



Village of Westchester

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From the desk of Village President Greg Hribal

Being the centennial anniversary of the Village of Westchester, we have presented those residing in the community for over 50 years with a certificate of acknowledgement. Recently, a certificate was presented to Mrs. Irene Jedd, a 70-year resident who made Westchester her home in her late 20s and has been the only owner of her home since it was built in the mid-1950s. Coincidentally, she will be celebrating her 100th birthday next March, and we wish to extend early birthday wishes to her and her family! Thank you, Irene, for making Westchester home for 70 years and helping us celebrate our 100th anniversary.

In addition to this being a centennial year, I'm extremely proud to be honoring the Westchester Lions Club on their 60th anniversary and the Westchester Food Pantry for their dedication to serving those in need on their 30th anniversary.

The Westchester Lions Club has been a wonderful sponsor of various local groups and events, such as Shop With A Cop, the Veterans Memorial at Mayfair, boys' baseball and girls' softball, to name a few. The Westchester Food Pantry, currently led by Amanda Grant, has increased the pantry's size and scope to provide over \$2,000,000 in food—but more importantly, over 500,000 meals annually—to local families. Thank you, Westchester Lions Club and Food Pantry, for all that you do in our community! Both organizations have been recognized with a proclamation honoring their public service to Westchester.

The Village of Westchester recently approved the painting and, in some cases, repainting of all fire hydrants. The last painting project of our hydrants happened approximately 10 years ago, and during that process all the remaining lead paint was removed by sandblasting.

This year's painting required that the hydrants be primed with gray paint before being painted red shortly thereafter. Some have asked about the blue-painted hydrants observed. Although uncommon, blue-painted fire hydrants are part of the incoming water lines to our water system and do not have the same pressure in the line,



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which limits their use during fires.

Please help me welcome three new police officers who recently completed the police academy.

At our September 9, 2025, board meeting, the three patrol officers were formally sworn in with loved ones pinning their badges on them. Officers Alexander Garcia, Henry Gresik, and Kristian Wasik all recently graduated from the police academy and are now in field training that is scheduled to last 12 weeks. Welcome aboard, Alexander, Henry, and Kristian!

The Village has been advised by Regency Plaza at 31st and Wolf that the location formerly used as Subway (across from McDonald's) has been rented to a franchisee of The Original Steaks & Hoagies, an Ohio-based cheesesteak restaurant chain with 20 locations. They are currently preparing their renovations and expect to open in late fall this year.

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THE ONLINE VILLAGE CALENDAR IS CONTINUALLY UPDATED AND INCLUDES MANY MORE LIBRARY & PARK DISTRICT ACTIVITIES. SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT WESTCHESTER-IL.ORG/CALENDAR FOR ALL THE DETAILS!



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 VILLAGE OFFICES CLOSED FOR IN-SERVICE DAY BWJWA MEETING 10:30AM - BROADVIEW VILLAGE HALL	2 GROW ECOLOGICAL COMMISSION - 6:30PM VILLAGE HALL	3	4 TOUR DE PROVISO 7AM - OAK PARK VILLAGE HALL
5	6 FIRE DEPT OPEN HOUSE 6-8:30PM FIRE STATION 25 	7 SENIOR HEALTH FAIR 11AM-2PM LA BELLA EVENTS 100TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE MEETING 6:30PM - VILLAGE HALL	8 AGING CARE BINGO 11:15AM MAYFAIR REC CENTER	9 HISPANIC HERITAGE NIGHT WESTCHESTER INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL	10	11 BLOOD DRIVE 8:30AM-1PM COMMUNITY CENTER
12	13	14 VILLAGE BOARD & COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - 6PM VILLAGE HALL	15	16	17	18 SHRED EVENT 10AM-12PM ENTERPRISE DRIVE
19	20	21	22 FALL CHOIR CONCERT 6:30PM WESTCHESTER MIDDLE SCHOOL	23	24	25
26	27	28 VILLAGE BOARD & COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - 6PM VILLAGE HALL	29 ENERGY PLAN COMMUNITY MEETING 6:00-7:30PM VILLAGE HALL	30	31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT HOURS: 3-7PM	

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WESTCHESTER FIRE DEPARTMENT



OPEN HOUSE

FOOD, FUN & FIRE PREVENTION!



MONDAY, OCTOBER 6



6:00 TO 8:30 PM



FIRE STATION #25
10240 ROOSEVELT RD
WESTCHESTER, IL 60154

Enjoy an evening filled with excitement and education at the Westchester Fire Department—featuring a **DJ, bounce house, free food, giveaways** and **live demonstrations!**



NATIONAL
FIRE PREVENTION
-WEEK-

TasteFULL – The Westchester Neighborhood Bar and Restaurant

What a joy it is when a community’s hope is fulfilled and a dream is realized with a great new business! Such is the case with TasteFULL, owned and operated by Damien McIntosh, located at 1929 S. Mannheim Road. TasteFULL is not your average local bar – it’s a welcoming dining experience paired with a lively bar atmosphere.

The inspiration for TasteFULL began with Damien’s wife, Michelle. Michelle’s cooking was always abundant and delicious, so much so that when friends and family would visit, they would leave calling the food simply “tasteful.”

“
tasteful
”

That nickname became the seed of a dream to open a restaurant and bar. Damien previously operated a restaurant/bar in the Beverly neighborhood of Chicago.

It was primarily a carry out business that began at the onset of the COVID pandemic.

Unfortunately, as with many new businesses established at that time, it did not survive the pandemic.

Looking closer to home, Damien found an opportunity in Westchester to truly make the dream of TasteFULL a reality.

Damien and Michelle are from the area and currently live in Westchester.

Damien grew up in Bellwood and attended MacArthur Middle School before briefly studying at Culver Military Academy.

Missing home, he returned to graduate from St. Joseph High School, where he was part of the legendary 1998–1999 AA Illinois State Championship basketball team, with a record of 32-1, under Coach Gene Pingatore.

Damien loves to discuss his time at St. Joe’s, which is evident when you see a gigantic picture of the entire State Champion-

ship team right inside the front door of TasteFULL.

Damien and Michelle’s daughters attended Westchester Primary, Intermediate, and Junior High, one daughter also graduating from St. Joe’s. Damien and his family truly love being a part of the Westchester community.

This love for the community is one of the reasons TasteFULL is so special. Damien was driving down Mannheim Road one day and noticed that the old Christopher’s Speakeasy was a great future location for TasteFULL.

In a twist of fate, the owner’s son was also a St. Joe’s graduate, and together they worked out a lease-to-purchase agreement. From there, the vision came to life.

Step inside and you’ll find an inviting, versatile space.

Not only is it a bar and restaurant, but it can also be reconfigured for parties, dances, meetings, and special events.

The Westchester Chamber of Commerce recently held a gathering there and raved about the excellent service, food, and drinks.

Popular menu items include \$1 dine-in wings, the TasteFULL Tea specialty cocktail, filleted catfish, turkey burgers, taco Tuesday favorites, baked macaroni, collard greens, and sweet potato cornbread.

TasteFULL already employs ten people, with hopes to continue growing with great support from the community. Damien invites everyone to stop in, try the food and drinks, and experience the warm, lively atmosphere.

Whether you’re enjoying music, catching a sports game, or celebrating with friends, TasteFULL is more than a bar – it’s a true community gathering place.

TasteFULL
1929 S. Mannheim Rd.
Westchester
(Parking in the back and at the south end of the complex)

Phone: 708/240-9771
Website: MyTasteFULL.com
Email: TastefullLTD@gmail.com



Happy Halloween from the Chief

Well, it's that time of year again—the nights are getting cooler, the leaves are falling, and the north winds remind us that old man winter is on his way. For the kids, Halloween is the warm-up holiday before Christmas.

Even though candy prices are at an all-time high (and I had to give up chocolate myself), kids will be out looking for the best giveaways of the night. Some will bring pillowcases to build up a six-month stash.

I still remember running house to house with my friends, racing against the dark, determined to hit every porch we could.

“Safety First, Fun Last!”

Back then, communities would hold big bonfires with a paper witch on top, and villages handed out candy apples.

Times have changed, and today we

need to be a lot wiser about safety—but the fun can still be just as memorable (hopefully without rain or freezing cold!). Here are a few important tips to help keep our kids safe while trick-or-treating:

- 1. Children should always be with at least one adult. Teens should use phone trackers, and kids with phones should check in with parents regularly.
- 2. Carry a flashlight for dark areas and when crossing streets.
- 3. Remind kids never to enter someone's home or car, and not to talk to strangers.
- 4. Don't let kids eat treats until they're home and an adult has checked them.
- 5. Stay on sidewalks—don't cut across lawns.
- 6. Avoid costumes with props that could be mistaken for weapons.
- 7. Never dart between parked cars when crossing the street—always stop and look first.



- 8. Add reflective tape to costumes so kids are visible at night.
- 9. Call 911 if you see suspicious or unsafe activity.
- 10. Skip houses with no lights on and move on to the next.
- 11. Make sure costumes allow kids to

see and hear clearly.

Remember my motto: “Safety First, Fun Last!”

Have a safe, spooky, and fun Halloween!

Sincerely,

Police Chief Daniel Babich

WESTCHESTER POLICE BLOTTER

All defendants are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

25-3104 08/17/2025 6:23PM TRAFFIC ARREST CERMAK RD & MANNHEIM RD WPD
Officer on patrol observed a vehicle perform a traffic infraction. A 57 year old male from Westchester, IL was cited for Expired Driver's License and No Valid Insurance. The 57 year old was released with a Citation & Notice and given a court date at the 4th District Cook County Courthouse in Maywood, IL.

25-3115 08/18/2025 5:40PM AGGRAVATED DOMESTIC BATTERY WESTCHESTER, IL
A 47-year-old male from Westchester has been charged with Aggravated Domestic Battery in Cook County Circuit Court following a recent incident. The 47-year-old male was taken into custody, processed, and subsequently transported to the Fourth District Cook County Courthouse in Maywood for a bond hearing

25-3294 08/29/2025 2:14AM TRAFFIC

ARREST MANNHEIM RD & WIGHT ST WPD
Officer on patrol observed a vehicle perform a traffic infraction. A 22 year old male from Westchester, IL was cited for Misdemeanor Speeding, and Suspended/Revoked Drivers License. The 22 year old was released with a Citation & Notice and given a court date at the 4th District Cook County Courthouse in Maywood, IL.

25-3312 08/30/2025 4:21AM TRAFFIC ARREST MANNHEIM RD & BALMORAL AVE WPD
Officer on patrol observed a vehicle perform a traffic infraction. A 35 year old female from Westchester, IL was cited for Speeding, Suspended Registration, No Valid Insurance, and No Valid License. The 35 year old was released with a Citation & Notice and given a court date at the 4th District Cook County Courthouse in Maywood, IL.

25-3333 08/31/2025 3:38AM TRAFFIC ARREST MANNHEIM RD & DEVONSHIRE ST WPD
Officer on patrol observed a vehicle per-

form a traffic infraction. A 31 year old male from Westchester, IL was cited for Misdemeanor Speeding, and Operating Vehicle with Expired Registration. The 31 year old was released with a Citation & Notice and given a court date at the 4th District Cook County Courthouse in Maywood, IL.

25-3345 09/01/2025 12:38AM TRAFFIC ARREST MANNHEIM RD & DICKENS ST WPD
Officer on patrol observed a vehicle perform a traffic infraction. A 25 year old male from Westchester, IL was cited for Operating a Motor Vehicle with Unsafe Tires, and Driving while License Suspended. The 25 year old was released with a Citation & Notice and given a court date at the 4th District Cook County Courthouse in Maywood, IL.

25-3429 09/07/2025 3:00AM DOMESTIC BATTERY WESTCHESTER, IL
A 33-year-old female from Westchester has been charged with Aggravated Domestic Battery in Cook County Circuit Court following a recent incident. The 33-year-old male was taken into custody,

processed, and subsequently transported to the Fourth District Cook County Courthouse in Maywood for a bond hearing.

25-3475 09/11/2025 3:55AM DOMESTIC BATTERY WESTCHESTER, IL
A 22-year-old male from Chicago has been charged with Aggravated Domestic Battery in Cook County Circuit Court following a recent incident. The 22-year-old male was taken into custody, processed, and subsequently transported to the Fourth District Cook County Courthouse in Maywood for a bond hearing.

25-3477 09/11/2025 9:46AM TRAFFIC ARREST CANTERBURY ST & KENSINGTON AVE
WPD Officer on patrol observed a vehicle perform a traffic infraction. A 29 year old male from Chicago, IL was cited for Disobeying a Stop Sign, Driving while License Suspended and No Valid Proof of Insurance. The 29 year old was released with a Citation & Notice and given a court date at the 4th District Cook County Courthouse in Maywood, IL.



WESTCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

NEWSLETTER

October 2025

Kayak with the Library!
Multiple dates | See Calendar

Join us on a kayak trip and discover the beauty of the Des Plaines River this fall! Call for more details
(708) 562-3573 x2

October Book Discussion

October 21st | 6:30 PM
Join us to discuss *Good Dirt* by Charmaine Wilkerson. Copies are available now at the circulation desk.

Monthly Knitting Group!

First Wednesday | 6 PM
Drop in to hang out with other Westchester knitters! Call for more details **(708) 562-3573 x2**

Nature Journaling

Saturday, October 11th | 12 PM | Conference Room

Want to connect to the natural world? Visit the library's gardens and start a nature journal, guided by a librarian. Every attendee will be provided with a journal, and we'll talk about observation, sketching, and how to keep journaling through the winter. **Registration is required.**

Adult Take-and-Make: Mini Cinnamon Stick Brooms

Monday, October 20th | Adult Department While Supplies Last

Get into the Halloween spirit and grab a kit to make a mini witch broom with a cinnamon stick. It's both spooky and aromatic! **While supplies last.**

Embroidery Journaling

Thursday, October 16th | 6 PM Community Room

Stop by to learn the month's new stitch for your embroidery journal, the Lazy Daisy (and it's variation, the Chain Stitch). If you can't make it, ask the librarians at the reference desk for a handout to take home and practice on your own!

ILP: Beyond the Screen: A "Wicked" Conversation with Marissa Bode

Tuesday, October 21st | 7 PM | Zoom

Prepare for a magical evening as Illinois Libraries Present welcomes actress Marissa Bode. Bode made her feature film debut as Nessarose in Academy Award-winning blockbuster, *Wicked*, directed by Jon M. Chu. **Registration is required.**

Qigong and Sound Meditation

October 11th | 11 AM | Community Room

Join Gail Morales for this beginner-friendly workshop that is a combination of qigong and beautiful sounds. Qigong involves a series of slow flowing movements and deep measured breathing while in a chair or standing. The workshop ends with soothing sounds from seven crystal singing bowls, chimes, handheld gongs, and other sound instruments. **Registration is required.**

Chair Yoga with Fit4Chicago

October 14th | 11 AM | Community Room

Come stretch with Fit4Chicago's talented instructors! This is a gentle chair yoga session, perfect for all fitness levels with no floor work required. Just bring yourself and get ready to move, breathe, and relax. **Registration is required.**

The Haunted Page with William Pack

October 23rd | 6 PM | Community Room

Edgar Allan Poe, Ray Bradbury, M.R. James, and Shirley Jackson provide the inspiration for 60 minutes of spine-tingling bizarre magic, spell-binding stories, and macabre humor. For 60 minutes, William Pack will take you into your own private Twilight Zone. Participate in the thrilling action that will leave you amazed and, maybe a little disturbed by the odd and unusual occurrences! **Registration is required.**

Cooking for a Crowd with Chef Cherise

Wednesday, November 5th | 6 PM | Community Room

It's time for you to join the party! Cook smart, to enjoy your company AND a delicious meal that you finish prepping before anyone walks in the door. Chef Cherise Slattery will reveal tips and recipes designed to feed a very tasty meal to a very hungry group. Recipes will include a savory dip, slow cooker sliders, creamy pasta salad, and dessert! Delicious samples of Roasted Garlic Bean Dip, and Dark Chocolate Cookies will be served.

Hoop Dancing with Starr Chief Eagle

Wednesday, October 22nd | 6 PM | Community Room

Starr Chief Eagle, an enrolled member of the Sicangu (Rosebud) Lakota Sioux Tribe, will provide an interactive and educational dive into Lakota Culture that will explore the language, art, and knowledge of the Lakota people. During her presentation she will perform the rare tradition of Hoop Dancing in which she uses 22 hoops to create several designs, shapes, and creatures to tell a story. **Registration is required**



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Library Director Patrick Callaghan • Board of Trustees John Lamberti-president, Greg Christoff, Shannon Flint, Christine Kuffel, Darla Woods & Stephanie Pedersen • Board Meetings on 4th Monday of every month 7 PM.

ADA Requests: We welcome patrons of all abilities. To request an accommodation, including captioning or American Sign Language services please contact us at least 7 days before the event.

Trick Treat



hours on October 31:
3 p.m. to 7 p.m.



You can cut out one of the signs on the next page
and display on your door to let trick-or-treaters
know if you're participating.



Trick-or-Treaters WELCOME!



**HAVE A SAFE
AND HAPPY
HALLOWEEN!**



please **NO**

Trick-or-Treaters

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Storytimes in the Library

Mother Goose on the Loose

Wednesdays, October 1st, 8th, 29th | 10:15 AM

Get ready to sing, hear stories, and make a craft based on the theme of the day. Best for babies – PreK.

Tales & Treats!

Thursday, October 9th | 4 PM | Community Room

Calling all kids in Kindergarten - 2nd grade. Join us once a month for this special storytime just for you! Listen to fun stories while you munch on a delicious snack! **Registration is required**; for grades K - 2.

Teen Programs

Volunteer Decorating Help!

Saturday, October 11th | 10 AM - 12 PM

Come in to create spooky-themed decorations for the teen room. Each participant will receive two (2) volunteer hours. Volunteers need to have a volunteer application filled out and signed by a parent/guardian at least one day before the event. Please call the teen librarian for more information at **708-562-3573 X3**.

Teen Mystery Book Boxes

October 13th | Circulation Desk

Sign up for a Mystery Book box. In the box, you'll find a book (or two) on a specific theme and some surprises! For grades 6-12 with a valid library card. **Registration is required.**

Teen Take & Make

October 13th | Teen Room

Drop by the Teen Room for a craft kit--take it home or stay in the library and create it. For grades 6-12 while supplies last.

Youth Programs

Pumpkins Scavenger Hunt

All Month | Youth Department

Find all the pumpkins and get ready for Halloween. Collect a sheet from the Youth Services desk. When you find all the pumpkins, turn your sheet in to collect a prize! One (1) sheet per participant,

Imagination Station

Monday, October 6th | 10 AM - 7 PM

Once a month stop by our Imagination Station where you'll find everything you need to make a cool craft, pick up books on a specific topic, and more. What a great way to give your creativity a work out! Best for grades K - 5, while supplies last.

Mario Kart Mondays

Mondays | 4 PM | Teen Room

Zoom through the colorful world of Mario Kart and show off your racing skills. Best for kids in 3rd grade+.

Lego Club

Friday, October 10th & 24th | 3:30 PM

Don't miss this fun club where you can show off your building skills and get to put your creations on display. Best for grades K-5.

Sensory Lab

Monday, October 20th | 11 AM

Don't miss this special monthly program where your little one can touch, feel, explore and more at our sensory stations. **Registration is required**; best for PreK.



Mini Musicians

Thursday, October 16th | 10:15 AM

Brookfield Academy for Mini Musicians will provide us with a highly interactive musical program using songs, musical instruments, and movement! **Registration required; for PreK - age 5.**



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HOOP DANCING

LIVE PERFORMANCE

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Starr Chief Eagle
Lakota Artist & Hoop Dancer
Extraordinaire

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

[TINYURL.COM/HOOP-DANCING](https://tinyurl.com/hoop-dancing)



WED, OCTOBER 22, 6 PM
COMMUNITY ROOM



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WWW.WESTCHESTERPL.ORG

WESTCHESTER PARK DISTRICT
presents

3RD ANNUAL **Spooktacular**
HOWL-O-WEEEN
CANINE Costume Contest

OCTOBER 25, 2025
12-1PM . COMMUNITY PARK

DON'T MISS OUT - STAY CONNECTED

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THE SPOOKY SMASH BASH

Sunday November 2nd 10AM-1PM

Whether you're looking to relieve stress or just have a blast with friends and family, this activity is sure to bring laughter and joy. Grab your pumpkin and let the smashing begin!

Location: Mayfair Park

Sledgehammer: \$4

Drop it from high up: \$7

Crafts, Activities, and More!

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WESTCHESTER PARK DISTRICT
presents

a snack & candy collection benefiting children and families cared for by local charities, hospitals, rehab and hospice locations.

OCTOBER 1ST - NOVEMBER 15TH

OPERATION
Treats & Sweets
2025

Bought too much candy? Went overboard Trick or Treating? In the midst of a candy hangover? Just want it all out of the house? We've got you covered!!

Sweeten someone else's day by donating your Halloween candy or other candy/snack/treats. This fall, Westchester Park District will once again be accepting donations at both of our building locations, to pass on to local children's charities, hospitals, rehab and hospice locations.

Snacks and candy are highly sought after and considered a necessity to help families and caregivers manage through the long hours, overnight stays and all-to-often prolonged inpatient care.

DROP OFF LOCATIONS
Community Center - 10201 Bond Street, Westchester
Mayfair Recreation Center - 10835 Wakefield Street, Westchester

"Great things are done by a series of small things brought together."
- Vincent Van Gogh

DON'T MISS OUT - STAY CONNECTED

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Westchester Park District

SATURDAY OCTOBER 25TH

HALLOWEEN PARTY

COME JOIN US AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER PARK FROM 10AM-NOON

DONT MISS THIS SPOOKTACULAR EVENT!

HAY RIDES | PONY RIDES | MINI PUMPKIN PATCH

DON'T MISS OUT - STAY CONNECTED

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Village branch collection for October will be the week of October 6th – 10th

November’s collection will be the week of November 3rd – 7th (last collection of the year)
The Public Works Department will collect branches the first full working week of every month (April-November)

• All brush must be put out on the front parkway by 7:00 a.m. on your designated collection day. Branches can be up to 7 feet 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.

• Again, please put ALL brush out on your designated collection day and Public Works crews will determine what constitutes an open load, which will be picked up later in the week.

• An open load would include 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. Dirt must be removed from any root balls for pickup.

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

Landscapers & tree services are responsible

for their own debris disposal.

Please note the following schedule for branch pickup:

MONDAY: From Mannheim Rd west to Wolf Rd and from Canterbury St south to Windsor Dr-including both sides of Windsor Dr. Also Waterford, Waverly, Camelot and Concord.

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

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

THURSDAY: From Bellevue Ave west to Wolf Rd, Martindale Dr south to 31st Street.

Weekly yard waste collection by S.B.C. began on your first rubbish collection day in April.

COLUMBUS/ INDIGENOUS PEOPLES’ DAY HOLIDAY GARBAGE SCHEDULE

There will be NO service delays for garbage collection the week of October 13th

S.B.C. Waste Solutions, Inc.
312-522-1115
sbcwastesolutions.com/westchester

• If your garbage, recycling, and/or yard waste was at the curb by 6am but was not collected by 6pm on your regular day, please call S.B.C. directly to report a missed collection.

• You may place two (2) large items that will not fit in your receptacle (couch, chair, table, etc.,) at the curb every week for collection. Please call S.B.C. directly to inform them of large items.

• S.B.C. will collect household hazardous waste and electronic waste (e-waste), at no additional charge, including household chemicals, automotive products, paint products, garden chemicals, universal materials, batteries, long fluorescent lightbulbs, and swimming pool chemicals. This separate collection must be pre-scheduled by calling 312-522-1115.

Street Parking Restrictions

From April 1 through November 30, parking restrictions are in effect to support street maintenance activities. Please check posted street signs carefully—it is unlawful to park or leave a vehicle parked during designated weekday hours on streets marked for maintenance.

These restrictions help ensure our streets stay clean and well-maintained. These restrictions are for one side of the street, once a week, 7am-3pm as designated by posted

signage.

Westchester Tree Replacement Program

1. The Village has been planting trees on eligible parkways at no cost to the resident. This replacement program does not allow for residents to choose the species of tree planted, the location, the number of trees planted, nor are residents able to opt-out of having a tree planted in the Village parkway in front and/or side of their residence.

Please call Public Works if you would like to request a tree be planted, sooner rather than later, on any parkway.

2. If you would prefer to choose the species of the tree to be planted, this can be achieved through the 50/50 program. The resident may choose the tree(s) from a list provided by the Village, and shares half of the cost of the tree(s) and planting with the Village.

To request the list of 50/50 trees, please call the Public Works Department at 708-345-0041.

Construction News

Construction notices & signs are all around the Village. Please read & keep notices when you receive them, and remember to obey all signs, permanent & temporary.

UPDATES are posted daily to: [Westchester-il.org/news/construction](https://www.westchester-il.org/news/construction)

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Water Main/ Service Line Replacements, Sewer Lining, and Street Resurfacing Program

Street	From	To
Norfolk Ave.	Wedgwood Dr.	Roosevelt Rd.
Pelham St.	Westchester Blvd	Newcastle Ave.
Drury Ln.	Newcastle Ave.	Gardner Rd.
Canterbury St.	Mannheim Rd.	Westchester Blvd
Water main & service line replacements only		
Balmoral Ave.	Canterbury St.	Wight St.

Street Resurfacing Program

Street	From	To
Waterford St.	Mannheim Rd.	Cul-de-sac
Kitchner St.	Westchester Blvd	Worcester Ave.
Canterbury St.	Suffolk Ave.	Gardner Rd.

Micro Surfacing anticipated to begin early October and be completed by the end of the month

Street	From	To
Kitchner St.	Westchester Blvd.	Suffolk Ave.
Enterprise Dr.	Cermak Rd.	Constitution Dr.
Constitution Dr.	Enterprise Dr.	Wolf Rd.

Phase II Fire Hydrant Painting should be completed by October, weather dependent. Phase III will occur in 2026.

As always, residents are asked to call Public Works at 708-345-0041 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.

If after 3:30pm M-F or on weekends and holidays, please call the non- emergency number at 708-593-3830.



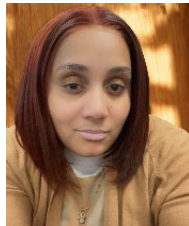
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VETERANS 5K

RUN & WALK
MAYFAIR PARK ★ NOVEMBER 9TH, 2025 ★ 9:00AM

& SALUTE TO VETERANS - BRUNCH 11:00AM-1:00PM

VETERANS 5K RUN / WALK
Westchester Park District community Veterans 5K is the perfect way to celebrate, remember and honor all our Military Veterans, Active Duty, Reserves, Spouses, and Friends of the Military. Advanced registration for this event will be \$20 5K and \$40 1 Mile Walk. Registration fees will increase after our event registration deadline of November 5th, 2025. Same day registration will begin at 7:30am Sunday morning and will include an option to purchase a t-shirt if available. Our run will begin and end at Mayfair Park. Shirts are guaranteed only if registered by 10/19/25. Online registration closes on Wednesday, 11/5/25 at 5 pm. More information has been made available at wepdparks.org. Run/Walk START 9:00am

SALUTE TO VETERANS - BRUNCH
The Westchester Park District salutes all military service members, active and retired. As a token of our appreciation, we would like to provide a free, buffet style brunch to our Veterans and immediate family on November 9, 2025. Though this is a free event, we do require everyone attending to register by October 31, 2025 for capacity and meal ordering purposes. Pre-registrations are accepted at the Community Center, Mayfair Center or through the QR code above. Location: Mayfair Banquet Center, 11am-1:00pm

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Please email: Urbane.Robertette@wepdparks.org

PLATINUM SPONSOR \$2500
Sponsors at this level will receive their logo (small) on our official event t-shirts to be worn by all participants, a link with logo on our website, social media advertising with link to sponsor's website or social media, recognition at kick-off event, day table, an individual sponsor banner with official race day logo, 5 participant event registrations, and first right of refusal to sponsor again in 2025.

GOLD SPONSOR \$1000
Sponsors at this level will receive their logo (large) on our official event t-shirts to be worn by all participants, a link with logo on our website, social media advertising with link to sponsor's website or social media, recognition at kick-off event, day table, and event day logo on official race day 5K banner.

SILVER SPONSOR \$500
Sponsors at this level will receive their logo (medium) on our official event t-shirts to be worn by all participants, a link with logo on our website, social media advertising with link to sponsor's website or social media, recognition at kick-off event, day table, and event day logo on official race day 5K banner.

BRONZE SPONSOR \$250
Sponsors at this level will receive their logo (small) on our official race t-shirt, to be worn by all participants, a link with logo on our website, social media advertising with link to sponsor's website and/or social media.

COMMUNITY SPONSOR \$100
Sponsors at this level will receive a listing displayed on our official race t-shirt to be worn by all participants and recognition on our website.

VETERANS SIGN SPONSOR \$25
Signs are purchased and decorated to honor someone special or to support the event participants on race day. All signs will be posted throughout the course.

VETERANS BRUNCH SPONSOR \$25
Sponsor a Veteran at our Salute to Veterans Brunch

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Modernizing Lives with the Inventions of the 1920s

When Westchester was established as a town in 1925, the 1920s were roaring. It was America's most optimistic period, and the development of the town and subsequent community of Westchester reflected that. Numerous inventions marked the decade to a degree that today we could not imagine life without the amenities, medicines, and gadgets that someone introduced or created during this period. As new homes were built on 2000 acres in Westchester, purchased by Samuel Insull's developers, the inventions of the period sparked a new chapter of life for the inhabitants and newcomers. It was truly a remarkable decade.

In 1923 the bulldozer was invented, with a patent obtained in 1925 by James Cuning and Earl McLeod, which was useful in all the building projects undertaken in town. The model T Henry Ford launched in 1908 was still in production, a classic automobile frequently seen on Roosevelt Road, Cermak, Mannheim and Wolf Roads. Modern traffic lights with red, yellow and green lights were introduced in 1920 by William Poltz from Detroit, enhancing the flow of traffic. A car headrest (1921) was added for safety, and in 1922 the convertible was brought out. Power steering was conceived in 1926, but it did not come into use until the 1930s.

The 1920s led to changes in how people lived, with better communication, expanded mobility, and a novel focus on entertainment. This was the golden age of the radio, where people gathered round to listen to news, baseball and stories, but jazz music defined the 1920s as the "Jazz Age," and music was everywhere. The Charleston was all the rage on twenties dance floors. A car radio was perfected in 1929. The jukebox was invented in 1927, and loud-speakers were available for the first time in 1924. The instant camera (1925) documented people's lives. Philo Farnsworth invented the first electronic television which he conceived as a 14-year-old in 1921 and patented in 1927. People enjoyed going to the movies and pined after the latest screen star. City Center Bank in Kansas City used the first drive-through in 1926, and soon drive-throughs were everywhere, even for burger outlets and restaurants. In 1922 water skiing became a new sport. Everything in the decade had an element of sound and speed. No wonder, young girls emulated the novel young woman called the Flapper. The 1920s were indeed "roaring."

With new and updated building types being constructed in 1920s Westchester, such as the bungalows, multi-level apartments, and English style houses, the family could enjoy a variety of new amenities in the home. These were much facilitated by the electricity that was available because Samuel Insull was in the process of connecting the western suburbs to Chicago. Washing machines and vacuum cleaners were electrified in the 1920s and much improved, and Frigidaire created a new type of refrigerator that replaced the icebox and the iceman who had delivered large

blocks of ice to the homes. Ice cube trays were an invention of 1928. Freshnesspreserving frozen food for purchase was made practical by Clarence Birdseye in 1927. Many of the ovens for sale in the decade had electric burners. Some homes added a garbage disposal after its invention in 1927. In 1926 the newest thing was a pop-up toaster called the Toastmaster. At the end of a busy day, a recliner (conceived as a wooden structure in 1927, with added leather for comfort a bit later), graced many family rooms to enjoy radio and later TV (still before mass distribution in the 1920s) or bring relaxation at the end of a busy day. One could even start an electric fan to stay cool.

Other inventions made life easier for everyone in the family. Women used hair dryers for the first time in 1920--a flexible pipe leading from a vacuum cleaner was the nearest option prior to that invention for hair drying. Men began using electric shavers starting in 1925. Cotton swabs, commonly known for its brand name Q-Tips (Q for quality) first appeared on shelves in 1923. The need to shield eyes from bright light led to the introduction of modern sunglasses in 1929. The lifesaving medical developments of insulin (1922) and penicillin (1928) also came in this decade.

Band-Aids had already been available for the little accidental mishaps since 1920. After playing on the new jungle gyms, which appeared for the first time in 1920, kids would have enjoyed a fabulous array of treats from store candy counters. An all-around favorite was bubble gum, marketed after its bubble-blowing formulation in 1928 as "Dubble Bubble," which included a Fleer Funnies color comic strip. At a penny apiece, it sold \$1.5 million dollars worth in its first year. It is amazing how many of our favorite candies we grew up with first appeared in the 1920s: Juicy Fruit (1920), Mounds (1920), Oh Henry! (1920), Baby Ruth (1921), Butterfinger (1923), Milky Way (1924), Reese's (1925) Pez (1927), Heath Bar (1928), Milk Duds (1928), and Twizzlers (1929), among many others. The 1920s Eskimo Pies were a great way to combine chocolate and ice cream, using a silver-foil wrapper. One local report from the 1920s attests to children buying candy at a favorite destination, a store formerly located at the Fresh Meadow's Golf Course on Cermak and Wolf Road.

The 1920s was indeed an amazing period for change in the western suburbs. Developers were able to optimize train connections to Chicago by setting model communities closely integrated with transportation opportunities. It basically marked the beginning of modern life and the consumer society. With advertising expanding into all areas of life, the spirit of the age was very optimistic and innovative, and the town of Westchester was truly a product of this fascinating decade.

Patricia Reaves
Save the Prairie Society
Director and Historian



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Senior Health Fair
Tuesday, October 7th
11:00am - 2:00pm
La Bella Events
5412 LaGrange Rd
Countryside, IL 60525

Optional: Lunch available 11:30am-1:00pm
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Call 708-603-2269 to register for lunch

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Thursday, October 16th, 2025 From 7-9pm
Pierre H. Michiels,, Presenter

In today's rapidly evolving job market, artificial intelligence (AI) is playing a transformative role in how employers recruit and how candidates prepare. This presentation equips job seekers with the knowledge and tools to confidently navigate an AI-enhanced job search. Learn how employers use AI—from resume screening through applicant tracking systems (ATS) to video interview analysis—and why understanding these technologies is essential for standing out.

Participants will be exposed to practical ways to access and use AI tools to their advantage. This session offers ways to integrate AI into every stage of the job search. Ethical considerations and best practices will be discussed to ensure authenticity and responsible use. Pierre H. Michiels, is a Career Specialist for the Career Services Center at College of DuPage. He holds' an M.A. from Northern Illinois University.

Join us for this informative presentation at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 Wolf Road, Western Springs on 10/16 7 -9pm. All are welcome. There is no cost to attend.

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SATURDAY, October 18th, 2025



We are collecting non perishable grocery/food items (for example, baking mixes, canned food, cereal), and personal care items (for example, tooth brushes, paper products). And, used eyeglasses and old US Flags.

Saturday, October 18th, put your filled bags on your front porch by 9:00am.

A Scout will be by to pick up your donations. **IF** your bag has not been picked up by 1:00 PM, please email us at: scoutingforfooddrive73@gmail.com

Para recibir una copia de este folleto, favor de enviar un correo electrónico a scoutingforfooddrive73@gmail.com

*Food contributions will be distributed to Westchester area food pantries, including the **Westchester Food Pantry and St. Vincent De Paul**. Used eyeglasses will be distributed by **Lions Club International** to people in developing countries. Old US flags will be respectfully retired by the **Scouts**.*

Thank You **For your contributions!**

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GARDENS NEEDED FOR 2026

Grassroots Garden Group is looking for gardens to showcase in our 8th Annual Westchester Garden Walk in 2026! If you want your yard and gardens to be considered, contact us immediately. Garden scouting will occur in August and September. Benefits of being in the garden walk include:

- Help those in need
- Encourage fellow gardeners
- Meet great people
- Show off our beautiful village
- Attend our Preview Party
- Advance viewing of all gardens

www.GrassrootsGardenGroup.org/Volunteer

Westchester WWII Veteran Celebrates 100th Birthday

Westchester resident **Joseph “Joe” Offenbecher** recently celebrated a remarkable milestone—his 100th birthday—with a celebration that reflected both his generosity and his love of community.

Instead of gifts, Joe requested that friends and family make donations to the **Westchester Food Pantry**.

His wish was honored in a big way, yielding **hundreds of contributions to support neighbors in need**.

Joe’s birthday was marked with festivities fitting such an extraordinary occasion.

Highlights included a trip to a **Chicago Cubs game**, a lively party surrounded by family and friends, and even a special **parade organized by the local Honor Flight crew**, led by Westchester residents **Mary Norge-Drent and Larry and Nicki**

Vaillancourt.

A proud World War II veteran, Joe grew up and raised his family in Kankakee and now calls Westchester home, where he lives with his youngest daughter, **Linda**.

He is also the proud grandfather of **Amanda Grant**, Executive Director of the Westchester Food Pantry.

“Keep moving!”

When asked what advice he would share with younger generations, Joe offered his signature motto: “Keep moving!”



WaterSmart Portal is Now Live – Sign Up Now!

We're excited to announce the launch of Westchester's new Water Usage Portal! This new tool will allow residents to view real-time water usage, receive automated alerts for leaks or unusual activity, access billing information, and more — all in one convenient place.

Don't miss this opportunity to take control of your water usage, avoid surprises on your bill, and help us build a more efficient, responsive utility system.

SIGN UP FOR THE WATERSMART PORTAL NOW:

www.westchester-il.org/waterportal

New Water & Sewer Rates

These changes took effect July 1, 2025, following a professional rate study, and represent the next phase of the Village's multi-year plan to address aging infrastructure, comply with the State's Lead Service Line Replacement Mandate, and maintain long-term financial sustainability of our water and sewer systems.

New Rates Effective July 1, 2025:

- **Water usage:** \$19.21 per 1,000 gallons
- **Sewer usage:** \$4.03 per 1,000 gallons
- **Water infrastructure fee:** \$22 per month
- **Sewer infrastructure fee:** \$15 per month

These rates will appear on the OCTOBER 2025 utility bills.

The approved ordinance also includes a 10% increase in July 2026, a 5% increase in July 2027, and then annual increases of 3–5% to keep pace with infrastructure maintenance and water delivery costs.

Learn More:

www.westchester-il.org/waterrates

Water Fixture Efficiency Reimbursement Grant Program

The Village of Westchester is offering a Water Fixture Efficiency Reimbursement Grant to assist low-income residents in reducing water usage and offsetting the cost of high-efficiency fixtures. Eligible residents can receive up to 90% reimbursement on the purchase and installation of lead-free toilets, faucets, and showerheads—with a lifetime household maximum of \$500.

Highlights:

- ✓ Covers up to:
 - \$200 per toilet
 - \$100 per faucet
 - \$75 per showerhead

- ✓ Must meet water-efficiency standards (e.g. 1.28 gallons per flush for toilets)

- ✓ Must obtain a free plumbing permit
Income eligibility required (e.g. Medicaid, SNAP, LIHEAP, or unemployment letter)

Utility Bill Hardship Program

The Village of Westchester offers a Utility Bill Hardship Program to assist residents who are experiencing financial difficulty in keeping up with their water and sewer

bill. This program allows eligible account holders to apply for a payment arrangement through a formal hardship hearing.

Program Details:

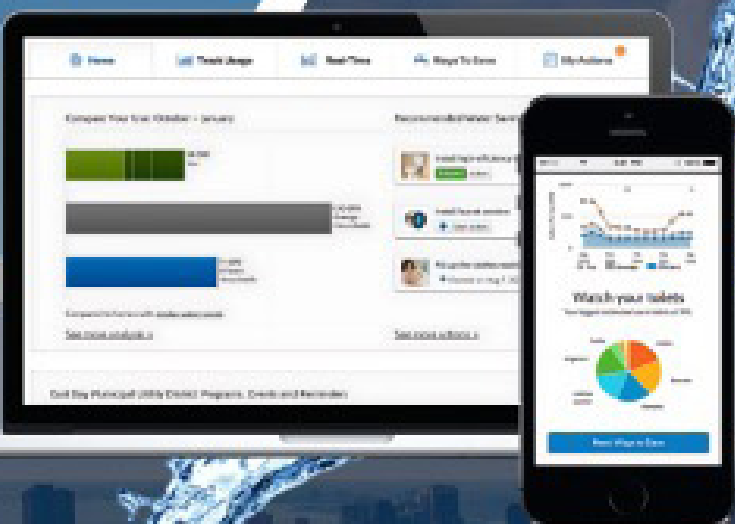
- ✓ Account must not be delinquent at the time of application
- ✓ Residents must apply in writing using the official application
- ✓ Only one hardship arrangement allowed every 6 months
- ✓ Applicants must attend a scheduled hardship hearing – missing it counts as your one chance for the 6-month period

- ✓ If approved, failure to follow the payment plan will result in termination and the full balance becoming due

Submit completed applications to:

Village of Westchester
Utility Billing Department
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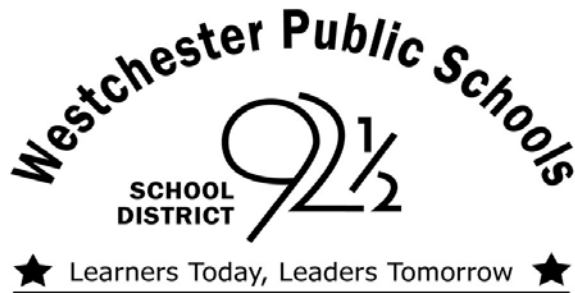
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A Letter from the Superintendent

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The first few weeks of school have gone smoothly, and I appreciate everyone's efforts to get the year off to a strong start. Students are settling into routines, and it's been great to see families connecting with our staff at drop-off, pick-up, and school events.

September was a busy month, with several opportunities for families to engage with our schools. These events were a great way to learn more about what your child is working on this year and to connect with teachers and staff.

- **September 3** – WPTC Meeting, 6:00 p.m. at WIS
- **September 4** – WPS Curriculum Night & Grandparent Activities, 6:00–7:30 p.m.
- **September 9** – WMS Curriculum Night, 6:00–7:30 p.m.
- **September 16** – WIS Curriculum Night, 6:00–7:30 p.m.
- **September 29** – WMS High School Night, 6:00–7:30 p.m.
- **September 24** – First School Improvement Release Day

In addition to all of the activities, this month, students will take beginning-of-the-year assessments. These help teachers understand each child's strengths and needs so they can plan instruction for a successful year.

Let's keep the momentum going as we move into our first full month of school. Thank you for your continued support—we are off to a solid start. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me (psalemi@sd925.org or 708-670-1927).

Sincerely,

Philip Salemi, Ed.D
Superintendent of Schools District 92½

Westchester Primary School

Westchester Primary School has been engaged and growing since the first day of the school year. Our WPS students celebrated National Art Week the week of September 8th. National Art Week was passed by Congress in 2010 and joins together in communities across the country. WPS was fortunate participate in an author visit with Chandra Donelson who read to our students on Tuesday, September 7th her book The Data Detective. Also, WPS has been celebrating Hispanic Heritage month, September 15th - October 15th.

WPS students continue to learn and demonstrate their academic and social growth as communicated in their mid-trimester progress reports on October 3rd, and first-trimester comes to a close on November 19th. At the beginning of the year, students participated in assessments including FastBridge curriculum based measures, as well as the MAP (Measures of Academic Progress for first and second graders only) assessments. The beginning of the year assessment data, along with teacher input and grade level assessment data, provides the information to target students' needs across the learning continuum. Therefore, our staff continues to adjust and focus lessons to target the areas of growth, while extending learning opportunities for all. Lessons are planned to ensure that each student is successful and that our students are working to their full potential.

Furthermore, the highest level of student growth cannot be completely accomplished only through learning at school. It also takes a strong home-school commitment, and WPS continues to value our partnership with our families and community. Staff and students at Westchester Primary School welcomed families with their grandparents for our annual Curriculum Night and Grandparents Night on September 4th in order to celebrate the importance of relationships across generations and partner with our families for success in learning. A crowd of grandparents and WPS grandchildren packed the WPS gym to take part in various activities, and Westchester Middle School National Junior Honor Society students volunteered to facilitate the event.



Westchester Primary School cont.



(Pictured grandparents and grandchildren). Parents participated in sessions to learn strategies to help their children find success academically and socially. Also, our WPS/WIS Family Reading and Math Night, held on October 1st, was very well attended. Our families learned more ways to foster the love of reading and math at home.

It is through targeting instruction, continuing our partnerships with our families, and providing opportunities, including the upcoming parent-teacher conferences on November 24th and 25th, that we work together to ensure our Mission Statement: “Westchester Public Schools, District 92 ½, Will Prepare and Empower Students to be Successful in Life.”

Westchester Intermediate School

The first month of our school year has been exciting. Our 4th and some new 5th Graders were able to try out instruments for our Band Program which is always amazing thanks to Mr. Collins and Mr. Kluge who create an atmosphere for students to thrive in. Our Curriculum Night was successful again this year. We appreciate seeing so many of our families here that evening. It continues to be a fun tradition to have our parents leave a message for their children on our Wall of Hopes and Dreams!

We have completed our first round of assessments which is one part of shaping our curricular plans for the next few months. Our students are moving right along into their reading and math workshops so they continue to build those skills and challenge each other every day. We look forward to seeing what they are able to do in the coming months.

We are thankful to the WPTC for continuing to support our students’ learning needs in any way they can. We had the Walk-a-Thon which is always enjoyable to see the WPS students and staff as we pass each other on Cermak. The Westchester Police Department has been great in supporting us with this as well. The WPTC also provided treats and prizes for our Math and Reading Night with WPS. We are looking forward to our Hispanic Heritage Celebration and our Fall Family Dance later this month as well. We also have our Fall Classroom Parties on October 31st. .

Don’t forget to check out your child’s grades in PowerSchool. That is the best way to keep up with their work completion in school. Some activities upcoming in November include our Veteran’s Day assembly. We also have the end of our first trimester coming up followed by Parent Teacher Conferences on November 24th and 25th. Please make sure to join us so you can see how your child is growing.

Go Huskies!

Westchester Middle School

WMS is moving along in their second full month of school. We will complete the first quarter at the end of this month on October 24.

Our clubs and activities are underway. Please check the website or contact the advisor for the schedules and events. Our Boys Softball and Girls Basketball teams are close to completing their seasons. We are proud of how our teams have represented our school. Finally, we plan to have the following clubs take place at WMS this year: Art Club, Guitar Club, Intramurals, MathTeam, National Junior Honor Society, Student Council, Warrior Club, and Yearbook Club. Please see our weekly message or our website for the club sponsor with questions and information on upcoming events and activities.

Tryouts for 7th and 8th Grade Boys Basketball (Week of October 14) and 7th and 8th Grade Cheer and Dance (Week of October 20) will take place. Students must have a current physical on file to try out. Students are not eligible to try out if they do not have this paperwork completed.

As a school we will continue to reinforce our Warrior Expectations for everyone at WMS. Students and Staff should:

- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible
- Be Safe
- Be There and Be Ready

WMS will host our first Choir concert on Wednesday, October 22 at 6:30 PM. Our first band concert of the year on Wednesday, October 29 at 6:30 PM. Both events will take place in the WMS Gymnasium. Please enter door #11 off of the parking lot for these events. WMS will also host our first dance of the year on Friday, October 24 from 6:00 - 7:30 PM. We look forward to a fun time at all of these events.

It is important for students to check their grades and give you an update on their progress. They should be able to login to PowerSchool and show you their current grades. We encourage our students to reach out to their teachers if they need help with anything in the classroom. If there is anything we can do to support your child, please do not hesitate to reach out.

We will continue to send weekly updates on Friday afternoon around 4:00 PM. These messages include important information about WMS. Please make sure that you have signed up for ParentSquare if you have not done so already. Be on the lookout for our first Warriors of the Month in the next newspaper.

DONATE BLOOD

Saturday
October
11

8:30AM – 1:00PM

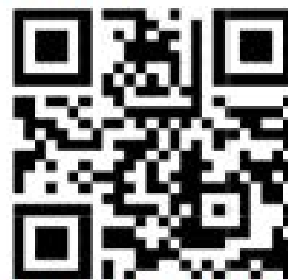
Helpful tip:
Make sure to eat a
healthy meal and drink
plenty of water before
donating.

1-800-786-4483

Westchester Community Blood Drive

Park District Community Center Gymnasium,
10201 Bond St Westchester, IL 60154

APPOINTMENTS PREFERRED: Call 1-800-786-4483, visit <https://tinyurl.com/2szxvhc3> or scan the QR Code below



24 Donors Needed at this Drive!
Sign Up & Help Supply Lifesaving Blood to 62%
Patients at 85 Local Hospitals in IL & NW IN!



WESTCHESTER SHRED & RECYCLE EVENT

OCTOBER 18 - 10:00 AM TO NOON
2305 ENTERPRISE DR., WESTCHESTER

PAPER SHREDDING

All unwanted paperwork will be accepted. Remove paper clips, binder clips, and rubber bands.

ELECTRONIC RECYCLING

Most household electronics will be accepted. Limit one television per household. Visit www.westchester-il.org for full list of accepted items.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKEBACK

Pills only - liquid meds and sharps will not be accepted. Collection is anonymous, bottles with identifying information will be destroyed.



**THIS COLLECTION EVENT IS FOR
 VILLAGE OF WESTCHESTER RESIDENTS.**

**WESTCHESTER FOOD PANTRY WILL BE
 ON-SITE COLLECTING MONETARY &
 NON-PERISHABLE FOOD DONATIONS!**

WWW.WESTCHESTER-IL.ORG



Village of Westchester

ENERGY PLAN



The Village of Westchester is creating its first Energy Plan to improve energy efficiency, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and increase sustainability in our community.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

HOW TO GET INVOLVED NOW:

1

TAKE THE ENERGY PLAN SURVEY

Take the Energy Plan Survey to help set our priorities, and share it with your Westchester friends, family, and neighbors!



2

ATTEND THE COMMUNITY MEETING - OCT 29

Join us for a Community Meeting at Westchester Village Hall on Wednesday, October 29, from 6:00–7:30 PM to learn about Westchester's Community Energy Plan and share your ideas to help shape a more sustainable future. 10300 W Roosevelt Rd, Westchester, IL 60154.

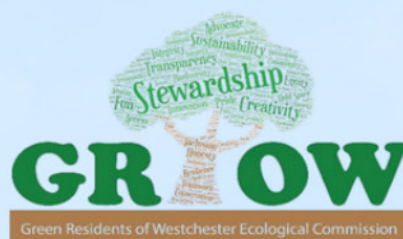


Scan the QR code

Take the survey and follow the planning progress by visiting the Energy Plan webpage.

<https://palebluedot.illc/westchester-energy-plan>





NAVIGATING SOLAR OPTIONS WITH GRACE CONCIALDI

*SOLAR OUTREACH COORDINATOR,
CITIZENS UTILITY BOARD*

NOVEMBER 19 — 12:00 - 1:00 PM

Join the Citizens Utility Board (CUB) for an informative session on the benefits of clean energy and the latest solar programs. CUB expert Grace Concialdi will explain how you can take advantage of current incentives and opportunities, including updates on the Solar Group Buy Program, Switch Together.



HOW TO JOIN:

- Watch the presentation live on Zoom – scan QR code to register
- Attend a public viewing of the Zoom presentation, hosted by GROW in the Westchester Public Library Community Room
- Can't make it? The presentation will be recorded and posted at www.westchester-il.org/grow





Aging Well in Westchester - Upcoming Event Schedule



Mayfair Recreation Center
10835 Wakefield Street
Westchester, IL 60154



Wednesdays, 11:15 AM - 1:00 PM



- Sept. 10 – Wellness Topic*
- Oct. 8 - BINGO!
- Nov. 12 – Wellness Topic*
- Dec. 10 – Holiday Party*

*RSVP to Gia Marie Benline giabenline@gmail.com or awn@agingcareconnections.org
MayFair Recreation Center, 10835 Wakefield St., Westchester 60154

These programs are brought to you by the:

The Westchester Aging Well Team is a group of volunteers working to make Westchester a great place to age well. Through a series of free informational programs, we help to promote lifelong wellness, support aging at home, raise awareness of available resources, provide a sense of community, and support healthy, informed, and safe aging.

Anti-Discrimination Statement
Aging Care Connections does not discriminate in admission to programs or treatment of employment in compliance with appropriate state and federal statutes. If you feel you have been discriminated against, call 708-354-1323.

Aging Care Connections
111 W. Harris Ave., La Grange, Illinois 60525 | Tel.: 708-354-1323
W:AgingCareConnections.org | E: awn@agingcareconnections.org



Proviso Handyman Department

October 2025

Time to close your windows and keep the cooler air out! We can help take your screen windows off, put them away and install your storm windows. Do your rain barrels and hoses need to be put away? We can do that for you! Weatherproof your windows and doors for preparation for the winter months ahead.

Call 708-547-4001

The Proviso Township Handyman Program serves homeowners over the age of 60 and disabled homeowners who are residents of Proviso Township



Bellwood · Berkeley · Broadview · Brookfield · Forest Park · Hillside ·
LaGrange Park · Maywood · Melrose Park · North Riverside ·
Northlake · Stone Park · Westchester · Western Springs

+ Only Homeowners within the boundaries of the Proviso Township+

Michael A. Corrigan
Supervisor

Anthony “Tony” Williams
Clerk

Steven J. Zawaski
Assessor

Gay F. Chase · Evelyn Chavez · Joseph Christopher · Tommy Olson
Trustees

VOICES OF WESTCHESTER

SHARE YOUR STORY –
BE PART OF OUR CENTENNIAL
CELEBRATION

As part of Westchester’s 100th Anniversary, we are collecting stories and memories from residents past and present. The Voices of Westchester project will feature interviews that capture the people, history, and spirit of our community—preserving them for generations to come.

Interested in participating? Email:
info@westchester-il.gov





Happy Fall from the WPTC!! We hope the beginning of the 2024-2025 school year has been exciting for all Westchester Public School students so far!

Our fall Walk-a-thon was a hit, a BIG THANK YOU to all of our wonderful volunteers, we cannot do these things without you! We had our first restaurant fundraiser at Buona Beef, it was a success! We are looking forward to all of the events we will be hosting this upcoming school year.

We have some fun events coming up!

Be on the lookout for these events and volunteer opportunities:

October 1- Math and Reading Night

October 2- Panera Fundraiser

October 7-8 WPS Book Fair

October 15- Lou Malnati Fundraiser

October 16-17- WIS Book Fair

October 17- Fall Family Dance

October 24- WMS Fall Dance

October 28- Chickie's Fundraiser

October 30- WMS School Store

October 30- EC/PreK Fall Party

October 31- Fall Classroom Parties

Please continue to check our Facebook page and website for any updates!

www.wptc.membershiptoolkit.com

<https://www.facebook.com/WPTC92.5>

You can also reach the WPTC via email at wptc925@gmail.com.

Westchester 2025 Pumpkin Smash

As Halloween approaches, so too does Westchester’s 7th Annual Pumpkin Smash brought to you by the Green Residents of Westchester (GROW).

The Pumpkin Smash is an annual effort by communities to **divert pumpkins from landfills** by providing locations for residents to drop off jack-o-lanterns (minus candles) and other gourds to be composted.

It is held each year after Halloween and this year that will be on Saturday and Sunday, **November 8th & 9th** in Westchester. Items accepted include **pumpkins, gourds, cornstalks, and hay bales**.

Be sure to remove candles, stickers, pipe cleaners, and any non-compostable decorations before placing your pumpkins in dumpsters.

This year we will have two locations!

Behind the Westchester Community Church: 1840 Westchester Boulevard
In the back of the Mayfair Recreation Center parking lot: 10835 Wakefield Street

Many people are surprised to find out that **Illinois is the top producer of pumpkins** in the United States.

In 2023, Illinois produced more pounds of pumpkins than the five next top producing states combined (Source: USDA).

So why bother to compost them instead of just throwing them in the trash? **Pumpkins are nutritionally valuable** since they



contain significant amounts of fiber, potassium, and protein.

Pumpkins are also 90% water and thus when disposed of in a landfill these nutrients and water are lost from the environment rather than being recycled or reinvested back into the environment.

The decomposition of organic matter, such as pumpkins, produces greenhouse gasses.

Landfills are the 3rd largest producers of greenhouse gasses so by composting them we can significantly reduce those emissions.

Composting any organic matter is also just plain beneficial. Compost reduces, and in some cases, eliminates the need for chemical fertilizers. It is a nutrient-dense soil amendment that can provide cost savings over conventional soil remediation.

Lastly, compost enhances water retention in soils helping to reduce flooding in our yards and streets.

In 2024, Westchester joined with 100+ Pumpkin Smash sites to divert pumpkins from making it into landfills. The event resulted in the composting of 326,000 pounds of pumpkins.

This equates to a reduction of **118 tons of CO2** from entering the atmosphere and the diverting of over 35,400 gallons from entering landfills.

Can’t make it during the Pumpkin Smash? Use your SBC yard waste bin to dispose of pumpkins, corn stalks, and hay bundles and it will be picked up during Westchester’s weekly curbside pickup.

If you have any questions, please email Commissioner Kari Roberg at kroberg@westchester-il.gov. The GROW commission generally meets on the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm. Join us in striving for a green Village!

Green Fact of the Month

In the USA, more than 2 billion pumpkins are grown.

Only 20% of the pumpkins are used for food, while the remainder are used as Halloween decorations.

In order to prevent your pumpkins from ending up in landfills, which creates methane gas that is harmful to the warming climate, consider depositing your jack-o’-lanterns in Westchester’s designated composting bins – *see accompanying article.*

Recipe of the Month

Even as fall approaches, there’s so much fresh and local seasonal produce still to enjoy. This sweet salad is great for those that are new to beets or just like a quick-to-prepare dish. Add your favorite protein for a light lunch or serve as a side dish or snack. This comes together in 15 minutes!

Moroccan Grated Carrot and Beet Salad

makes 4 servings

- Ingredients**
- 2 cups grated carrots (from about 3 carrots)
 - 1 cup grated fresh beets

- (from about 1 medium-sized peeled beet)
- 1/2 cup golden raisins
- 1/2 teaspoon paprika (sweet, not hot)
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- Small pinch salt
- Small pinch cayenne
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 2 teaspoons honey
- 2 tablespoons sliced fresh mint leaves

Instructions

- Place the grated carrots in a medium sized serving bowl.

- Place the grated beets into a sieve and briefly rinse with cold water. This will rinse away a little of the excess beet juice that may otherwise color the whole salad beet red. Pat dry with a paper towel.
- Then add to the bowl with the carrots. Add the raisins. Stir to gently combine.

- In a small bowl, whisk together the paprika, cumin, cinnamon, salt, and cayenne. Then add the lemon juice and honey and whisk until smooth.

- Drizzle over the carrots and beets, then gently fold until the carrots and beets are lightly coated. Let sit for an hour before serving, either chilled or at room temperature, for the dressing to seep into the carrots and beets.

- Right before serving, stir in a couple tablespoons of sliced fresh mint leaves. Garnish with fresh mint.

Source: www.wellplated.com

Have a plant-based recipe you’d like to share with the community?

Send it to GROW@westchester-il.gov for consideration for future newsletters.



JOIN THE VILLAGE OF WESTCHESTER VETERANS COMMISSION

Are you passionate about honoring and supporting veterans in our community? The Village of Westchester Veterans Commission is looking for dedicated residents to serve. As a member, you'll help identify resources for veterans in our community, plan and promote events, strengthen connections between veterans the community, and advise the Village on initiatives that support veterans and their families.

If you're a Westchester resident interested in serving on this volunteer commission, please send a letter of interest explaining why you'd be a good fit to Village President Greg Hribal at ghribal@westchester-il.gov.



Snow Removal Rebate Program for Low-Income Seniors & Low-Income Disabled Residents

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

1. INCOME REQUIREMENTS:

- ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE ENROLLED IN A QUALIFYING STATE LOW-INCOME PROGRAM, SUCH AS SNAP, MEDICAID, OR LIHEAP.

2. AGE OR DISABILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- PARTICIPANTS MUST BE 65 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, OR
- HAVE A QUALIFYING DISABILITY AND AN ILLINOIS PERSON WITH A DISABILITY IDENTIFICATION CARD

3. NO PERSONS CAPABLE OF REMOVING SNOW CAN RESIDE IN THE HOUSEHOLD

VISIT WWW.WESTCHESTER-IL.ORG/SNOWPROGRAM
FOR ALL DETAILS AND APPLICATION





WESTCHESTER FOOD PANTRY



WET NOSE PANTRY



Food Rescue Volunteers Needed!

WHAT IS FOOD RESCUE?

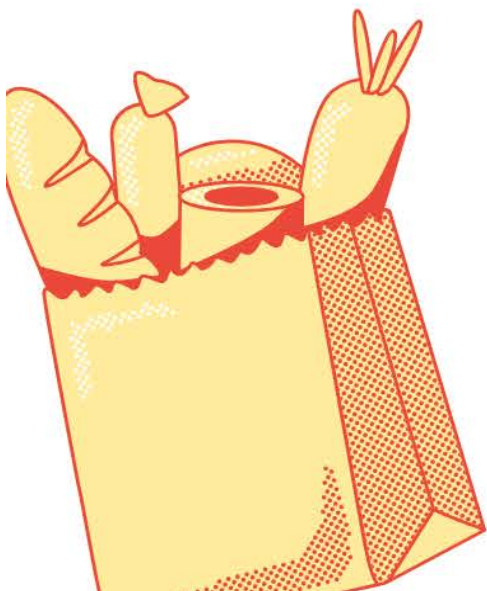
Each year, 40% of the food we provide to our neighbors in need comes from food reclamation. This is food that is no longer sell-able, but still perfectly edible. Food reclamation keeps good food out of landfills and gets it to the vulnerable people in our communities who need it the most!

HOW DOES IT WORK?

On their designated week, volunteers go to their assigned store to pick up food and deliver it to the Pantry. For example: Volunteer Vivian goes to Store A on the first Wednesday of each month. This commitment is once a month for a full year. In less than 24 hours spread over a year, you could save tons of food from landfills and get it to our neighbors in need.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS?

Food pick-up must be done between 11am-12pm on the designated reclamation day.
Be able to lift multiple boxes weighing up to 30 pounds.
Have a larger vehicle (minivan, SUV, station wagon).



**INTERESTED? EMAIL US AT
INFO@WESTCHESTERFOODPANTRY.ORG**



REGISTRATION

WESTCHESTER PARK DISTRICT

VETERANS 5K

RUN & WALK

MAYFAIR PARK ★ NOVEMBER 9TH, 2025 ★ 9:00AM



& SALUTE TO VETERANS - BRUNCH

11:00AM-1:00PM

VETERANS 5K RUN / WALK

Westchester Park District community Veterans 5K is the perfect way to celebrate, remember and honor all our Military Veterans, Active Duty, Reserves, Spouses, and Friends of the Military. Advanced registration for this event will be \$40 5K and \$40 1 Mile Walk. Registration fees will increase after our event registration deadline of November 5th, 5pm. Same-day registration will begin at 7:30am Sunday morning and will include an option to purchase a t-shirt if available. Our run will begin and end at Mayfair Park. Shirts are guaranteed only if registered by 10/19/25. Online registration closes on Wednesday, 11/5/25 at 5 pm. More information has been made available at wpdparks.org.
Run/Walk START: 9:00am

SALUTE TO VETERANS - BRUNCH

The Westchester Park District salutes all military service members, active and retired! As a token of our appreciation, we would like to provide a free buffet style brunch to our Veterans and immediate family on November 9, 2025. Though this is a free event, we do require everyone attending to register by October 31, 2025 for capacity and meal ordering purposes. Pre-registrations are accepted at the Community Center, Mayfair Center or by calling 708-562-6410 x326.. Location: Mayfair Banquet Center . Time: 11am-1pm

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

please email Lianne Robinette @ lrobinette@wpdparks.org

PLATINUM SPONSOR \$2500

Sponsors at this level will receive their logo (prominent) on our official event t-shirts to be worn by all participants, a link with logo on our website, social media advertising with link to sponsor's website or social media, recognition at kick-off, event day table(s) an individual sponsor banner with official race day logo, 5 participant event registrations, and first right of refusal to sponsor again in 2025.

GOLD SPONSOR \$1000

Sponsors at this level will receive their logo (large) on our official event t-shirts to be worn by all participants, a link with logo on our website, social media advertising with link to sponsor's website or social media, recognition at kick-off, event day table, and event day logo on official race day 5k banner.

SILVER SPONSOR \$500

Sponsors at this level will receive their logo (medium) on our official event t-shirts to be worn by all participants, a link with logo on our website, social media advertising with link to sponsor's website or social media, recognition at kick-off, event day table, and event day logo on official race day 5k banner.

BRONZE SPONSOR \$250

Sponsors at this level will receive their logo (small) on our official race t-shirt to be worn by all participants, a link with logo on our website, social media advertising with link to sponsor's website and/or social media.

COMMUNITY SPONSOR \$100

Sponsors at this level will receive a listing displayed on our official race t-shirt to be worn by all participants and recognition on our website.

VETERANS SIGN SPONSOR \$25

Signs are purchased and decorated to honor someone special or to support the event participants on race day. All signs will be posted throughout the course.

VETERANS BRUNCH SPONSOR \$25

Sponsor a Veteran at our Salute to Veterans Brunch

DON'T MISS OUT - STAY CONNECTED



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Help Shape Westchester's ***FUTURE***

The Village of Westchester is developing a **Strategic Plan**, and we want your input!

► ***TAKE THE COMMUNITY SURVEY***

Help guide Westchester's future! Share what you value in our community today and the changes or improvements you'd like to see. Your input will directly shape the Village's goals and priorities for the next three to five years. Scan the QR code or visit www.westchester-il.org/strategicplan

