



Village of Westchester

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From the Desk of The President



Chamber President Tom Dunne, Village President Sam Pulia, Chamber Secretary Mary Bakas, Persons of the Year Lynn Dowiarz, Barbara Lucchese, and Susan Hylard Watson.

IN LIKE A LION ... OUT LIKE A LAMB

March "In Like a Lion and out Like a Lamb." I know this age old adage was meant to refer to our weather. However, we have only had a few days where snow has been an inconvenience. New England, on the other hand, seems to be having the Chicago weather of old. I can't say I miss the weather person showing the graph of how much snow we have had this season. I just hope that the amount that may be dropping from the sky this month will be manageable and of as little inconvenience as possible. It's okay that I haven't had to start my snow blowers yet this year. I'm perfectly capable of pushing the snow off the drive and sidewalk without being overworked and a candidate for serious health issues. I hope this unseasonably mild winter we have been experiencing continues as we approach Wednesday March 20th, the 1st day of SPRING 2013.

During the month of March we celebrate a few

notable dates. DAYLIGHT SAVINGS time occurs on Sunday March 10th. Miss McGinley, my 3rd grade teacher at the Mary Jane Kennedy School (now the primary school), had us recite the yearly reminder of remembering the time change of "SPRING AHEAD-FALL BACK." Of course this means we will be losing an hour of precious sleep as we move the clock ahead one hour at 2am on Sunday, March 10th.

The 2nd most notable date in March is of course March 17th, Good ole "St. Patrick's Day." According to Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia, Saint Patrick's Day or the Feast of Saint Patrick, is both a religious and cultural holiday celebrated on March 17th. It is observed by the Catholic Church, the Anglican Communion, and the Eastern Orthodox Church. St. Patrick's Day was made an official feast in the early 17th century and as most of us can attest has become a celebration of Irish culture. March

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Profile



Name: Bruno Coltri
Rank: Patrol Officer
Years as Police Officer: 9

What made you choose police officer as a profession:

I used to watch "CHiP's" re-runs as a kid, and that sparked my interest.

Describe a good day at work:

Any day when something exciting happens, but we still get to leave on time.

What is the best part about your job?

This job has so many perks, its hard to say.

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

Keep testing, don't give up! This is a hard job to get into now, and when you do make it, be modest, and remember you are there to protect the people's constitutional rights, not violate them!

What would occur on your perfect day off?

Making a 10 second pass at the track in my Malibu without breaking any parts!

Warmer temps bring out Ruse Burglars...

As the spring season begins to bloom so does the thoughts of home repair. The Westchester Police want to ensure that residents are aware that there are individuals out there who prey upon the unsuspecting and will take advantage of you and your valuables. Ruse Burglars/thieves will pose as construction workers, meter readers, and utility workers just to trick you into letting them into your home. Keep in mind a few safety tips to keep you and your property safe:

Never keep large amounts of cash or jewelry in your home, especially in the bedroom. Most people feel their bedroom is a safe haven so most burglars head right to the dresser or the first few drawers of the bedroom chest.

Do Not let anyone into your home that you do not know or have not invited. If someone claims to be from the Village, Com Ed, Nicor or any other utility, they will be in a properly (marked) uniform and have proper identification. You can also call the Westchester Police Department at (708) 345-0060 (ext.0) and the police will investigate.

Remember the old saying, "if it's too good to be true..." don't fall for the line that some ruse burglars use in that they claim to be working at your neighbors' house and they noticed you need: a new roof, or fix a few cracks in your sidewalk or driveway, or they need to test your water and request you to get a bucket and accompany them to your basement. These are all excuses to keep you



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busy and distracted while they or their partner(s) go through your belongings.

Watch out for your neighbors. If you see anything unusual or out of the ordinary, call the Westchester Police/911 immediately. Attempt to get any vehicle information including the license plate. The sooner we

are contacted, the quicker we can investigate and try to keep someone from becoming a crime statistic.

For more safety tips, please go the Village Website, click on Police Department Community Relations or contact Community Relations Officer Verber at: rverber@westchesterpolice.com.

Police blotter

1) At 12:46pm on January 14th 2013, a **Theft** was reported at the Jewel Foods Store located at 2128 Mannheim. It was reported that unknown person(s) removed money from a purse of a customer while shopping in the store.

2) At 4:31pm on January 15th 2013, a **Theft** was reported on the 2900 block of Becket. The resident reported that unknown person(s) removed two iron bird feeders that were in the front yard.

3) At 12:13pm on January 20th 2013, a **Criminal Trespass to Property** was reported on the 700 block of Bristol. The resident reported that sometime during the previous night, unknown person(s) forced entry to the garage. Nothing was taken from the garage.

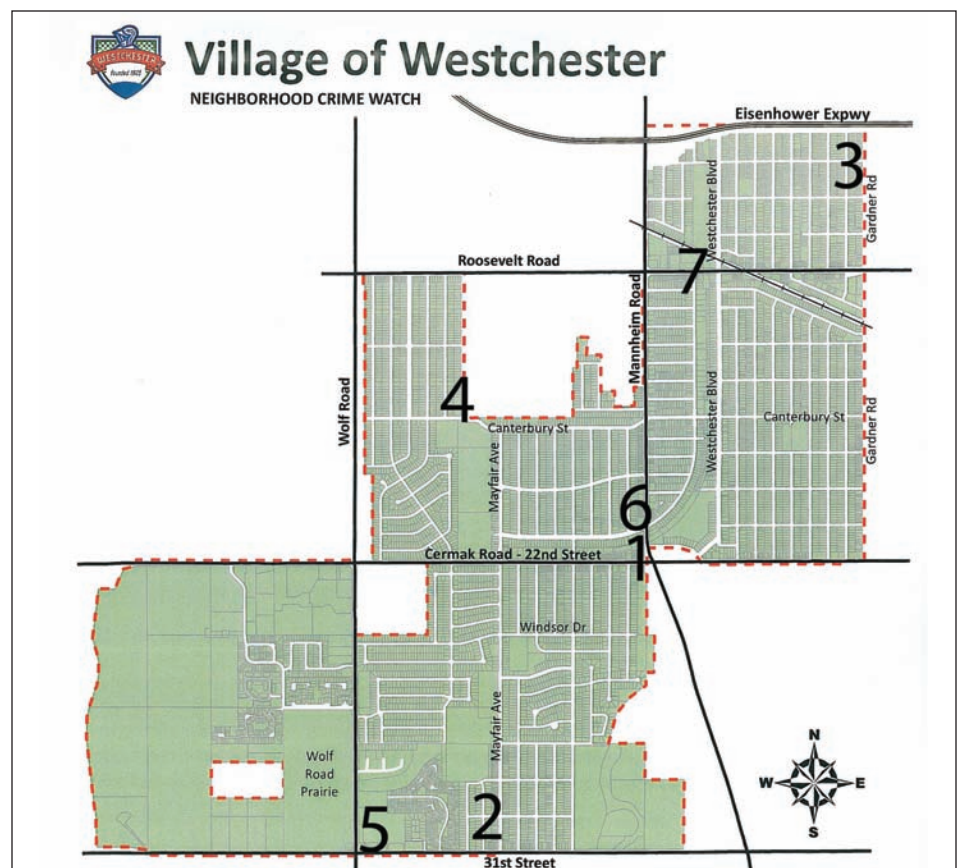
4) At 10:51am on January 22nd 2013, a **Criminal Damage to Property** was reported on the 1600 block of

Haase. The vehicle owner reported that an unknown person damaged their vehicles outside mirror while the vehicle was parked.

5) At 9:51pm on January 23rd 2013, a **Theft** was reported at the Goodwill Store located at 3054 Wolf Road. A customer reported their cellular telephone missing after leaving it in a dressing room after trying on clothes.

6) At 5:12pm on January 24th 2013, a **Theft** was reported at the Mobile Gas Station located at 1950 Mannheim Road. A customer reported that their cellular telephone was stolen after leaving it on the counter after making a purchase.

7) At 10:41am on January 25th 2013, a **Theft** was reported that the Shell Gas Station located at 10200 Roosevelt Road. The gas station manager reported that between January 22nd and January 23rd, unknown person(s) removed 780 gallons of gasoline without paying by tampering with the gas pump.



Fire Department



Firefighter Helmet History

The creation of the firefighting helmet dates back more than 250 years. Since the time of its introduction, the firefighting helmet has been altered for better protection, comfort and function. The original fire helmet had a "stovetop" design, similar to the hat Lincoln wore, while later designs shrunk in size. Since the mid 1700s, firefighters have been required to wear safety helmets while on duty.

Early Design

The original fire cap, invented by Jacobus Turck of New York City in 1731, had a round shape with a high crown and a narrow rim. Mathew DuBois made improvements to the design by adding iron wire to the edge of the brim, providing resistance to moisture, warping and heat. The fire cap, made of leather, became mandatory for all firefighters on duty in 1762.

Later Design

Between 1821 and 1836, Henry Gratacap, a luggage maker and volunteer firefighter, designed his own leather helmet for firefighters later named the "New Yorker." Adopted by the New York City Fire Department (FDNY) during the late 1800s, the "New Yorker" was an "eight-comb" design, meaning that it had eight different segments. The leather used for the helmet was the same used by Gratacap for his luggage design, which was specially treated to withstand wetness without rotting. These helmets often were worn backwards to protect the firefighter's face against heat.

Function

Henry Gratacap's firefighting helmets served many functions and, over time, were altered to better carry out these functions. Helmets were eventually made with 16 combs, which made them stronger and more durable against heat. A reinforced dome protected the firefighter from falling objects, and the rear brim of the helmet was used to protect against heat on the back of the neck. Throwing the helmet out a window soon became the universal sign of a firefighter in need of help.

JULIE Call before you dig

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

When do I call Julie?

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

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

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

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



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



How long will my smoke alarm last?

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



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17th is actually the date of St. Patrick's death and burial at Downpatrick in 461 AD.

Originally, the color associated with St. Patrick was blue. Over time, the color changed to green where green ribbons and shamrocks were worn in association with the day. St. Patrick is said to have used the Shamrock, a three leaf plant, to explain the Holy Trinity to the Irish people.

Attending church, wearing of the green colored attire, public parades, and the lifting of Lenten restrictions on eating and drinking alcoholic beverages are just some of the commemoration activities planned for the event.

For those of you wishing to attend the South Side Irish Parade, it begins at NOON at 103rd and Western in Chicago on March 10th. Chicago's First Responders will be the Grand Marshals of the parade.

St. Patrick's Day would not be the festival it is without Harrington's Corned Beef and Cabbage. Please join me in attending Divine Infant's Corned Beef and Cabbage Celebration on Saturday, March 16th, in Father Langan Hall.

Last, but not least, one of Westchester's own has been a member of the famous, Chicago's own, Shannon Rovers Irish Pipe Band, the official Bagpipe band of the Chicago St. Patrick's Day Parade since 2007. Westchester resident Karen Murrin-Pulia entered the band with her close friend and Lombard resident Geri Gill, and started from scratch learning to play the bagpipes. For months they met every week at the home of a Shannon Rover Pipe Sergeant and teacher, learning on a chanter before reaching a point of ordering their Pipes from Scotland. Karen and Gerri were officially inducted into the band in 2010. When Karen is asked "Why the Bagpipes," she responds that with her love of music, her Irish heritage, her father's family immigration from Ireland, and her 3rd son Eric leaving for college, she finally had time to pursue a dream of playing the Bagpipes. Her husband Jim is 100% supportive of her participation and accompanies her on nearly all of the events she participates in. Jim suggested she might want to use her maiden name of Murrin, as it may seem strange to see a Bagpiper by the name of Pulia on the Shannon Rovers roster. I guess the Irish and Italians can live harmoniously together. Their country flags are certainly similar in color and design.

The 3rd most notable date is March 19th. According to Wikipedia, the



The Shannon Rovers Bag Pipe Band who will be performing in the Chicago St. Patrick's Day Parade.

free encyclopedia, The Feast of Saint Joseph. In Western Christianity it is the principal feast of St. Joseph, the Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In Sicily, Italy, St. Joseph is regarded as their Patron Saint. Many Italian-American communities give thanks to St. Joseph for preventing a famine in Sicily during the Middle Ages. People prayed to St. Joseph for rain to relieve a severe drought. Their prayers were answered and the people of Sicily prepared a large banquet for their patron saint. Giving food to the needy is a St. Joseph Day custom. In some communities it is traditional to wear red clothing and eat a Sicilian pastry known as a Zeppola on Saint Joseph's Day. For those who have attended any St. Joseph Day Table, I'm sure you will agree that those deep fried dough balls topped with powdered sugar, filled with custard, jelly or cannoli pastry cream are a delectable dessert (of course low cal), and just delightful. Just thinking about eating one (who's kidding - you can never eat just one) is heavenly, especially if they were prepared by pastry chef Mary Scalera. Felice Bigne di San Giuseppe Giorno.

Good Friday will be celebrated on March 29th and Easter on Sunday, March 31st. These are two additional dates of importance this month. Easter cards, flowers, baskets, and chocolate bunnies have already been out on store shelves just waiting to be picked out. Over the past 15 years I have really enjoyed the hiding of the Easter Eggs for my grandchildren, my nieces Katy and Montana, and my nephew Jimmy. Each child has to find a specific color and I make sure I hide them in the back yard in the most difficult hiding places. I like to make them work for the prize inside. Last year, 2 year old Brooklyn looked

so adorable as she hunted down her eggs over and over again. I think she took some of Caprice's as well, but it is all in good fun. I certainly encourage seniors and parents with children and grandchildren to spend some "Quality Time" with them as one thing is for certain, Harry Chapin's song "Cat's in the Cradle" captures that we sometimes miss times with our kids as our busy schedules cause time to march (no pun intended) by.

Easter is the 2nd most important candy eating occasion of the year for Americans according to the National Confectioner's Association. In 2000, Americans spent nearly \$1.9 Billion Dollars on Easter candy, while Halloween sales were nearly \$2 Billion Dollars. Christmas was estimated at \$1.4 Billion Dollars and Valentine's Day just over \$1 Billion Dollars.

90 Million chocolate Easter Bunnies are produced each year. 76% of Americans say the Bunny ears should be eaten first. 5% said the Bunny Feet should be eaten first, with 4% indicating their preference to the Bunny tail. 65% of adults prefer milk chocolate, and 27% prefer dark chocolate. I'm in the minority with those of you who prefer dark chocolate, and of course the tail.

PEEPS- Americans buy more than 700 million Marshmallow Peeps shaped either as chicks, bunnies or eggs. Yellow Peeps are the most popular followed by pink, lavender, blue and white.

Jelly Beans- Americans consume 16 billion jellybeans at Easter, many of them hidden in baskets or plastic eggs. If all the jellybeans were lined up end to end they would circle the globe nearly 3 times.

The above facts courtesy of David Johnson via Sweet Easter Facts

FROM THE BOARD

As you may be aware, the Village Board authorized the Village to sell General Obligation (Sales Tax Alternate Revenue Source) Bonds, series 2013 up to 8 Million dollars. The bonds will be sold exclusively as a result of your overwhelming support for the Non-Home Rule Sales Tax that was not only approved in March of 2012, but re-affirmed at the Presidential election on November 6, 2012.

In order to proceed with this bond sale the Village has to have what is called a "bond rating". Firms like Standard and Poor's and Moody's are rating services that look at a myriad of factors about the Village before giving a rating that ultimately decides the interest rate at which we will have to pay back the bonds. Village Manager Janet Matthys, Finance Director Anne Burkholder, our bonding company Kane McKenna, and I were summoned to the Boeing Building in Chicago to explain to the Moody's raters what our plan was for spending the money we were to receive from investors who would be purchasing the tax exempt bonds.

Presently the Village has an Aa2 bond rating as a result of a 2010 rating review conducted before a bond sale of \$5 million worth of bonds that we have been using to complete the sewer relining project in the High Ridge area.

The debt service on the 2010A General Obligation bonds (alternate revenue source) is funded using motor fuel tax money that the village receives through the state-wide sale of gasoline and other fuels. The amount the Village receives from the gasoline tax is directly proportionate to our

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population based on our last census. For your information we receive approximately \$500,000 each year of which \$250,000 is paid each December to reduce that debt. Other allowed expenditures pay for our winter salt reserves and sidewalk replacement program, as well as some personnel costs associated with snow removal.

If you recall, the day before our meeting, Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan, joined 15 other attorney generals and the U.S. Justice Department in filing a civil lawsuit against Standard and Poor's (S&P) another bond rating service. The lawsuit alleges that S & P engaged in a scheme to defraud investors in structured Residential Mortgage Backed-Securities and Collateralized Debt Obligations.

Many of the investors, federally insured financial institutions, lost billions of dollars for which S&P issued inflated ratings that misrepresented the securities' true risks. S & P along with Moody's, were an integral part of the 2008 financial crisis. At issue in the case are dozens of collateralized debt obligations backed by mortgage bonds that S & P rated from 2004-2007.

When borrowers stopped making payments on those bonds, the derivatives backing them fell apart and led to huge losses for investors, including some of the biggest US banks.

As you can imagine the lawsuits potential ripple effect throughout the rating company industry was on our mind as we walked in for our interview, as was the recent downgrade of the State of Illinois bond rating. During our appearance before the Moody's raters, information regarding our infrastructure replacement and repairs was highlighted.

Our pro-active approach to a sewer relining project to prevent inflow and infiltration of storm water into the sanitary system, and our aggressive street reconstruction and paving projects both completed and planned for the future were explained in detail.

Many other details of why people should locate and re-locate to Westchester were presented. Additionally, both Janet and Anne presented the Village's financial health and vitality.

The audit information of all of our funds presented the positive outlook that allowed the Moody's Investors Service in New York City to re-assign a Aa2 rating to the Village of

Selected Socioeconomic and Demographic Characteristics				
Occupied	Median Family Income		% Owner Housing (2007-2011)	
	Per Capita Income	(2007-2011) Amount		
Village of Westchester	\$30,593	\$79,393	92.1%	
Cook County	\$23,227	\$53,784	59.8%	
State of Illinois	\$29,376	\$69,658	67.3%	
Median Home Value (2007-2011)		Medium Home Value (2000)		% Change
Village of Westchester	\$277,900	\$168,900	64.5%	
Cook County	\$256,900	\$157,700	62.9%	
State of Illinois	\$198,500	\$130,800	51.8%	

Westchester.

Based on our prior bond sale of 2010 and this new bond sale of \$6 million dollars the Village of Westchester will have \$10.6 million dollars of general obligation debt outstanding.

As your Village President, and a person that has worked for the village since 1974, I can tell you that the Administrative team that Janet Matthys has put together is one of the best I have had the pleasure to work with, bar none.

HOW DO WE PAY BACK OUR NEW BOND ISSUE?

The Illinois Department of Revenue, who by state statute, collects all sales tax throughout the state and distributes money back to each Village, has determined that the Village of Westchester should receive approximately \$630,000 dollars annually from the Non-Home Rule Sales Tax alone.

Quite a bit of Board discussion occurred at our February 12th Committee of the Whole Meeting regarding the amount of money to actually go out to bond for. As a result of the discussion the unanimous decision was to sell \$6 million dollars in bonds. The repayment schedule will begin in December of 2014 with our first payment of \$410,000. The \$410,000 is 65% of our projected Non-Home Rule Tax of \$630,000. The Board is taking a very conservative approach when creating the debt that our Village will have to pay back over the next 20 years.

The Non-Home Rule Sales Tax is the revenue stream specifically earmarked to pay back our new debt.

GARBAGE AND RECYCLING TIME CHANGE

We have amended our code, Chapter 8.04.100 Entitled "Containers-Locations" of Chapter 8.04 entitled "Garbage and Waste" of Title 8 Entitled "Health and Sanitation". The ordinance covers the times refuse and the like could be put out at the curb. I have received several letters and calls regarding the hardship many seniors face conforming to the present regulation. Putting the garbage totters out after 7 pm the day before

the collection, especially when it was dark and considerably hazardous, brought the discussion to the board. Manager Matthys brought the issue up at our January Meeting and the Board, after discussion, unanimously agreed to change the time of placement and return.

Effective Immediately: NO GARBAGE TOTERS, RECYCLING TOTERS, OR YARD WASTE BAGS CAN BE PLACED OUT AT THE CURB BEFORE 3PM THE DAY BEFORE THE REGULAR PICKUP. THE EMPTY TOTERS ARE TO BE REMOVED FOR THE CURB NO LATER THAN 7AM THE MORNING FOLLOWING THE PICKUP. We certainly hope that all of our residents will remove the Garbage and Recycling totters as soon as practicable after collection and not wait until morning. Violators are subject to citation.

The Board also re-affirmed the ordinance that requires private lawn maintenance companies to remove all of the yard waste from your premises after cutting same. In other words they have to take the grass clippings, leaves, and similar items with them when they are done. Lawn maintenance companies do have to register with the Village and provide proof of insurance. Please make sure your contractor is licensed and registered by the Village of Westchester. I would hate to have a situation arise that a claim would occur against a homeowner's private insurance company due to an injury from a private contractor's employee not having their own insurance policy covering such a claim.

A professional engineering services agreement with Christopher Burke Engineering for the 2013-2014 Westchester Street Improvement Program was approved. The cost estimate is \$110,000.

Approval authorizing the purchase of a Fire Rescue Vehicle with funds received from FEMA's 2013 Assistance to Firefighters Grant program was approved. FEMA will be giving Westchester approximately \$442,000 and Westchester will contribute \$23,000 dollars toward the purchase of a Fire Rescue Vehicle. This vehicle will take approximately one year to be constructed and delivered to the

Village.

Trustees also made a motion to accept the By-Laws of the Village Westchester Economic Development Committee chaired by resident Ron Brown, along with Board liaison Trustee Frank Perry and Community Development Director Melissa Headley.

Trustee Thomas Yurkovich presented the Citizens Advisory Board Committee Final Survey Results and Analysis. The Westchester Resident Survey 2012 was conducted primarily to assess community needs, identifying service gaps and information vital to the Westchester Citizens Advisory Board (CAB). Both internal and external strengths and weaknesses were addressed. Both positive and negative commentary was identified.

Three Recommendations- The "What's Next" are as follows:

Attract new business and foster appeal, competitive edge and patronage of existing businesses by implementing a strategic marketing campaign aimed at attracting new business into town using a 2 step approach.

Invite local businesses to sponsor recreation and entertainment events such as movies in the park or mini fests by advertising services before and after the events, and during intermission.

Engage the community/residents in exploration of options to address the threat the public high school situation poses.

Please take a minute to visit the Village of Westchester Web Site www.westchester-il.org to view the Survey in its entirety.

I would like to thank the entire Citizen Advisory Board for their extremely hard and dedicated work toward this project. The members of the CAB are: Abigail Martin, Carol Terrill, Jamie Cruse, Kari Christiansen, Nicole LoCoco, Sucada Bell, Mirika Sentongo, and Chair Person Charles Pederson. Special thanks to Mirika Sentongo for compiling and analyzing the data.

WESTCHESTER IN THE NEWS

The LaGrange Area Newspaper THE DOINGS did an expose on our Police Chief April Padalik. Chief Padalik was asked 8 questions regarding her start as a patrol officer and breaking the gender barrier in 1983, to her rise to Chief of Police in 2010. For a full text of the interview please visit <http://lagrange.suntimes.com/news>

For those of you who were watching Channel 5 NBC News on Thursday February 14th, you may have been surprised to see me offering

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commentary regarding our Police Contact and the .05 amount of Blood Alcohol Content (BAC).

At our January 22nd meeting, I, along with Trustee Novak, voted against the approval of the Patrol Officers' contract. Our concern was specific to the language that allowed a .05 BAC level to the presumptive level of intoxication for on duty police officers. A few days later I was contacted by a representative from the Better Government Association (BGA) a watchdog group, asking me for comment. Several days later Phil Rogers from NBC News called me following up on information that was supplied to NBC News from the BGA about the issue.

Mr. Rogers scheduled an interview and I accepted. Other than the rushed hour we had to straighten up my cluttered office, the interview went on for about 45 minutes. I made it clear to Phil Rogers that in the Westchester Police Department we have never had a case to suspect "reasonable suspicion" that an officer has reported to work under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

My sole reservation was that the contract had such a high presumption level of intoxication for Police Officers, especially since they drive Village owned police vehicles, sometimes at a high rate of speed, and have to make split second decisions, possibly using a firearm. I did not think any resident of Westchester would want a Police Officer having any level of impairment while on duty.

Under Illinois law motorists are presumed to be under the influence of alcohol with a BAC level of .08. This is a reduction from the old presumption of .10 in 1997. My on air comment of being half drunk pertained to the .04 being one half of the .08 presumption.

Secondly, my comment indicating that "I have thoughts in the back of my head every day" pertained to my worrying about being the Village President and being looked down on for actions of subordinates shedding an unfavorable light on the Village. My comment was prefaced with "do you think the Mayor of Schaumburg is very happy that three of his police officers were involved in a drug theft and drug sales," or "do you think the Mayor of Northbrook thought in his wildest day that one of their police officers would be involved in stealing items from homes he was sent to investigate for break-ins." I have been wearing a police uniform for 38 years, and have a family full of individuals

who are in this profession, and I do not like these kinds of surprises.

I know Chief Padalik has a policy in place for the removal from active duty of any one reasonably suspected of being under the influence of alcohol and drugs. However, I do have a problem with being able to remove this officer from duty, but not being able to be discipline the individual unless they were found to be at .05 or above. Police Officers are held to a high standard and I do not believe a zero tolerance policy is a lofty goal.

ALLIANCE AGAINST INTOXICATED MOTORISTS

I was invited to a celebration of the life of Frank S. Caruso Jr. at the Mayfair Recreation Center on Sunday, February 10th. Frank was 42 years old when his life was cut short as the result of a Drunk Driver. Frank's mother and many sisters reside in Westchester. Some of you may remember Frank's story. Frank was involved in a car accident on the I-290 where the driver who totaled his car left the scene of the accident. The Illinois State Police arrived and the Trooper was taking the accident report on the shoulder of the road when a confirmed drunk driver slammed into the rear of the police vehicle at 73 miles per hour causing Frank's death. The trooper was injured but the drunk driver was unharmed. Frank's family was present at the tribute on the one year anniversary of his death. Sitting there listening to his mother, brother, sisters and brother-in-law, Angelo Calcagno, speak about how hard their lives have been with the emptiness and loss of their loved one was heartbreaking. I thanked the representatives of AAIM for all of the support they have been giving the Caruso family, and all families tragically affected by drunk drivers on our roads.

AAIM is an Illinois based statewide citizen's action group. They assist families in attending all court dates to protect VICTIM'S RIGHTS. AAIM has Victim Advocate Services as well as an AAIM Grief Support Group that meets on the 4th Tuesday of every month at the Christ Church of Oak Brook. For more information, or to make a contribution to this important cause, contact Ms. Rita Kreslin, the Executive Director, at 1-847-240-0027 ext. 14 or visit their website at www.aaim1.org.

COMED NEWS

Village Manager Janet Matthys, Public Works Director Dave Stoiser and I took a ComEd sponsored bus ride to the S & C Electric Company on the Evanston-Chicago border to view first-hand how the ComEd Smart Grid Technology would work as a result of an outage. There were approximately

20 municipal officials and staff present for the demonstration. We were shown how having Smart Grid Technology can restore sections of the outage by re-routing power to those homes and businesses within seconds.

At a meeting with our ComEd Representative Morena Anderson on Wednesday, February 13th, Village Manager Janet Matthy's and I were informed that since 6 "Trip Saving Devices" and 4 "Distribution Automation Devices or Smart Fuses" were installed last March 2012, 283 outages have been avoided.

Six trip saving devices were placed at 1218 and 1219 Boeger, two devices at 11011 W. Roosevelt Rd., 9934-9940 Gladstone St., and 1130 Suffolk.

Four distribution automation devices were placed at Cermak and Hawthorne, Cermak & Downing, 10104 Robinhood, and 2543 Mayfair Ave.

In 2013 ComEd is planning to replace 1800 feet of spacer cable on circuit D3411 which is located from approximately Burns west to Mandel; parts of Canterbury to Cermak Rd.; Cermak Rd. to Newberry, Downing to Belleview.

Morena told us that replacement of approximately 3500 feet of underground cable is supposed to begin sometime this April. Trucks bearing the INTREN and MEADE names are approved subcontractors of ComEd and will be present completing these necessary repairs.

The Illinois Senate recently overwhelmingly passed Senate Bill 9 to re-affirm the passage of SB1652 in October of 2011. SB1652 allowed ComEd to embark on an ambitious modernization program to improve service reliability, increase customer control of and opportunities for cost savings, create 2000 jobs at the peak of the program, and help Illinois become competitive in our digital economy. The Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) interpretation of the law reduced funding essential to completing the modernization program required by law. As a result, ComEd faces a reduction in funding of nearly \$100 million dollars per year in 2014 and beyond unless the legislature acts. SB9 clarifies the existing language in the Smart Grid Law.

WCMC 2013 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA
On Saturday, February 9th, the West Central Municipal Conference held its annual Legislative Breakfast. As President of the Conference this year, I was happy to hear Mayor Pete Silvestri present the 2013 Legislative Agenda. The WCMC consists of 49 Member Agencies representing 600,000 residents.

State Senator Kimberly Lightford, and

newly elected State Representative Chris Welch both of whom represent Westchester were in attendance. On the Federal Level Mike Quigley who represents a portion of the village was also present.

Our Statement of Legislative Principles is: The WCMC serves an important advocacy role by representing municipal interests at the county, state, and federal levels of government. Identification of important issues by the members of our organization results in a listing of legislative priorities.

In prioritizing these issues, emphasis is placed upon those issues which:

Impact the association of communities in west suburban Cook County;

Impose unfunded mandates upon municipalities and townships;

Restrict local control;

Enhance transportation and infrastructure needs;

Place municipal revenues at risk;

Limit municipal tort immunity; and

Expand the powers of home rule authority.

2013 Legislative Agenda: State Issues
Public Safety Pension Reforms: The WCMS supports legislation that will bring forth additional reforms of the public safety pension systems. The long term goal is to develop a comprehensive solution that protects local taxpayers and secure sustainable retirement benefits for all public safety employees. That is why the WCMC supports the idea of having everyone at the table to develop a comprehensive approach to Public Safety Pension Reform.

Amend the Public Safety Employees Benefit Act (PSEBA): The intent of this legislation initiative is to seek a sound, negotiated, legislative compromise to avoid fiscal strife and the possible cut back of other service and programs. It is not intended to limit or deny a catastrophically injured public employee, who is unable to work in any other gainful employment, from collecting their rightful health insurance benefits and other compensation.

Protect Municipal Revenues: Illinois citizens receive many essential services from local governments. Many services are funded from revenues are not used to address the current financial condition of the state. Many of our local governments have been forced to confront loss of revenue due to:

State mandated pension increases for police and fire pension funds;

Personal Property Replacement Tax (PPRT);

Municipal share of photo processing

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March 2013 Calendar

Grace Lutheran Church in Westchester is organizing their 2013 Youth Mission Trip to a Navajo Indian reservation in Fort Defiance, AZ this July. All high school students in the Westchester community and beyond are welcome to join the mission! For more information about joining or coming along as a volunteer contact Cheryl Fask, Church Secretary, at 7018.345.1375 or email grace-evangelical@sbcglobal.net. We will be sure to include you in our upcoming meetings and information about the trip.

Registration for Youth spring programs and story times at the Library. Register in Youth Department or call 708-562-3573.

Monday, March 4

Casimir Pulaski Day – No School
Westchester Public Schools

Tuesday, March 5

Divine Infant Jesus School Advisory Board Meeting at 7:00 P.M. at the Rectory, 1601 Newcastle Avenue. For more information, contact the school office at 708-865-0122.

BOE Committee of the Whole Meeting at WMS (6:30 P.M.)
Illinois Standard Achievement Testing (Grades 3-8) March 5-15
Westchester Public Schools
Special Village Board Meeting at 7:00 pm in the Village Hall Court Room for the 2014 Fiscal Year budget.

Wednesday, March 6

All School mass at 8:00 A.M. at Divine Infant Jesus Church, 1600 Newcastle Avenue. For more information, contact the school office at 708-865-0122.

DIVINE PROVIDENCE OVER 50

CLUB: Our next meeting will be held in the Mayfair Room at Divine Providence. We will be celebrating St. Pat's - St. Joe's with our annual luncheon. Doors will open at 11:30 a.m. and lunch will be at Noon with our meeting to follow. (Ticket required for luncheon). Tickets are still available for the luncheon from Ruth (708) 947-9020. Members \$8.00 and Guests \$10.00. Deadline for purchase is February 24th. Membership is now open @ \$12.00 for the Calendar Year. **REMEMBER TO RENEW YOUR MEM-**

BERSHIP BY MARCH 1ST. Return your information card with your dues. If you have any questions, call Marilyn @708-236-5757. If you have any questions regarding the Club please call President Betty @708-562-2765. We are planning a bus trip to the Smoky Mountains on April 28, 2013. The trip includes 6 nights hotel, 10 meals, 5 shows, tour of Gatlinburg with shopping, and Dollywood for only \$667 per person based on double occupancy. Call Marianne Krasucki @ (708) 562-3766 as soon as possible. There are only a few seats left. Everyone is welcome.

Thursday, March 7

Please include the following information in the calendar section for Divine

Providence School, 2500 Mayfair Avenue, 708-562-2258, www.divineprovidenceschool.org:
Teetering Tots Playgroup 9:30 A.M. 10:30 A.M. Teetering Tots Playgroup would like to welcome tots between the ages of 0-4 to a playgroup in the Divine Providence gym twice a month. The group has been established to provide stay-at-home and part-time working parents with a local activity to promote friendships and provide emotional support to parents with children in the early years of their live. We welcome the very young of Westchester, with a parent, into Divine Providence School for some entertainment and socialization. Parents are encouraged to bring any items from bottles to bears that will make the experience more enjoyable for their children.

Friday, March 8

Stations of the Cross – 2:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. Divine Providence Church, 2600 Mayfair Avenue

Individual Reconciliation (Confessions) 7:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. Divine Providence Church, 2600 Mayfair Avenue

A "Bread and Soup Supper" sponsored by the Divine Infant Religious Education Program, will be held at 5:00 P.M. in Langan Hall, 1640 Newcastle Avenue. Come and

feast on homemade soup, watch a video

presented by a speaker from "Note Karacel", and give a free will offering that will help build much needed wells in Uganda. For more information, contact the Religious Education Office at 708-865-8086

Saturday, March 9

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church – 1101 Manchester Avenue Westchester, IL 60154 18th Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser and Silent Auction – Serving from 4:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. Donation \$8.00 per person. Children 7 years of age and under are free
Fine Arts Festival at WMS (10:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.)

Sunday, March 10

"Downton Abbey: Centuries in the Making" at 2:00 P.M. at Library.
Landscape historian Barbara Geiger will tell how the story began hundreds of years before Edith Wrote her letter to the Turkish ambassador! Advance registration is requested. Contact Adult Dept at 708-562-3573.

Monday, March 11

Lenten Mass followed by Episode 3 of Fr. Robert Barron's DVD series "Catholicism" 7:00 PM–Divine Providence Church, 2600 Mayfair Avenue

Eucharist Meeting for families of 2nd graders making their First Communion at Divine Infant Jesus will be held at 7:00 P.M. in Langan Hall. Contact Sr. Susan Majcen at 708-865-8086 for more information.

EDC Meeting at 7:30 A.M. in the Village Hall Community Room

Tuesday, March 12

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

Wednesday, March 13

All School mass at 8:00 A.M. at Divine Infant Jesus Church, 1600 Newcastle Avenue. Come join us. For more information, contact the

school office at 708-865-0122.

Thursday, March 14

Early Childhood Screening at WPS (9:00 A.M.-2:30 P.M. appointments only)

Friday, March 15

Stations of the Cross – 2:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. Divine Providence Church, 2600 Mayfair Avenue

Faculty Inservice – No School Divine Providence School, 2500 Mayfair Avenue, 708-562-2258

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

Saturday, March 16

Library Board Candidates "Meet & Greet" at 10:30 A.M. at Library. Meet the candidates running for the Library's board of trustees in the April 9th Consolidated Election. Hosted by the La Grange Area League of Women Voters, assisted by the Friends of the Library.

Open House 10:00 A.M. – Noon Divine Providence School, 2500 Mayfair Avenue, 708-562-2258

St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance will be held in Divine Infant School's Langan Hall. Doors will open at 6:00

P.M., dinner served at 7:30 P.M. Sponsored by the Divine Infant Holy Name Men's Club. Call the rectory at 708-865-8071 for more information.

Monday, March 18

Deadline for entries for Poetry Contest for children in grades 1 through 8. At Library. Contact Youth Department or call 708-562-3573.

Lenten Mass followed by Episode 4 of Fr. Robert Barron's DVD series "Catholicism" 7:00 PM Divine Providence Church, 2600 Mayfair Avenue

Tuesday, March 19

2nd Grade Fine Arts Celebration at WPS (7:00 P.M.) Day 1
Wednesday, March 20
2nd Grade Fine Arts Celebration at WPS (7:00 P.M.) Day 2
Wednesday, March 20

CALENDAR

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All School mass at 8:00 P.M. at Divine Infant Jesus Church, 1600 Newcastle Avenue. Come join us. For more information, contact the school office at 708-865-0122.

Market Day pick-up from 5:30 P.M. - 6:30 P.M. in Langan Hall at Divine Infant Jesus, 1640 Newcastle Avenue. Call the rectory at 708-865-8071 for more information.

Thursday, March 21

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

"Friends of the Library Scrabble & Game Night" at 6:30 PM at Library. Membership in Friends required. Membership table available on game nights

Teetering Tots 9:30 A.M. - 10:30 A.M. Divine Providence School, 2500 Mayfair Avenue, 708-562-2258

Friday, March 22

Living Stations of the Cross by School Children, 2:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. Divine Providence Church, 2600 Mayfair Avenue

Living Stations (featuring Divine Infant 8th grade students) will begin at 1:30 pm at Divine Infant Church, 1600 Newcastle Avenue. For more information, contact the school office at 865-0122.

Annual "All You Can Eat" Fish Fry at 4:30 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. in Langan Hall at Divine Infant Jesus School, 1640 Newcastle Avenue. Menu: fried fish or grilled cheese sandwich, served with fries, cole slaw, baked beans and French bread. Bakery goods will be available. Adults: \$10.00, Seniors \$8:00, Children under 11 \$6.00. For more information, contact the school office at 708-865-0122.

Saturday, March 23

Individual Reconciliation (Confession) -- 3:30 P.M. - 4:30 P.M. Divine

Providence Church, 2600 Mayfair Avenue

Saturday / Sunday, March 23/24

Palm Sunday Masses--5:00 (Sat.) and 8:30 A.M. and 10:30 A.M. (Sun.), Divine Providence Church, 2600 Mayfair Avenue

Market Day Pick up 8:30 A.M.-9:30 A.M. Divine Providence School, 2500 Mayfair Avenue, 708-562-2258

Sunday, March 24

Palm Sunday Service, 10:00 A.M. Westchester Community Church, 1840 Westchester Blvd., Westchester. Contact the church office for more information 708-865-1282.

Monday, March 25

Individual Reconciliation (Confession) -- 1:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M. Divine Providence Church, 2600 Mayfair Avenue

Lenten Mass followed by Episode 5 of Fr. Robert Barron's DVD series "Catholicism" 7:00 P.M. Divine Providence Church, 2600 Mayfair Avenue

March 25 - Apr. 1 - Spring Break - No School - Westchester Public Schools

The Divine Infant Jesus School student body will be praying the rosary - 2:10 P.M. at Divine Infant Jesus Church, 1600 Newcastle Avenue. For more information, contact the school office at 708-865-0122.

EDC Meeting at 7:30 A.M. in the Village Hall Community Room

Tuesday, March 26

Individual Reconciliation (Confession) -- 6:30 P.M. -7:30 P.M. Divine Providence Church, 2600 Mayfair Avenue

Living Stations (featuring Divine Infant 8th grade students) will begin at 6:30 P.M. at Divine Infant Church, 1600 Newcastle Avenue. For more information, contact the school office at 708-865-0122.

Village Board Meeting at 7:00 pm in the Village Hall Court Room with the Committee of the Whole Meeting im-

mediately following.

Wednesday, March 27

Tenebrae Service 7:30 P.M. Divine Providence Church, 2600 Mayfair Avenue

TAG: Teen Advisory Group monthly meeting (for teens in grades 8-12) at 4:00 P.M. at Library.

All School mass at 8:00 A.M. at Divine Infant Jesus Church, 1600 Newcastle Avenue. Come join us. For more information, contact the school office at 708-865-0122

Thursday, March 28

Maundy Thursday Service March 28th at 7:00 p.m. at Westchester Community Church, 1840 Westchester Blvd., Westchester. Contact the church office for more details 708-865-1282 between 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.

Mass of the Lord's Supper -- 7:30 P.M. followed by Adoration until 11:00 P.M. Divine Providence Church, 2600 Mayfair Avenue

Friday, March 29

Good Friday Fish Fry Fundraiser on Friday, March 29th from 4:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M. Westchester Community Church, 1840 Westchester Blvd., Westchester. Serving shrimp, fried cod or fried chicken, and rotisserie chicken. Each dinner comes with 2 sides, bread, and dessert. Adult dinners are \$10. Hot Dog dinner available for children. Contact the church office for more details 708-865-1282 between 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.

Good Friday Service March 29th at 7:30 p.m. at Westchester Community Church, 1840 Westchester Blvd., Westchester. Contact the church office for more details 708-865-1282 between 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.

Stations of the Cross -- 3:00 P.M. Divine Providence Church, 2600 Mayfair Avenue

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Holy Communion--7:30 P.M. Divine Providence Church, 2600 Mayfair Avenue

Good Friday - No School Divine Providence School, 2500 Mayfair Avenue, 708-562-2258

Divine Infant Jesus begins their

Easter break. School resumes on April 8.

Saturday, March 30

Blessing of Easter Food Baskets - 1:00 P.M. Divine Providence Church, 2600 Mayfair Avenue

Easter Vigil Service (fulfills Sunday obligation) 7:30 P.M. Divine Providence Church, 2600 Mayfair Avenue

Sunday, March 31

Easter Sunday Services Sunday March 31 at 8:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M. services. Westchester Community Church, 1840 Westchester Blvd., Westchester. Contact the church office for more details 708-865-1282 between 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.

Library closed for Easter.

Easter Sunday Masses, 7:30 A.M., 9:30 A.M. and 11:30 A.M. Divine Providence Church, 2600 Mayfair Avenue

Monday, April 1

April 1 - April 7 - Easter Break - No School Divine Providence School, 2500 Mayfair Avenue, 708-562-2258

Tuesday, April 2

Classes Resume Westchester Public Schools

BOE Committee of the Whole Meeting at WMS (6:30 P.M.)

Wednesday, April 3
8th Grade Washington, D.C. Parent Meeting at WMS (7:00 PM)

Friday, April 5

Eucharistic Adoration -- 8:00 A.M. Opening Prayers until 7:00 Benediction

Monday, April 8

Classes Resume Divine Providence School, 2500 Mayfair Avenue, 708-562-2258

Tuesday, April 9

Consolidated Election Day, Teacher Institute Day, No School for Students Westchester Public Schools

Thursday, April 11
Incoming Kindergarten Parent Meeting at WPS (7:00 PM)



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***Westchester Real Estate Market Info
1/16/13 – 2/15/13***

**Average Sales Price: \$167,174
-4% Year over Year***

**Total Number of Homes Sold: 16
No Change Year over Year***

**Average Listing Market Time: 196 Days
111% Faster Year over Year***

#	Str Name	Price	Beds	Baths	#	Str Name	Price	Beds	Baths	#	Str Name	Price	Beds	Baths
759	Norfolk	\$ 66,700	2	2	923	Bristol	\$ 135,000	3	2	2843	Mayfair	\$ 182,193	3	2.5
903	Bristol	\$ 70,000	3	1	3077	Ashton	\$ 143,500	1	1	2405	Hawthorne	\$ 249,900	3	1.5
913	Norfolk	\$ 100,000	2	1	10635	Fairfield	\$ 158,000	3	2	10640	Canterbury	\$ 260,000	5	1.5
1139	Manchester	\$ 117,000	3	1	905	Cromwell	\$ 169,000	3	1.5	11019	Nelson	\$ 278,000	3	1.5
1920	Bristol	\$ 125,000	2	1	10264	Milford	\$ 181,000	2	1.5	2633	Somerset	\$ 312,500	4	3.5
711	Manchester	\$ 127,000	2	1										

**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 1/16/2013 and 2/15/2013. 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.*

PRESIDENT

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tax redirected to the state;

Loss of local sales tax on truck sales due to the Commercial Distribution Fee;

Increased National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit fees, including capital improvement fees; and

Increases in medical insurance costs due to the Illinois Supreme Court expansion of the definition of "catastrophic injury" in Krohe v. City of Bloomington.

In addition, there continue to be discussions about the possible diversion of local governments' 1/10 share of the income tax revenue (Local Government Distributive Fund) to the state. Also, an ever increasing number of unfunded mandates are placed upon local governments each year. The slightest reduction to this formula would result in millions of dollars being lost to our communities, with the burden being placed on local taxpayers.

Regional Transportation Priorities: Funding for capital improvements and planning resources.

The WCMC is actively participating in efforts to help us achieve our common goal of increased mobility. We will be addressing roads, transit, traffic enhancing measures, bicycle and pedestrian improvements, and planning and feasibility studies of regional importance. Investment in transportation is essential to the continued prosperity of the region and the state of Illinois. A comprehensive transportation improvement program for roads, commuter and freight transit, and regional planning is necessary for 2013 and beyond.

Federal Reauthorization: The WCMC supports a new transportation bill that will outline federal transportation funding for the next several years. The next transportation bill needs to streamline the project delivery process by delegating more decision making authority to States and local officials and setting hard deadlines for Federal agencies to approve projects.

Regional Planning: The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) serves as the regional planning agency for northeastern Illinois. As such CMAP assists communities in integrating transportation with land use, providing technical resources to our communities, and serving as a forum for regional leaders. While

the WCMC reviews their legislative proposals to establish a strategic vision, governance, and funding plan, it is critical that we insist upon maintaining local input and municipal control of planning and land use decisions.

ROADS: The Maintenance of local roads has become an increasingly difficult task for communities who are faced with restricted budgets. We must continue to plan and design road improvements so that as a region we are able to fully utilize all funding sources as they become available. The WCMC supports initiatives that establish a transparent and accountable process at IDOT to grant local regions and local municipalities more decision making authority and flexibility in funding regional priorities.

TRANSIT: The WCMC's partnership with the Center of Neighborhood Technology (CNT) recently finalized a report regarding transit orientated development within our region. The finalized report will be utilized to seek out additional grant opportunities as well as potential economic development partners in the future to better assist our towns. The extension of the CTA Blue Line would serve our regional commuter rail transit needs with more access to and from Chicago.

BIKE & PEDESTRIAN: Our existing transportation infrastructure must be complemented by a strong bike and pedestrian plan which allows for access to transit as well as interconnectivity amongst our member municipalities and the greater Chicago region. WCMC actively seeks funding opportunities to make these plans a reality.

FREIGHT: The Chicago land area serves as the rail hub of the nation and must continue to support this critical economic advantage during these economically challenging times. Supporting proper maintenance and new infrastructure for our rail network is critical to ensuring our global competitiveness.

2013 Legislative Issues: Federal Issues:

Electronic Commerce: Allow for the collection of taxes due local governments.

The WCMC supports the Marketplace Fairness Act which will finally allow states and local governments to collect taxes on remote electronic sales. This legislation, which is co-sponsored by Senators Richard Durbin (D-Illinois), Michael Enzi (R-Wyoming), Lamar

Alexander (R-Tennessee), and Tim Johnson (D-South Dakota), is long overdue. Not only will it help governors and mayors collect taxes already owed, it will also allow local main street retailers to compete more effectively against out-of-state Internet and catalogue sellers and relieve consumers of the legal burden to report the taxes they owe on electronic transactions to state tax departments.

LAW ENFORCEMENT RESPONSE TO SCHOOL VIOLENCE

On February 14, I along with representatives of the Westchester Police Department, the principals from Divine Providence and Divine Infant School, as well as a representative from St. Joseph H.S. attended a training class to try to understand the School Violence occurring in schools across the country. The program was sponsored by the Illinois Tactical Association, Northeast Multi-Regional Training, the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board with funding provided by the Cook County Department of Homeland Security. Retired Lt. Colonel Dave Grossman presented statistical data beginning with the 1st school murder in Canada in 1975 up to the most recent U.S. statistic of 63 mass killing of 26 children at the Sandy Hook Elementary School. Lt. Grossman believes that the proliferation of adult video games depicting graphic killing with the assignment of points reinforced the Pavlov's Dog theory of ring the bell and get a treat. Gangs with membership nearing ½ million members with access to firearms makes the issue an epidemic. Lt. Grossman specifically explored our DENIAL that school violence including bullying will not happen in our schools. Some of his specific solutions are to limit TV watching to 20 hours a week. Before standardized testing, do a 10 day TV turn off. Prohibit texting at night so the proper amount of sleep can be accomplished. The all day seminar was very enlightening for not only the police officers in attendance but the many educators like Westchester's who are taking a proactive approach to this horrible problem. For more information www.killology.com.

GUN VIOLENCE PRESS CONFERENCE

On Friday, February 22nd, I, along with Mayor Henderson Yarbrough, hosted a press conference at the Maywood Village Hall. The press conference featured Congressman Danny Davis, Senator Kimberly Lightford, and a representative from

Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle's office. The Press Conference focused on federal, state, and local governments strengthening gun control laws. Area police chiefs and school superintendents were also in attendance.

POWER PROGRAM

On Wednesday, February 13th, Westchester hosted the POWER Program courtesy of Judy Barr Topinka the Comptroller of the State of Illinois. The session was presented by Matt Ryan, Deputy Director of Public Affairs, and was attended by approximately 25 business owners and residents. The focus of the program was how businesses both large and small can receive state contracts. One of the positive objectives I heard from attendees was getting a competitive advantage by being certified by the State of Illinois.

For more information www.illinoiscomptroller.com.

WESTCHESTER KIWANIS AND PARK DISTRICT ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

On Saturday, March 23rd, all are invited to attend the annual pancake breakfast with the Easter Bunny from 7:00 am to Noon at the Park District banquet hall. Adults are \$6 children are 4 and kids under 2 years old are free. This year they are offering an early bird special ticket price (\$1.00 off) from 7-8:30 am when purchased at the door. They will also be offering chocolate chip pancakes and whipped cream this year. Bring your kids for a delicious breakfast and get a memorable photo with the Bunny.

MIRACLES IN PROGRESS

At the Westchester Chamber of Commerce Celebrate Westchester one of the recipients of a Person of the Year Award was Ms. Susan Watson. Susan along with Judy Saraceno-Swenson is involved in a non-profit organization named Miracles in Progress. The organization is dedicated to maximizing the lifetime potential of individuals with brain injuries—specifically children. Their mission is to provide therapeutic, medical, educational, recreational and alternative care options for those who are brain injured, i.e., cerebral palsy, stroke, neurological conditions and other related special needs.

The organization is hosting a Golf outing on Friday, May 17th, at Carriage Greens Country Club in Darien.

For more information on how you can help contact www.miraclesinprogress.org.

Nazareth Academy Announces Honor Roll students from Westchester

The following Westchester residents made the honor roll at Nazareth Academy.

Gabriella Aguilera A Honor Roll
 Danielle Bartodziej A Honor Roll
 Bryan Behrendt A Honor Roll
 Zachary Blair A Honor Roll
 Olha Bosnova A Honor Roll
 Sean Brogan A Honor Roll
 Austin Brown A Honor Roll
 Colin Carlson A Honor Roll
 Nicholas Caruso A Honor Roll
 Colleen Cavanaugh A Honor Roll
 Sam Citro A Honor Roll
 Matthew Clark A Honor Roll
 Jack Cross A Honor Roll
 Faye Domokos A Honor Roll
 Melissa Drinnon A Honor Roll
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 Maeve Grimes A Honor Roll
 Holly Haberkorn A Honor Roll
 Emina Hadzic A Honor Roll
 Rachel Hosek A Honor Roll
 Jessika Jackson A Honor Roll
 Traci Jennings A Honor Roll
 Brandon Kane A Honor Roll

Kyle Kane A Honor Roll
 Christopher Kulnig A Honor Roll
 Alex Kwok A Honor Roll
 Devinne Love A Honor Roll
 Ryan Marquez A Honor Roll
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Marcel Tworek A Honor Roll
 Robert Tworek A Honor Roll
 Courtney Urzen A Honor Roll
 Taylor Van Daff A Honor Roll
 Faith Villapiano A Honor Roll
 Aidan Walton A Honor Roll
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 Kyle Bermudez B Honor Roll
 Haley Calabrese B Honor Roll

Bridget Cascio B Honor Roll
 Francesca Citro B Honor Roll
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 Mary Glorioso B Honor Roll
 Andrew Gomez B Honor Roll
 Blake Gordon B Honor Roll
 Tyler Graf B Honor Roll
 Carl Jackson B Honor Roll
 Demetri Kladis B Honor Roll
 Julian Love B Honor Roll
 Emilia Martinez B Honor Roll
 Thomas Martyn B Honor Roll
 Emma McGee B Honor Roll
 Patrick McGee B Honor Roll
 Jeffrey Nowicki B Honor Roll
 Gianna Pascua B Honor Roll
 Kyle Piotrowski B Honor Roll
 Alec Podock B Honor Roll
 David Prignano B Honor Roll
 Patrick Quinn B Honor Roll
 Brenna Scheuing B Honor Roll
 Zachary Smola B Honor Roll
 Sean Stanger B Honor Roll
 Cara Stewart B Honor Roll
 Matthew Wilson B Honor Roll
 Nathaniel Wojtynek B Honor Roll
 Jasper Zornoza B Honor Roll

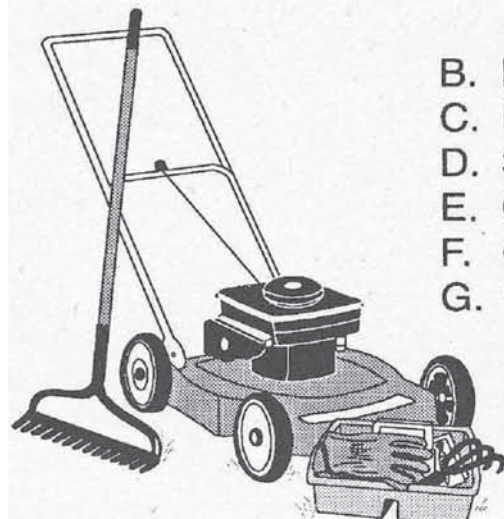


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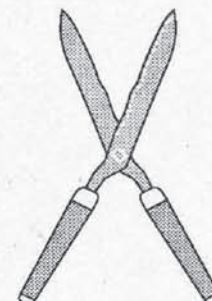
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 - Pots, planters, benches, fountains, fixtures and more.
 - Paver brick patios, walkways, driveways, etc.
- B. Lawn maintenance programs.
- C. Fertilization and weed control programs (removal and prevention).
- D. Shrub, hedge and evergreen trimming, shaping and pruning.
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Fine Arts Celebration at WMS

By Mr. Jason Kluge
Instrumental Music Director

Civilizations are most often defined by their music, visual art and architecture, language and literature, drama, and dance. These disciplines provide us with a lens to better understand the heart and soul of a society. Most importantly, they help us to understand and communicate human emotion more deeply, making our lives more complete.

The students at Westchester Middle School are enriched in such ways each and every day through their participation in our arts, technology, and language arts programs. You are invited to come see how by attending our first Fine Arts Festival on Saturday, March 9th, from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm. Guests will enjoy hearing selections from our jazz

ensemble winter concert and get a special preview of the spring concert. Our dance/cheer team will perform their award winning routines in the gym. Join our PE dance groups as they entertain with various line dances, choreographed by the students themselves! Spanish classes will recite skits and sing a variety of Spanish songs. West 40 Speech and Drama students will perform various comedic and dramatic acts. The WMS Chorus and small vocal group will be singing selections from their spring concert. Chamber music performances can be enjoyed throughout the day in the cafeteria, where refreshments will be available for purchase. Further information can be found on our website at www.sd925.org/middle. We look forward to seeing you on March 9th!



The fine arts logo design is credited to Viktoriya Salgalova, 7th Grader. Her design was entered in the contest and chosen by staff members as the "winning" logo. Congratulations to her!

New ISAT cut Scores, Prepare Districts for Common Core Assessments

By Mrs. Lynn Novak
Director of Curriculum

The Westchester Public Schools, along with all schools in Illinois, and 47 states across the country, started the process of aligning curriculum to the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) in English Language Arts (ELA) and Math. Assessments of these standards will begin in the 2014-2015 school year. The Common Core State Standards are aligned to College and Career Readiness Standards and are more rigorous than the current standards. They are also higher, fewer, and deeper than the current Illinois Standards, more aligned to the high school assessments and will better inform administrators, teachers and students of progress toward college and career readiness.

Some states began implementation of the CCSS earlier than Illinois. Not only was Kentucky the first state to adopt the common core standards in 2010, but also was the first state to give the new common core aligned assessment in 2012. Scores for students in Kentucky dropped roughly a third or more in both elementary and middle schools (Ujifusa, 2012). "What you are seeing in Kentucky is a predictor of what you're going to see in other states as

assessments roll out next year and the year after," said Gene Wilhoit, the executive director of the Washington-based Council of Chief State School Officers.

This same achievement score dip is expected here in Illinois. According to Dr. Christopher Koch, Illinois State Superintendent, "The current performance expectations for our grade 3-8 students are too low and do not align to the Prairie State Achievement Examination, which provides a good indicator of college and career readiness. While there will be no change to the PSAE performance levels, we need to raise our expectations as we move forward with implementation of PARCC assessments to set appropriate benchmarks that ensure students are on track for successful

entry into college and careers....As a result of these higher expectations, we expect to see a significant drop in where students rank in meeting or exceeding standards."

In the ASCD's (Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development) recent report, *Fulfilling the Promise of the Common Core State Standards: Moving from Adoption to Implementation to Sustainability* (2012), estimated pass rates on the new assessment aligned to the CCSS would range between 30 and 40 percent. This does not mean that our students would be achieving at a lower level, this means that the standards are more rigorous, much higher than the Illinois Learning Standards. On the contrary, our children will most likely be achieving at higher levels because

of the alignment to the College and Career Readiness.

The revision of ISAT cut scores is similar to changing a grading scale where 90-100 was considered an A, to 94-100 is considered an A. The state is raising the bar for all students and the shift in where students rank on the state test may be significant.

The new expectations do not mean that our students know less than they did before or are less capable than they were in previous years. Instead, it means that Illinois is raising the bar on how well students are prepared to meet college and career readiness benchmarks.

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Westchester Civic Theatre

Presents our spring play

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by Tim Clue and Spike Manton



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Saturday, April 6, 7:30 PM • Sunday, April 7, 2:00 PM
Saturday, April 13, 7:30 PM • Sunday, April 14, 2:00 PM

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Senior Citizens Invited to Breakfast with the President

WHEN?:

Friday March 15, 2013
@ 8:00 am-10:30 am

WHO?:

Senior Citizen Residents of Westchester

WHY?:

Senior Citizens of Westchester will have an opportunity to attend a free breakfast with Village President Sam D. Pulia to learn about upcoming projects in the community. The Village's administrative staff will also be on hand to answer your questions. Reservations are required.

WHERE?:

St. Joseph High School
Global Resource Center
-10900 W. Cermak Road-

To reserve your spot at the breakfast table, please call Molly at 708-345-0020 ext 594.

BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY

Saturday, March 23rd

7:00am-Noon - Breakfast

8:30am-11:30am - Entertainment



The annual Breakfast with the Easter bunny will be Co-Sponsored with the Westchester Kiwanis Club. All residents and friends of Westchester are welcome to attend the breakfast. The breakfast includes the Easter Bunny and roving entertainment.

You may pre-purchase your tickets, pay at the door or take advantage of the Kiwanis Early Bird Special

\$1.00 off any tickets sold between 7:00am-8:30am.
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EASTER CANDY & EGG HUNT

Saturday, March 23rd

Noon SHARP!

Ages 2-10

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Chef's Choice

Pot Luck Extravaganza

Bring any dish to be entered into a friendly competition.

Pre-registration is mandatory to participate.

To register, please contact Stephanie Morton at 708-562-7488, ext. 148 or smorton@stjoeshs.org by Monday, April 8, 2013.

1st Place • \$150

2nd Place • \$100

3rd Place • Cooking Prize Basket

Entrees

Celebrity Pasta Cook-Off

St. Joseph proudly welcomes local establishments to join a pasta cook-off challenge. Watch as your favorite restaurants battle for the title of the 2013 ChargerFeast Pasta Cook-Off Champion

Meatball Eating Contest

Pre-registration is mandatory to participate. Space is limited. To register, please contact Stephanie Morton at 708-562-7488, ext. 148 or smorton@stjoeshs.org by Monday, April 8, 2013.

Side Dishes

Raffle and Auction

Trivia

DJ

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Games of Chance

Dessert

Super Raffle Drawing

Take a chance to win one of the many prizes listed:

Grand Prize • \$10,000

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4th Prize • \$1,000

5th Prize • \$500 (10 winners)

\$100 per ticket. Winner need not be present. One free admission to ChargerFeast (\$15 value) with a purchase of a Super Raffle Ticket.

To purchase event or super raffle tickets, enter a dish into the pot luck extravaganza/celebrity pasta cook-off, become an event sponsor/donor please contact Stephanie Morton at smorton@stjoeshs.org / 708-562-7488, ext. 148

Why ST. JOSEPH?

"I learned a lot of my work ethic at St. Joe's! Saint Joseph – the Worker, right? I learned to roll up my sleeves and work hard. I remember Mr. Annetti reminding us, 'If you're not part of the solution, then you're part of the problem.'"
- Vince Genova, Class of 1983



Family, Formalwear & Food Westchester Grads Supply Needed Services

Written by: Tony Quattrochi, Faculty Member

It's another All in the Family story on the campus of St. Joseph High School... local boy meets local girl and the rest is history! Through another St. Joe's graduate, Vince Genova '83, met Sue Styler '88 (IHM) in the early 1990s and since their wedding in 1994, have been busy with their family, respective businesses and community service.



Vince, owner of Black Tie Formalwear, learned the business the best way – from the bottom up. Initially, for his uncle, he hemmed slacks, polished shoes and managed inventory before working up front in sales. **"When I learned I was good at sales, I pushed myself and before long I was handling the day-to-day operation of the business."** Vince finds most rewarding the idea that he is part of a person's special day. **"For most of my younger customers, this day represents one of the most meaningful, if not, the most meaningful day in their lives. That's pretty special to set them up for that experience."**

Black Tie Formalwear has locations in Chicago (2), Glen Ellyn, Joliet, Naperville, Oak Lawn, Oak Park, Orland Park, Schaumburg, South Holland and West Dundee. Visit his business online at www.blacktietuxes.com.



Meanwhile, Sue has worked in the food industry for over twenty years. Like Vince, Sue has learned the business from the inside out – at first as a waitress, and then in her present position as Food Service Manager for Quest, one of the area's largest food service companies (Quest also ranks in the top 50 in the nation). As manager, Sue handles the finances, orders food and supplies, plans the menu, supervises personnel and oversees special events. But the most rewarding part of her job is the relationships with customers, our Chargers.

"I love seeing the kids every day," she says. **"The interaction keeps me young."** Her most challenging task is keeping quality meals affordable. **"When food prices rise, I have to work harder to juggle costs of everything to continue to allow a healthy meal to be in the price range of our students."**

Vince and Sue have three children – Nick, a senior at St. Joe's, will attend Quincy University next year on a baseball scholarship; Joe, a sophomore, is interested in sports journalism; and Grace, an eighth grader at Divine Infant, will be attending St. Joe's next year.

The family is also active in the community. Vince was on the Westchester baseball board and has coached or assisted for over a decade. He is also past president of the Divine Infant Holy Name Men's Club and has been an active board member for the past 8 years there. Sue was on the Divine Infant school board for 3 years, serving as president one of those years. She has been a member of the Parish Women's Guild for the past 15 years, as well. In addition to all this, Sue managed the Market Day program at Divine Infant for 5 years and has run the kitchen at their events since 2003.

We are immensely proud of the Genova Family!

Thank you for all that you do for St. Joseph High School and the Westchester community!

Read more alumni stories by visiting...

www.stjoeshsalumni.org or www.ihmalumnae.org

www.stjoeshs.org | www.sjhslance.org

Children's Health: Picky Eaters *Teach healthy eating habits early in life*

You know it's important to feed your children a wide variety of healthy foods. But what if they are resistant to trying something new?

Don't Give In

As hard as it may be to listen to your child whining about how much he or she dislikes a certain food, stand firm. By giving in to demands, you are setting a precedent that your child will take advantage of for years to come. Make it clear that you are serving one meal for the family, and one meal only. When your child sees everyone else enjoying the meal, he or she will be more likely to join in.

Do

Have everyone at the table eat the protested food as if it is the best thing they ever tasted. Place the dish near your child; he or she may be tempted to try it.

Try to include at least two side dishes you know your child will eat; that way, if he or she refuses to touch the main course, at least there are other options.

Make a game out of eating for younger chil-

dren. Say "I know you can eat one forkful easily, but I bet you won't be able to eat two. And three—forget about it!" He or she may be excited to prove you wrong.

If your child does try a food but still does not like it, praise him or her for making the effort.

Hide your dislike of certain foods from your child. If he or she sees that you don't like something, it's likely he or she will not even try it.

Don't

Tell your child he or she cannot leave the table until the food is finished. The "clean your plate" mentality may actually promote childhood obesity by encouraging overeating.

Negotiate. If you say "Eat all your carrots," do not let it become "Eat just one carrot."

Give the picky eater dessert no matter what. If you feel a genuine attempt was made to try the food, you may want to reward that effort.

Allow your child to have dessert as

a snack. If he or she asks for a snack after dinner, offer a piece of fruit or glass of milk.

Helpful Hints

Ask your children to help you prepare dinner. This will get them excited about trying the meal they had a hand in creating.

Serve a do-it-yourself meal, such as tacos. Your child will be able to make the item to his or her liking.

Sometimes the presentation of a food can make all the difference. Get creative—make shapes or smiley faces.

Hide a food within another, such as pureeing vegetables and blending them into soups and sauces.

Lead by example. If you don't eat healthy foods, your child won't want to either.

Did you know?

Chicken nuggets and fries do not provide the adequate nutrition children need. While they are fun meals on occasion, don't make it a habit of serving this type of food.

Women in History

Directions: Find and circle the words hidden in the puzzle.



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| MAYA LIN | POCAHONTAS | ABIGAIL ADAMS |
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Toni Preckwinkle, Cook County Board President



Fat and calories can creep up anywhere if you're not careful about what you eat and drink. Use this chart as a reference for selecting healthier food options when you're eating out or preparing meals.

Choose...	<i>Instead of</i>	Choose...	<i>Instead of</i>
Water; coffee; tea or 100% fruit or vegetable juice	Soda or fruit-flavored drinks	Low-fat or skim milk	Whole or 2% milk
Fresh fruit; dried fruit and unsweetened juices	Sweetened canned fruits and juices	Low-fat yogurt or cottage cheese	Regular yogurt or cottage cheese
Bagels that are 3½ in. or smaller	Regular bagels	Muffins that are 2½ in. or smaller	Large muffins; croissants; doughnuts; sweet rolls or pastries
Light margarine; fat-free cream cheese; jam or jelly	Butter; full fat cream cheese or peanut butter	Unsweetened, whole grain cereal	Sugar cereal
Whole grain waffles and French toast	Waffles and French toast made with white bread	Lean ham or Canadian bacon; vegetable sausage or bacon substitute	Bacon or sausage
Salad with fat-free dressing on the side	Full fat dressing on the salad	Soups made with vegetable purée or skim milk	Soups made with cream or half-and-half
Pasta salad made with low-fat dressing	Pasta salad made with mayonnaise or cream dressing	Sandwiches made with whole grain bread	Sandwiches made with croissants or white bread
Lean meats; fish and tofu (3 grams of fat per ounce)	High-fat and fried meats; bacon; poultry with skin; cold cut and oil-packed fish	Baked potato with low-fat or vegetable toppings	Baked potato with butter, sour cream and bacon bits
Steamed vegetables	Vegetables in cream sauces or butter	Low-fat ice cream; low-fat frozen yogurt; sherbet; sorbet or angel food cake	High-fat and high-calorie desserts; ice cream; cheesecake; pie; cream puffs; large slices of cake
Fresh vegetables served with fat-free dressing; salsa or tofu dip	Tempura or deep fried vegetables	Miniature meatballs made with lean turkey or beef	Large meatballs made from high-fat meat with gravy or high-fat sauce
Broiled or poached seafood; shrimp; salmon; scallops; oysters or clams	Deep fried seafood with high-fat sauces	Fresh vegetable spring rolls	Egg rolls
Cubes of low-fat cheese that are ¾-inch squares or smaller	Slices of cheese	Low-fat popcorn that has 5 grams of fat or less per serving	Regular popcorn with butter; potato chips
Dips made of salsa; fat-free cottage cheese; hummus or low-fat salad dressing	Dips made from regular mayonnaise; sour cream; cream cheese or cheese sauce	Slices of cake that are 2 inches or smaller	Large slices of cake with ice cream



WESTCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

New Art Wall

The Library's exhibit cases have always imposed limits on the type and size of artwork that could be displayed, however, the relocation of the adult computer stations has enabled staff to repurpose the bare wall at the top of the stairs into our new **Art Wall** for hanging canvas and framed art work using a new *Gallery One* railing system.

The **Art Wall** is a prime opportunity to promote community awareness and appreciation of the arts by showcasing the creative endeavors of students, local artists, and art and photography clubs in our community. Exhibits from non-profit organization, government agencies and local professional artists will also be considered, though priority will be given to Westchester residents.

Anyone interested in displaying art

work is encouraged to stop by to view the current exhibition and evaluate the space. (The *Prairie Mural Project* is currently on display.)

If you are interested in presenting an exhibit for the **Art Wall**, pick up a copy of our Exhibit Policy and an Exhibit Waiver—copies are available from the Library Director or at the Adult Reference desk.

Computer Skills

We are overhauling our monthly computer classes and gearing up for fun! The Word classes we offered in January helped us recognize the value of having a variety of how-to sessions for patrons interested in more than just searching the Internet.

In the months ahead, we will offer How-To sessions on a variety of topics and applications, while incorporating tips and instruction on printing, flashdrives, attachments, and other common tasks. Most how-to sessions will be hands-on now that we have 12 computers in the Adult Department available for instruction.

Patrons new to the Internet can still sign up for the monthly Beginner's Internet class, while mouse and email instruction will be handled by appointment with one of the adult reference librarians.

Friends of the Library Scrabble & Game Night is Back!

Interested in playing games with new and old friends? This spring, the Friends are hosting a series of **Game Nights**—and all members of the Friends are invited. There will be a variety of board games to play, but you are welcome to bring your games too, including your iPads or tablets.

Not a member of the Friends? Don't worry—you can join at the door: just \$5 for individuals or \$10 for families.

Here are the spring dates:
Thursday, March 21 6:30-8:30 pm
Thursday, April 18 6:30-8:30 pm
Thursday, May 16 6:30-8:30 pm

Books@Home

As a reminder, the Friends offer home delivery of library materials to patrons who are homebound.

Contact the Library for details (708-562-3573).

Great Book Bargains

Have you seen the Friends' *new* Book Rack? It's actually a wall of used books located just west of the Circulation Desk. The new location offers more shelf space to display an even wider selection of gently used books and magazines for sale. With prices lower than other libraries in our area, there are some fabulous deals awaiting your discovery.

Next time you buy one of the Friends' used books, consider telling the staff to "keep the change" when they ring up your purchase! The Friends use all proceeds from the book sales to fund programs and new resources at the Library.

Join the Friends

On your next visit to the Library, show your support of the Friends by taking a moment to fill out an application to become a member of the Friends of the Library. Better yet, consider a family membership!

Adult Programs

PLEASE REGISTER IN ADVANCE

Call 708-562-3573 or stop by Adult Department to register.

Downton Abbey: Centuries in the Making

Landscape historian Barbara Geiger will tell how the story began hundreds of years before Edith wrote her letter to the Turkish ambassador!

Sunday, March 10 2:00 pm

A Taste of China

Experience the culture of China with a Chinese tea ceremony and a sampling of Chinese classical dance and music.

Sunday, April 14 2:00 pm

Look Good and Feel Good

With Mother's Day coming up, wardrobe consultant Carolyn Redding and counselor Donna Desai LCPC will offer tips and strategies for a personal "spring cleaning" to freshen your look, reduce stress and feel better!

Sunday, May 5 2:00 pm

Library Workshop for Seniors

Join us for a morning of coffee, donuts and data envy as Ann, Patrick and Ryan show you what's new on the web, in technology, and at the Library!

Friday, May 17 10:00 - 11:30 am

Computer Skills Make an appointment to learn to use a mouse or email, sign up for our monthly **Beginner's Internet** class or attend a **How-To** session. Classes meet **Wednesdays at 1:30 pm** and a valid library card is required. Registration for residents begins on the 1st day of the month in which the class is held (the day after for non-residents). Beginner's Class requires mouse skills.

Beginner's Internet Mar 13 Apr 10 May 15

How-To Sessions

Mar 20 Consumer Reports online
 Apr 17 YouTube & IMDB
 May 22 Using Word templates for invitations, flyers and more

Book Discussion Group

Meets monthly on the 3rd Thursday .
 Mar 21 *Mr. Churchill's Secretary* 2:00 & 7:00 pm
 by Susan Elia MacNeal
 Apr 18 *Joan of Arc* by Mary Gordon 7:00 pm
 May 16 *Alice Bliss* by Laura Harrington 7:00 pm

Senior Matinees

Mondays at 2:00 pm
 May 6 **The King's Speech**
 May 13 **The Man Who Knew Too Much**
 May 20 **Flags of Our Fathers**

Meet the Candidates

Library Board Candidates 'Meet & Greet'
Saturday, March 16
10:30 am—Noon

Be an informed voter!

Take this opportunity to meet the candidates running for the Library's Board of Trustees in the April 9th Consolidated Election.

This 'Meet and Greet' is hosted by the **La Grange Area League of Women Voters**, assisted by the **Friends of the Library**.



Teen Programs

TAG

For grades 8-12

our new Teen Advisory Group

Join TAG so you can have a voice in deciding programs, materials and library spaces for *Teens* at the Westchester Public Library.

Students in grades 8-12 are encouraged to join this fun group led by the Library's new Teen Librarian, Miss Beth.

TAG meets on the **last Wednesday of every month, 4:00-5:00 pm.** (And yes, snacks will be served!)

You don't want to miss out on the fun so mark these spring dates in your calendar:

March 27 ★ April 24 ★ May 29

Movie and Pizza

Wednesday, March 13 5:00 - 7:30 pm
Hunger Games (142 min)

Spring String Craft

Wednesday, March 20 5:00 - 6:00 pm
Create a colorful string-egg candy holder!

Blackout Poetry

Wednesday, April 3 5:00 - 6:00 pm
Poetry workshop using books and markers -- with a twist!

Recycle It!

Wednesday, April 17 5:00 - 6:00 pm
Saving the planet one craft at a time.

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

YOUTH PROGRAMS AT THE LIBRARY

Registration for Youth programs is ongoing.
Call 708-562-3573 or visit the Youth Department to register.

POETRY CONTEST

All Westchester students in grades 1 through 8 are invited to submit a poem for the Library's annual Poetry Contest. This year's theme is **ON A POSITIVE NOTE!** Submit your poem to the Youth Dept by Monday, March 18. Winners will be announced at the Awards Ceremony on Sunday, April 21!

Deadline for entries: Monday, March 18
Award Ceremony: Sunday, April 21 at 1:30 pm

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

NURSERY RHYME STORYTIME

New start time: 9:40 am

For children up to age 3½ and their parents/caregivers
Wednesdays 9:40 - 10:00 am **OR** Thursdays 9:40 - 10:00 am
Mar 13 - Apr 17 Mar 14 - Apr 18

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE STORYTIME

For children age 3½ - pre-K (not yet in K)
Wednesdays 10:30 - 11:00 am **OR** Thursdays 10:30 - 11:00 am
Mar 13 - Apr 17 Mar 14 - Apr 18

DROP-IN CRAFT FOR NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK: April 14-20

For kids all ages—no registration required.

Roll up your sleeves and decorate a special bookmark to celebrate National Library Week and the Westchester Public Library!

DAY OF THE CHILD Sunday, April 28 1:30 pm

Registration is required.

Children are invited to read their favorite book to Brickles the dog. Please call or visit the Youth Dept to schedule a 10-minute slot for your child to read to Brickles.

MAGIC CARPET CLUB

For children in grades K-2

Wednesdays 4:00 - 4:45 pm
Mar 20 - Apr 17

COFFEE, COOKIES & CALDECOTTS Thursday, May 9 10:30 - 11:30 am

For parents and caregivers of preschoolers

Here is an opportunity for you to explore and discuss recommended picture books for nurturing young readers. Light refreshments will be served

EARTH DAY CELEBRATIONS



LOVE THIS PLANET Saturday, April 20 1:30 - 2:30 pm
Storytelling for the whole family.

TERRARIUM MAKING Monday, April 22 4:00 - 5:00 pm
For grades 4-8

READING ROUND TABLE

For children in grades 3-8

Tuesdays 4:00 - 5:30 pm
Mar 26 **Star Power**

Apr 16 **"Booked" for the afternoon**
Make your own comb bound book out of recycled materials.

SUMMER VOLUNTEERS

For students entering grades 7 through 12 in the fall.

Students looking for a meaningful way to spend their summer can apply for a volunteer position in the Youth Department. Each volunteer is asked to work two hours each week during the Summer Reading Club program (June through July). Applications will be available in the Youth Department in March, but don't delay since there are a limited number of volunteer positions available. Candidates will be scheduled for a brief interview. Many students have used this opportunity to fulfill community service obligations for school, church or scouting.

FAMILY FILM NIGHT

Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm



Apr 3 **Frankenweenie** 87 min
Apr 10 **Brave** 93 min
Apr 17 **Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Roderick Rules** 100 min
Apr 24 **Big Miracle** 107 min

Community Development Department News

In 2011, the Village in conjunction with College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs at the University of Illinois, Chicago created a strategic plan for the Village. This plan presents opportunities and tasks that Westchester's government may prioritize given available needs and funding. As Westchester looks towards the future, this report offers background research on possible courses of action to meet Village and residents needs. The Economic Development Committee (EDC), who brought this initiative to the Board and continues to support its implementation, decided to initially target their efforts on three major recommendations of the plan:

- Strengthen relationships between the Village and other organizations in the Community,
- Foster a sense of community pride.
- Foster and promote activities to encourage business retention & expansion.

In an attempt to support these, the EDC has been hosting Community Leadership Summit meetings since October 2012. These meetings are attended by members of the Village Board, Park District, Library, Chamber of Commerce, District 92 1/2, and St. Joseph High School. These meetings have been targeted on these three initiatives and seek ideas, cooperation, and support from the Village's leadership. As a group we are all working to further these goals.

In order to both strengthen relationships and foster community pride, this leadership group, with assistance from the Village, is attempting to gather information on all the community organizations that are operating in the Community. This information will help to open lines of communication with all the organizations that are helping to create Westchester's unique sense of place.

The leadership group is exploring creating a community calendar that volunteer organizations may be allowed to post events on and possibly listing all the volunteer organizations in the Community on the Village's website. The leadership group is also looking for other ways these organizations can play a part in the three initiatives. Please fill out the attached form and return it to the Village.

Congratulations to Westchester's newest businesses!

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 Brief description of your organization:

 How long has your organization been established? _____
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 Dropping this form off at Village Hall; or
 Mail to: Melissa Headley
 Director of Community Development
 Village of Westchester
 10300 West Roosevelt Road
 Westchester, IL 60154
 Fax: 708-345-0884
 Email: mheadley@westchester-il.org

WESTCHESTER TO HOST ANOTHER AARP DRIVER SAFETY COURSE

WHAT IS THE AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM?

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

WHO SHOULD TAKE THE COURSE?

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

WHEN AND WHERE WILL THE COURSE BE HELD?

The 2 day course will be held on March 29 & 30, 2013 from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM in the Community Room of Village Hall. (Parking is available behind village hall and participants may use the Community Room entrance.)

WHY TAKE THE COURSE?

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

WESTCHESTER VEHICLE TAGS ARE MANDATORY

Westchester vehicle stickers for 2012 will expire on April 30, 2013. By ordinance, each vehicle (including motorcycles & trucks) registered or housed in the Village is required to have a 2013 Westchester vehicle tag, correctly displayed on the lower right corner of each vehicle windshield, or on the license plate for motorcycles, by May 1, 2013 to avoid late fees and potential ticketing for non-compliance. Current stickers have been on sale since the beginning of March.

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



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West Suburban Senior Services Caregiver Support Group

Are you a grandparent raising a grandchild? This type of arrangement is more common than one might think. In fact, the Illinois Department on Aging estimates that over 100,000 grandparents are raising a grandchild. Many older adults find themselves in this situation for a variety of reasons. Perhaps your child is ill and cannot care for their child adequately, or maybe your child is working two or three jobs and is not home to supervise your grandchild,

alternatively maybe your child is unemployed and stressed. Whatever the reason, it is not easy to be a grandparent raising a grandchild.

As a grandparent, you of course love and adore your grandchild. However, you may have health issues and are finding you do not have the energy needed to keep up with them. Or, as a grandparent you are struggling financially and it is difficult to also meet the expenses of your grandchild too. Plus, your grandchild is in a different generation with challenges

that did not exist when you raised your child, such as the internet, technology, etc.

If you are feeling overwhelmed and could use extra support in raising a grandchild, please contact West Suburban Senior Services. As part of our Caregiver Support Program, we offer a support group for Relatives Raising Children. This group is open to all relatives raising children age 55 and over, not just grandparents. Topics for groups focus on legal issues, parenting skills, local resources, and

the sharing of ideas among others in your situation.

This support group meets the second Thursday of each month from 10am-11am especially for adults and the fourth Tuesday from 5:30pm-7pm for both adults and children. Dinner and childcare are provided at the evening group.

Both groups meet at 8300 Roosevelt Road, Forest Park. For more information, please contact our Caregiver Specialist, Jennifer, at 708-405-6996 or 708-547-5600.

The importance of saving valuable natural areas

Presented by the Salt Creek Greenway Association - www.saltcreekgreenwayassociation.org

Saturday, March 23, 2013 - 1:30 PM
Meet at 1 Aloha Lane Meeting Room

Hickory Lane Buffer to Wolf Road Prairie

Forest Preserve District of Cook County

Police Headquarters-North side of 31st Street west of Wolf Road,

Westchester

Peacock Prairie - One of the last tall-grass black-soil virgin prairies in the Chicago area was saved by a group of citizens led by Bernice Popelka between 1965 and 1966. Bernice was also involved in saving Wolf Road Prairie in the beginning days. She will present her story at Wolf Road Prairie.

After moving to Wisconsin, Bernice commenced to gather her records

and write about it in her recently published book, "Saving Peacock Prairie". Having grown up in rural Wisconsin, Bernice is acquainted with natural areas. She has spent most of her adult life working on preservation issues in both Wisconsin and Illinois. Currently she lives in the Milwaukee area. Peacock Prairie is now known as the James Woodworth Prairie owned and managed by the University of Illinois Chicago.

Through the years, it has been

recognized as a rare gem among prairies. For more information about this free program and book review at Wolf Road Prairie, email stpspale@aol.com or call 708-865-8736 to reserve your spot.

Wolf Road Prairie is owned by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and the Forest Preserve District of Cook County.

The Illinois Nature Preserves Commission oversees management and protection of the site.



Please support our local businesses!

Check the President's Report for a list of the businesses that opened last month

For list of all businesses with a business license, please go to the Village's website under the "Business" tab, choose "Local Businesses"

Green Team to Resume Electronics Recycling

The Westchester Green Committee will begin Electronic Waste recycling in April, the second Saturday of every month from 9am - Noon, weather permitting. We reserve the right to cancel or close early due to unforeseen circumstances. The first collection date will be Saturday, April 13th. Items that can be dropped off are computers, office electronic equipment, entertainment device electronics, mobile phones, and television sets. We do not accept

chemical waste such as paint or gasoline or light bulbs of any kind. For a complete list of items please check the Village of Westchester website.

We have a lot of exciting ideas to improve our environment in Westchester but we need more people to be involved. If you're interested in volunteering for the recycling days or joining the Green Committee, contact the Village Hall at 708-345-0020

Citizens Advisory Board News

Just as a reminder to new residents, welcome packets are available at the Village Hall. These packets contain useful information about what this great Village has to offer residents.

As always the food pantry is in need of nonperishable donations. Donations can be dropped off to the front office of the Village Hall during normal business hours.



Back and Neck Pain Relief That Works!

Acute and chronic back pain has been successfully treated over the years with chiropractic, acupuncture, massage therapy, naprapathy and exercises. Most people will experience back pain in their lifetime. Many of the problems are preventable. If we take the time to implement some of the following suggestions, we can help prevent back problems.

- Turn and flip your mattress every six months
- Sleep on a contoured pillow to avoid neck strain
- Try putting a small pillow between your knees when you sleep, helping to keep your hips in line to avoid back stiffness.
- How old is your mattress? A sagging mattress can contribute to muscle and back stiffness
- When sitting try to use a firm back chair
- When sitting in a chair without a backrest, strive to sit up straight

- When sitting at a computer, make sure your monitor is situated directly in front of you
- If sitting for a long period of time, get up and stretch
- Incorrect lifting can harm your back
- Always bend your knees when stooping to pick up something
- You should analyze your footwear.
- Replace running shoes every 6 - 8 months
- Consider getting custom made orthotic inserts for your shoes. They will aid in proper foot support, reducing back strain

Oftentimes when a simple backache sprain or strain does not respond to conservative home treatment such as hot or cold packs, rest, over the counter pain relievers, and pain that lasts more than 48 hours,



other solutions are advisable. Seek a specialist, educated and trained in the treatment of back and neck pain, a chiropractic physician.

Today there are new, effective and revolutionary procedures that treat serious and debilitating back and neck pain such as disc bulge/herniation, sciatica, and degeneration:

Cold Laser Therapy is the use of specific wavelengths of light to create therapeutic effects. These effects include improved healing time, pain reduction, increased circulation and decreased swelling. There are thousands of published studies demonstrating clinical effectiveness of laser therapy. Some of the problems that can benefit from Laser Therapy include back and neck pain,

knee pain, shoulder pain, sprains and strains, carpal tunnel syndrome and is very effective for smoking cessation.

Spinal Disc Decompression

This is a highly precise computer applied regimen which utilizes a treatment to manipulate and mobilize specific spinal segments. By unloading uncompressed spinal segments, pressure is reduced on the affected disc. The treatment is performed while you rest in a comfortable and soothing manner. The treatment is designed to correct the underlying problem and not just the symptoms. Pain relief can occur after only a few sessions but the full program requires 20 to 30 sessions to restore spinal motion, regain functional capacity and decompress the affected nerves. People choose this treatment because it is safe, effective and more than 86% successful.

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March 2013 Good Neighbor Nominations

Nominee: Nick Perez, 11000 block of Shelley Ct

Nominated by: Mario & Kathy Ricciarelli, 11000 block of Shelley Ct

Why are they a good neighbor?

We are both senior citizens in our 80's with some health problems. That's where Nick comes in. Nick works the late night shift for the Illinois Tollway and doesn't get home too early-especially when it snows or we have inclement weather. But, even before bedtime, Nick is plowing the snow from our drive, and he is insistent that we don't do any shoveling. Also, he visits us frequently to check on our health and asks if there is anything he can do for us. Wow-What a good neighbor he is.

Nominee: Donna and John Swasko & family, 10800 block of Claridge St.

Nominated by: Ruth E Fuller, 10800 block of Claridge St.

Why are they a good neighbor?

They take my garbage cans in on Wednesday. They look out for me, and make me feel secure living next to them.

Nominee: Mr. Ed Tracey

Nominated by: Louise Renwall, 1500 block of Suffolk

Why are they a good neighbor?

Mr. Ed Tracey is a good neighbor to "everyone" in the whole vicinity. He attends mass daily (I am Lutheran) helps with garbage cans, visits the sick, is always cheerful (even though he and his wife Sue have had major medical problems themselves). He is truly a stand up, marvelous, caring man.

Nominee: Ron and Betty Rous

Nominated by: Mr. William Betz, 3000 block of Becket Ave

Why are they a good neighbor?

Ron and Betty are the finest neighbors we have ever had. Tony Candella is on oxygen 24 hours a day and was in the hospital twice in January. He uses a walker part time. I am handicapped and use a cane. Ron and Betty shovel our snow 95% of the time without request. Betty sends over soup or deserts when she prepares them. They are the greatest neighbors. We are thankful for them.

Nominee: Maggie Hansa, 10100 block of The Strand

Nominated by: Barbara Bochenek, 10100 block of The Strand

Why are they a good neighbor?

When I moved into Westchester a few years ago, Maggie and her family welcomed me. Through the years, we have worked on different projects together, such as planting shrubs and flowers. We both love animals and she has looked after my dog while I was at work. She is a very giving person. I am fortunate that she is my neighbor.

Nominate a Good Neighbor

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

Good Neighbor Nomination Form

Your Name: _____

Your Address: _____

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

Why are they a Good Neighbor to you?

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2013 Street Rehabilitation Program

The following Village streets are planned for rehabilitation this year; the Program will be broken up into 2 phases...a Spring phase (Phase 1) which will commence late March/early April with completion scheduled by the 4th of July. The second phase will commence after the 4th of July with completion scheduled for the end of October. This planned work includes complete concrete curb and gutter removal and replacement, concrete driveway removal and replacement, pavement removal and replacement, and restoration of disturbed areas with sod. Residents affected by this work will be notified by hand delivered notice of actual start date which will include information on relocation of vehicles when the curb and apron work is being accomplished. Curb and apron work will occur on one side of the street at a time to allow for parking in the street for residents displaced from their driveways while new concrete is allowed to cure. Garbage pick-up and mail delivery service will continue as usual.

Phase 1

- Nelson Square
- Wellington Avenue
- Lancaster St. from Wolf Rd. to Wellington Ave.
- Fleet St. (south side only)
- Preston St. from Kensington to Sunnyside (south side only)
- Hull Ave. from Gladstone St. to The Strand
- Hull Ave. from Cermak Rd. to Kent St.
- Bond St. from Westchester Blvd. to Portsmouth Ave.

Phase 2

- Highridge Ave. from Canterbury St. to Boeger Ave.
- Heidorn Ave. from Canterbury St. to Charles ST.
- Charles St. from Wolf Rd. to Boeger Ave.
- Newcastle Ave. from Roosevelt Rd. to the north end
- The Strand

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

50/50 Programs

50/50 Shared Cost Sidewalk Replacement Program

The Village offers a shared cost sidewalk replacement program. If the sidewalk in front of your residence is in poor condition and you would like to replace it, the Village will split the cost with you. Call Public Works at 708-345-0041 to register.

50/50 Shared Cost Parkway Tree Program

Beautify your yard and add to the curb appeal of your home! The Village offers a 50/50 shared cost program that includes the purchase and planting of a new parkway tree. Residents have a choice of 4-5 types of trees indigenous to the area. The trees will be planted in November 2013. Call Public Works at 708-345-0041 for more information or to register.

More Info from Public Works

Parkway Restoration

The Public Works Department will begin repairing parkways damaged by sewer and water excavations and snow plow damage this spring. Also, as a result of Ash tree removal at various locations, stump grinding and parkway restoration will occur in the spring.

Pothole Repair

The Public Works Department continues to fill potholes throughout the Village, weather permitting. Please call Public Works at 708-345-0041 to report potholes.

Waste Management News

Yard waste pickup will begin Monday, April 1, 2013. Free yard waste stickers for reusable yard waste receptacles are available at the Public Works office and the Village Hall. Public Works continues to operate the vac and jet machine to clean storm sewer inlets, as weather permits.

As Always.....

Village residents are asked to call Public Works at 708-345-0041 or the Police Non Emergency number after hours at 708-345-0060 if an unusual amount of water is visible in the street or parkway. This could be a main break or water leak that requires our immediate attention.

Village Branch Pick-up

Village branch pickup will begin Monday, April 1, 2013.

The Public Works Department will pick up branches the first full week of every month. All brush must be put out on the front parkway no later than 7:00 a.m. on the designated pickup day. Branches can be up to 7' in length and stacked with the butt ends facing the street in the same direction. If not stacked properly, a "restack" notice will be left.

Public Works Crews will only pass through a designated pickup area once due to time schedule and other workload responsibilities.

Thursday and Friday are Open Load days for pickup of any brush that will not fit through the chipper, such as logs, stumps, and large limbs. These must be cut for one man to lift.

*Please make every effort to cut oversized limbs/stumps for one employee to lift and be sure to remove the dirt from the root ball to allow for pick-up.

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

Branch Pick-up Schedule

MONDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

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

TUESDAY

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

THURSDAY

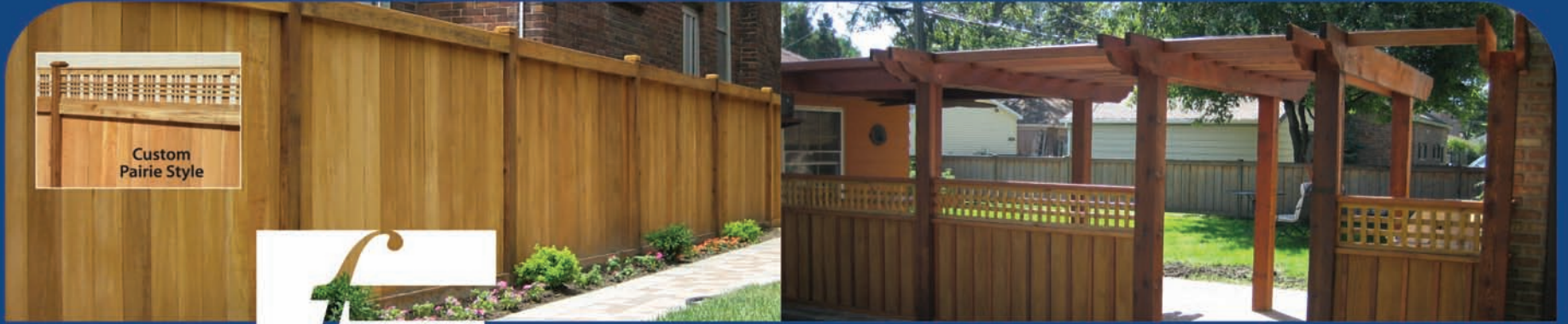
From Bellevue west to Wolf Road, Martindale Drive to 31st Street

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

**April
branch
pick-up
April 1-4**

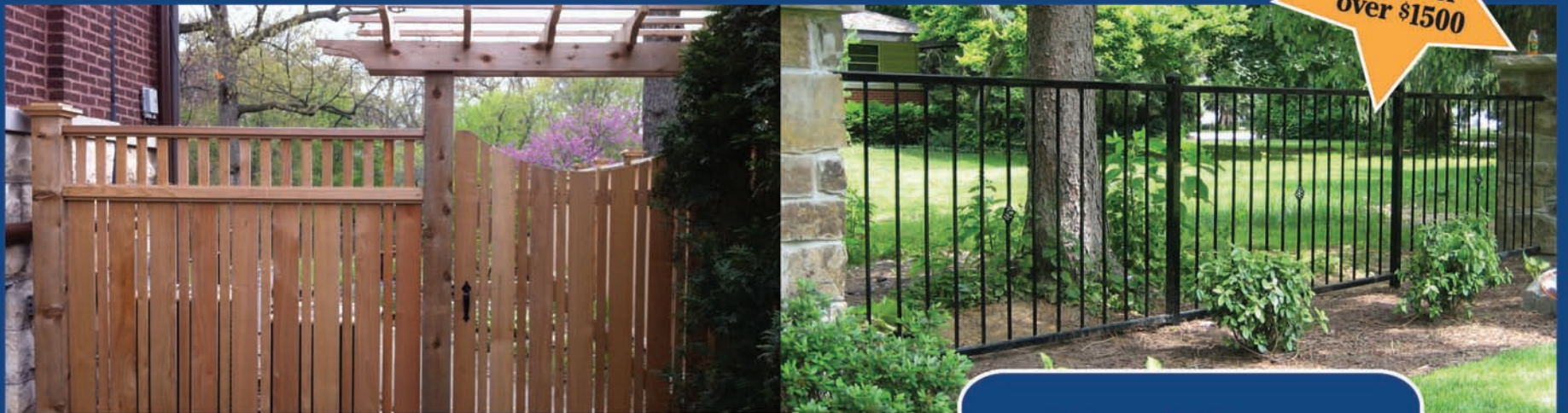
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