS, Mrs. McDowell has been incorporating more push-in therapy within the general education classrooms this year. Push-in therapy has been especially successful in Kindergarten, 1st grade and 2nd grade as well as our primary self-contained classrooms because these classrooms contain clusters of speech students. Mrs. McDowell is able to work with a number of students at one time. The push-in times allow her to go into classrooms and work with students on whatever they are doing in the classrooms at the moment, while incorporating their IEP objectives.

Some of the benefits of push-in therapy are

Data is collected on what the students are doing in a functional, dynamic setting (rather than the static, structured setting of the "speech room").

Strategies and techniques can

be modeled for the teachers and paraprofessionals.

Mrs. McDowell can offer strategies for eliciting language or for reinforcement of strategies.

Teachers and paraprofessionals ask more questions. They seek out more feedback when Mrs. McDowell is in the classroom.

Mrs. McDowell states that she can easily move amongst the students and work with one, some, or all of the students at the same time versus working with individual students or small groups in the "speech room".

New teaching strategies are learned from the classroom teachers by observing their methods of instruction.

Implementing the individual and small group pull-out therapy model continues to be beneficial when a student is learning a new skill or a student requires a quieter environment with fewer distractions than his or her regular classroom environment.

Mrs. McDowell supports the push-in model as a valuable treatment model. She has received positive feedback on this method of delivery from the teachers she is working with this school year.



## Westchester Chamber of Commerce "We Mean Business"

(708) 240-8400 [www.WestchesterChamber.org](http://www.WestchesterChamber.org)

P.O. Box 7309 - Westchester, IL

### November Networking Breakfast!!

Please join us on November 5th 7:30am to 9:00am for a Chamber Networking Breakfast hosted by Sam Pulia at the Village of Westchester in the Court Room. Please RSVP to Mary Bakas by November 1st at 708-240-8400.

Village of Westchester  
10300 W. Roosevelt Road  
[www.westchester-il.org](http://www.westchester-il.org)

### Continental Barbers & Jeannie's Hair Salon is relocating in November.

Our complete staff of Jeannie, Ron, Frank, Kim, Angie & Mario will begin transitioning to our new location between Nov. 4th - 15th under the new name & address,

**Jeannie's Hair Company.**  
10405 Cermak Rd. in Westchester  
(formerly Thomas Michael Hair)

1/4 block west of Mannheim Rd., south side of street. There is parking in rear or the municipal lot next to Rocky's Pizza.

You may call us at 708-531-1991 or 708-562-2400.

We look forward to joining with Thomas Michael's talented staff & seeing you at the new location.

Thank You for your Business, Loyalty & Friendship.

### Westchester Chamber Newest Members

Please welcome - Best Western Plus, Body Genesis, ComEd, Diverse Business Solutions, Exodus Commercial Capital, Fred's Movers, Palmer Florists, Raila & Associates, Stimacs, TEIL Firms, TNT Concrete Construction, Transition Advertising/Web Design, Westchester Dunkin Donuts.

Visit the Westchester Chamber website for more information.

[www.westchesterchamber.org](http://www.westchesterchamber.org)

### The Chamber Coupon Corner

**J.A. Jumping Beans**  
Moonjump Rentals and More  
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## A Message to Veterans from Cook County Recorder of Deeds Karen A. Yarbrough

Dear Veteran,

On the Eleventh Hour of the Eleventh Day of the Eleventh Month, the Armistice between the Allied Forces and Germany went into effect. This was to be the end of the "War to End All Wars"; in 1919, President Wilson declared this date to be Armistice Day. This later became what we now celebrate as Veterans Day.

As we honor those who served before us and serve us now, I want to urge all veterans to record their DD-214 military discharge records with the Cook County Recorder of Deeds-Veterans Service Office. This extremely valuable document is what is required to apply for your well-deserved benefits such as medical care, educational benefits, and VA loans for housing, among others.

In a time of need, wouldn't you like the peace of mind that your family can access these valuable documents in a safe and secure fashion? It is nice to know they don't have to hunt through desk drawers or find the keys to a safety deposit box. Letting them know, in advance, that our office has a copy can save them time and worry. All of this is provided to you for free for recordation and for \$1.25 when you or a member of your family wishes to retrieve a certified copy of a DD-214 that you have recorded.

My family has a proud history of serving this nation. My father and husband have served, as well as my brother and sister, and my son presently serves this nation as a Captain the United States Army. Because of this, I take this facet of my role very seriously. All DD-214s are protected from public view, and are available only to the person named in the document, the named person's dependents, the county veteran's service officer, and representatives from the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs.

Veterans may record their DD-214s at our Downtown Office at 118 N. Clark or at any of the courthouses conveniently located in Cook County. These locations are in Bridgeview, Markham, Maywood, Rolling Meadows and Skokie (at this time, certified copies are only available at our Downtown Office). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 312-603-5788.

I want to thank all our veterans and their families for the sacrifices they have made in order to protect our freedoms at home, and spread the message of hope and peace throughout the world. I also want to wish everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,

Karen A. Yarbrough

## West Suburban Senior Services to Launch as SAGE Affiliate

The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender program at West Suburban Senior Services has completed the final benchmarks to become an affiliate of SAGE (Services and Advocacy for GLBT Elders) and will be planning a launch party in the coming weeks. This is the culmination of over a year's work growing the program to meet SAGE's benchmarks. These benchmarks included hosting community meetings and focus groups, participating in monthly conference calls with other potential affiliates, having regularly scheduled programming for LGBT older adults, developing a three-year work plan, writing a case statement, and conducting a needs assessment in our area. SAGE is the country's largest and oldest organization dedicated to improving the lives of lesbian, gay,

bisexual and transgender (LGBT) older adults. Founded in 1978 and headquartered in New York City, SAGE is a national organization that offers supportive services and consumer resources to LGBT older adults and their caregivers, advocates for public policy changes that address the needs of LGBT older people, and provides training for aging providers and LGBT organizations through its National Resource Center on LGBT Aging. We look forward to working closely with SAGE as we continue to grow the LGBT Seniors Program and provide outstanding programming and services which meet the needs of LGBT seniors in the western suburbs of Chicago. Contact LGBT Program Director Eric Vironet for more information: Eric@wsseniors.org 708-234-1859.



# LAST ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT OF THE YEAR



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### REMINDER

The electronics recycling event will re-open in April 2014. In the interim, residents are reminded:

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Lovely 3 bedroom brick ranch in South Westchester. Big lot!! Replacement vinyl windows. Living room includes a wood burning fireplace. Bathroom has been updated. Finished basement includes a 4<sup>th</sup> bedroom/office and a huge rec room. Huge backyard with 2 1/2 car garage.



**\$244,900**

South Westchester 3 bedroom split level is very clean. Large living room with vaulted ceilings. Hardwood floors throughout. 2 full bathrooms. Huge eat in kitchen. Finished lower level with dry bar. Newer furnace and air conditioner. 2 car garage. Large fenced backyard.



**\$179,900**

Charming 2 bedroom Baltis ranch with a full finished basement. Hardwood floors on first floor. Newer double pane replacement windows throughout. Newer roof, furnace, water heater, sump pump (2 battery backups), and generator. 2 year old 2 1/2 car garage.

**Westchester Real Estate Market Info 9/16/13 – 10/15/13**

**Average Sales Price: \$175,730  
+5% Year over Year\***

**Total Number of Homes Sold: 23  
-21% Year over Year\***

**Average Listing Market Time: 115 Days  
No change Year over Year\***

#	Str Name	Price	Beds	Baths	#	Str Name	Price	Beds	Baths	#	Str Name	Price	Beds	Baths
1450	Boeger	\$ 115,000	3	1	2813	Denton Ct	\$ 166,500	1	1	2510	Sunnyside	\$ 199,900	3	1.1
10611	Fleet	\$ 125,000	3	1.1	2106	Westchester	\$ 169,900	2	2.1	2834	Denton	\$ 200,000	3	2.1
11113	Shakespeare	\$ 130,000	4	2	2150	Suffolk	\$ 170,000	3	1.1	2854	Kensington	\$ 215,000	3	1.1
926	Portsmouth	\$ 135,000	2	2	1644	Downing	\$ 175,000	3	2	2330	Downing	\$ 220,000	2	1.1
1510	Boeger	\$ 143,000	3	1.1	2809	Denton	\$ 177,000	2	2	2440	Sunnyside	\$ 220,000	3	2
1831	Downing	\$ 149,000	2	1	1427	Hull	\$ 180,000	3	1.1	10911	Windsor	\$ 229,000	3	2.1
1951	Balmoral	\$ 155,000	2	2	2414	Martindale	\$ 187,000	3	2	10044	Drury	\$ 232,000	3	2
10259	Kipling	\$ 160,000	3	2	1807	Suffolk	\$ 188,500	3	2					

\*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 9/16/2013 and 10/15/2013. 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.

# Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012

After 45 years, flood risks continue and the costs and consequences of flooding are increasing dramatically. In 2012, Congress passed the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act which calls on FEMA to make a number of changes to the way the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) is managed. Some of these changes have already been put in place, and others will be implemented in the coming months. Key provisions of the legislation will require the NFIP to raise rates to reflect true flood risk, make the program more financially stable, and change how FIRM updates impact policyholders. The changes will mean premium rate increases for some – but not all – policyholders over time. Homeowners and business owners are encouraged to learn their flood risk and talk to their insurance agent to determine if their policy will be affected by BW-12.

Not everyone will be immediately affected by the new law. Subsidized premiums for policies covering non-primary residences, businesses, and

structures with severe repeated flood losses will have premium increases of 25 percent per year until rates reflect the full risk.

Other actions will trigger immediate rate subsidy elimination. Subsidized premiums for primary residences in Special Flood Hazard Area's will be able to keep their subsidized rates unless or until:

- The property is sold;
- The policy lapses;
- The insured property suffers severe, repeated, flood losses where the owner refuses an offer to mitigate; or
- A new policy is purchased.

What this means:  
The new law encourages Program financial stability by eliminating some artificially low rates and discounts. Most flood insurance rates will now move to reflect full risk, and flood insurance rates will rise on some policies. Certain actions can trigger rate changes, as indicated above. Policyholders should talk to

their insurance agent about how these changes may affect their flood insurance policy premium. There are investments property owners and communities can make to reduce the impact of rate changes.

### Grandfathering Changes Expected in 2014

Prior to the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act, when revised or updated maps showed higher risk zones or BFEs, policyholders were permitted to "grandfather" and use the zone and elevation of an older map. The Act phases-out grandfathered rates and moves to current risk-based rates for most properties when the community adopts a new FIRM. If a policyholder lives in a community that adopts a new, updated FIRM, grandfathered rates will be phased out and rates will reflect the most recent effective map. This will happen gradually, with new rates phasing in over five years.

### What Can Be Done to Lower Costs?

For property owners:  
Talk to your insurance agent about

your options.  
If you do not have one already, you will likely need an Elevation Certificate to determine your true risk premium and to make informed decisions about flood mitigation and rebuilding.

Higher deductibles might lower your premium.

Consider incorporating flood mitigation into your remodeling or rebuilding.

Elevating or rebuilding higher will lower your risk and could reduce your premium.

Consider adding flood-vents to your foundation walls or using breakaway walls.

Talk with local officials about community-wide mitigation steps.

For More Information:  
For more information on Biggert-Waters 12 implementation, visit <http://www.fema.gov/bw12>. For additional information about specific premium rates, contact your insurance agent. To learn more about flood risk and explore coverage options, visit <http://www.FloodSmart.gov>.



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## ComEd Urges Customers to Beware Scams Regarding Smart Meters: "No upfront deposit required"

As ComEd continues to deploy more than four million smart meters for customers throughout its service territory, the utility is warning customers to be on the alert for scam artists seeking a deposit payment before a smart meter can be installed. There is no such requirement as part of the smart meter deployment process.

This latest scam follows other reported attempts to deceive customers by claiming to be representatives of ComEd. These other scam attempts, sometimes conducted door-to-door, include variations of telling customers that their service will be disconnected unless payment is made; the billing cycle has changed and payment is needed immediately; the account is past due and immediate payment is required to avoid disconnection; and that previous payments were not accepted or processed. The scam artists request these "payments" in a variety of forms, including instructing customers to buy a prepaid credit card and call back with the personal identification number (PIN).

Val Jensen, senior vice president of Customer Operations urges any customers who would like to check or have questions about the status of their account to call ComEd at 1-800-EDISON1. A ComEd representative can review the account

and answer any questions customers may have.

People that believe they have been a scam target are urged to contact the Illinois Attorney General's office toll free at 1-800-386-5438 (TTY 1-800-964-3013) or visit [www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov](http://www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov) and click on the link "Protecting Consumers."

ComEd reminds its customers that scammers may call or come to your home. Representatives from ComEd always carry proper identification and never ask customers for cash or personal financial information. Customers can help avoid being scammed by taking a few precautions:

- Never provide your social security number, personal information or payment to anyone initiating in-person contact with you claiming to be a ComEd representative and never send money or information to another person or entity other than to ComEd at the address provided on your billing statement.
- Always ask to see a company photo ID before allowing any utility worker into your home or business.
- Be skeptical of individuals wearing clothing with old or defaced company logos. Again, always ask to see a company photo ID.
- Never make payment for services to anyone coming to your door.

# Final Branch Pickup of the Year

## November 4-8

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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

**The pickup for November will be 4th-8th.**

**Please note that November will be the final branch pickup for the year!**

- 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 31<sup>st</sup> Street

**Branch pickup with resume in April 2014**



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**Date:** Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>  
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## Thanksgiving Holiday Garbage Schedule

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday there will be no garbage pickup on Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. Garbage pickup will be delayed by one day. Thursday's pickup will be Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup> and Friday's pickup will be Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup>.

## 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 also be determined by the Village forester. In some instances, tree replacement will not occur at all, due to proximity of existing trees in the parkway.

Please note that the Ash tree removal and replacement is determined by the Village and not offered to the residents as part the of the 50/50 Parkway Tree Replacement Program. Questions can be directed to the Public Works Department at 708-345-0041

## 2013 Street Rehabilitation Project

The Village Street Rehabilitation Program has commenced with completion scheduled for the end of October. This work includes complete concrete curb and gutter removal and replacement, pavement removal and replacement, and restoration of disturbed areas with sod. Residents affected by this work will be notified by hand and 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 parking in the street for residents displaced from their driveways while new concrete is allowed to cure. Garbage pickup work will be notified by hand and mail delivery service will continue as usual.

### Phase 2 of the Project Includes:

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 Road to Boeger Avenue, Newcastle Avenue from Roosevelt Road to the north end, and The Strand.

## Leaf Pick Up

Leaf pick up began late October and continues through the fall season. Public Works crews are cleaning the streets including the curbs. We ask that you do not rake your leaves into the streets because this causes sewer problems, clogs the storm drains and causes street ponding/flooding which results in unsafe driving conditions. Please try to keep the drains in the street free of debris so that the autumn rains don't wash the debris into the storm sewers. We appreciate your cooperation!

## Snow Season will be arriving soon....

Public Works crews work hard to keep our streets clear and safe and free of snow and ice during the winter months.

Please assist us by observing the following:

- Place garbage cans and bins behind the curb line- do not place them in the street
  - Observe "NO PARKING" and "SNOW ROUTE" signs
  - Do not throw or blow snow back into the cleared streets

The following parking restrictions WILL be enforced:

After a two-inch snowfall and except as otherwise posted, it is unlawful to park any vehicle, or to permit any vehicle to remain parked, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., on odd-numbered sides of the street (south and east sides of streets) on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and on even-numbered sides of the street (north and west sides of the streets) on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Odd sides of the street are defined as the south side of east and west streets, and the east side of the north and south streets. Even sides of the street are defined as the north side of east and west streets and the west side of north and south streets.

## Additional Public Works News

- Waste Management will also pick up your branches if they are tied in 4 ft bundles. These are picked up on your regular garbage day, each week.
- The final yard waste pickup for the year by Waste Management will be November 29, 2013.
- The Public Works Department continues to fill pot-holes throughout the Village. Please call Public Works at 708-345-0041 to report pot-holes.
- Parkway restoration continues due to tree/stump removals and utility excavation damage.
- 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.
- As the cooler weather approaches, remember to turn off your outside water spigots in the basement to prevent pipes from cracking or freezing during the winter months. If you are leaving town for warmer weather, please inform the Public Works Department so the crews can shut off the water at the buffalo box while you are away to avoid frozen pipes and potential water damage.



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