



Village of Westchester

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From the desk of Village President Greg Hribal

The Village's Fall Shred Event, held in October, was once again a tremendous success! For those who may not be familiar, the Village hosts shred events twice a year — in April and October — to give residents the opportunity to safely and securely dispose of sensitive documents such as bank records, tax papers, and old receipts.

In addition to document shredding, residents can also drop off unused or expired prescription medications and recycle electronics, including televisions and computers. This year, we doubled our capacity by creating two lines of traffic, helping the event run even more smoothly.

A special thank you goes out to SBC Waste for generously donating a truck that allowed us to recycle the boxes and bags used to transport documents. Your continued participation and support make this community event possible!

At the October shred event, the Westchester Food Pantry reported cash donations in the amount of \$1,235 in addition to a carload of food that was donated. The Food Pantry has noticed a rise in the need to feed those in our community recently and are seeking more donations of food, funds and those able to donate their time this holiday season.

The Village of Westchester Water Department is asking for residents' help in collecting water samples from homes throughout the community. These samples play an important role in ensuring that our water quality remains safe and consistently monitored to protect the health of all residents.

To participate, visit our website to register. The Water Department will deliver empty water sample bottles directly to your home — simply fill them up and place them back on your front porch for collection. Your participation helps keep Westchester's water clean and our community healthy!

The Village of Westchester has been actively

engaged in a series of strategic planning sessions and would like to thank all residents who took the time to complete the community survey and participate in recent focus groups. Your input is invaluable in shaping the Village's future direction.

The next step in this process will involve the Village Board and department heads working together to outline key priorities and goals for the next five years. These efforts will help ensure that the Village continues to serve residents efficiently and plan thoughtfully for future growth and improvement.

The Village Board recently approved the creation of a Veterans and Senior Commission. The two newly implemented commissions are seeking interested volunteers to help support both missions of working with veterans and our seniors in our community.

Please email me at ghribal@westchester-il.gov or call 708-345-0020 and leave your name if you wish to volunteer. We seek to have both commissions fully active and supporting the community in 2026.

For those who waited to renew or update their license due to long lines, the Westchester Secretary of State offices located at the Westchester Village Hall, 10300 Roosevelt, has now returned to normal traffic.

For those who have not yet visited the facility, this is a senior facility offering most of the services available at any facility. You can renew your license, request a replacement or obtain your annual vehicle registration Monday through Friday, 7:30am to 4:00pm.

As an early reminder, the Village of Westchester partners with the Westchester Park District for their annual Winter Wonderland event scheduled for Wednesday December 3rd and Thursday December 4th. Come out and see Santa, the lights and warm up with hot chocolate. Visit the Village of Westchester or Westchester Park District website for more details.

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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!

November



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| 9 PUMPKIN SMASH! VISIT WEBSITE DRESSED FOR HISTORY PRAIRIE HOUSE 3-5PM | 10 | 11 VETERANS DAY VILLAGE BOARD & COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - 6PM VILLAGE HALL | 12 AGING CARE BINGO 11:15AM MAYFAIR REC CENTER | 13 | 14 | 15 HARVEST OF CRAFTS WESTCHESTER COMMUNITY CHURCH 9AM-2PM |
| 16 WINTER WONDERLAND ARTISAN MARKET WESTCHESTER FOOD PANTRY - 11AM-4PM | 17 | 18 VILLAGE BOARD & COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - 6PM VILLAGE HALL (RESCHEDULED) | 19 SOLAR OPTIONS VIRTUAL PRESENTATION - VIA ZOOM & SHOWN AT WESTCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY - 12P-1PM | 20 CRYPTOCURRENCY SCAMS PRESENTATION 4PM - VILLAGE HALL | 21 | 22 |
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- VILLAGE EVENTS
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Winter Holiday Safety

Winter holidays are a time for families and friends to get together. But that also means a greater risk for fire. Following a few simple tips will ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season.

HOLIDAY DECORATING

- Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- Keep decorations away from windows and doors.



Before Heading Out or to Bed

Blow out lit candles when you leave the room or go to bed. **Turn off** all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.

HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING

- Test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan.
- Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
- Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.
- Ask smokers to smoke outside. Remind smokers to keep their smoking materials with them so young children do not touch them.
- Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers. Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.

FACTS

- ! More than **one-third** of home decoration fires are started by candles.
- ! More than **two of every five** decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source.



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Alpine Food Shop: A Westchester Favorite

Westchester's Alpine Food Shop has become a local favorite — known not just for its famous subs, but for its family roots, friendly faces, and the welcoming energy that keeps customers coming back.

Even an hour after the lunch rush, the Alpine Food Shop is buzzing with people — a familiar sight in Westchester. Though this location opened only in 2017, it already feels like a community staple.

The Westchester shop is the second Alpine location; the original in Elmwood Park opened in 1955. The name came from the **Barbi family**, the original owners, who hailed from northern Italy and were inspired by the mountains they loved.

“If I’m ever feeling down, I love to stop by here.”

Over time, the Bonaccorsi family acquired Alpine and, noticing many regular customers lived south and west of Elmwood Park, decided to expand. **Stevie Bonaccorsi**, working with his uncles and aunts John, Rob, Amy, and Kathy, led the charge to open the new spot on 31st Street.

An entrepreneur at heart, Stevie also runs a firewood delivery service and a Christmas tree business.

He brought several of his employees into Alpine, helping the business grow steadily from day one.

Loyal customers from Elmwood Park followed, and new faces from Westchester, Oak Brook, La Grange, and beyond soon became regulars.

During peak seasons, Alpine employs up to 35 people, with lunch hours bringing in a lively crowd.

Alpine’s menu features their famous **Italian Sub**, the top seller, followed closely by the **Turkey Sub**.

They also serve pasta and potato

salads, frozen Nottoli sausage, Massa pizzas, and locally produced frozen steaks and burgers.

Alpine proudly stocks area favorites like Local Style and Broad Ripple potato chips — with fun flavors such as Hot Dog, Beef, and Deep Dish Pizza. Stevie says that his **family system helped him immensely** in learning how to manage teams, work efficiently, and build customer trust.

He prides himself on how customers are treated: “We want to make personal connections, make for a good experience, and a welcoming feel. I want coming into Alpine to be more than just getting a good sandwich, but also a great experience.”

That commitment to warmth shines through in the words of one regular customer:

“If I’m ever feeling down, I love to stop by here. There is always such a warm, welcoming feeling walking into the store full of happiness. It gives me joy to see such a well-mannered and polite young group of people.”

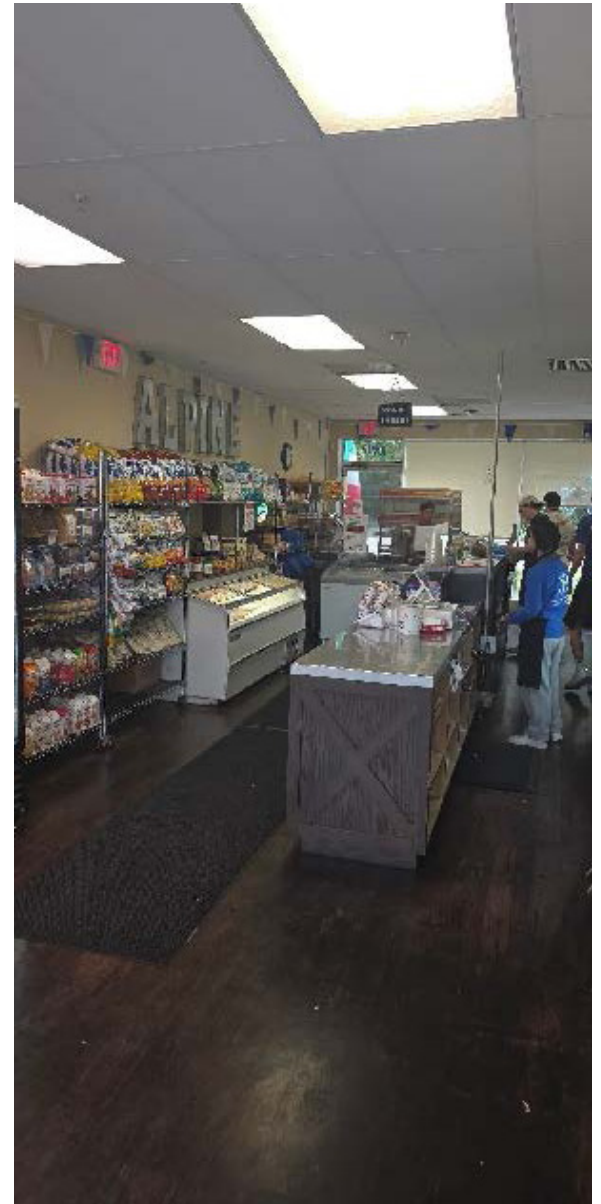
Stevie credits the community’s support — and word-of-mouth — as the shop’s best advertising.

He is especially thankful for members of the **Westchester Chamber of Commerce**, including **John Watson**, who helped Alpine join the Village’s Party in the Park event (“a wonderful experience,” Stevie says), and **Judy Saraceno Swenson**, a loyal supporter of the staff and business.

With growth continuing, Stevie is now exploring local delivery and more ways to serve the community.

Westchester is lucky to have Alpine Food Shop — and Alpine is proud to call Westchester home.

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Hours: Tuesday–Saturday 10 AM–4 PM
Sunday 10 AM–2 PM



Westchester's Alpine Food Shop has become a local favorite — known not just for its famous subs, but for its family roots, friendly faces, and the welcoming energy that keeps customers coming back.

Protecting Our Vehicles from Auto Thefts and Break-Ins

As we go about our daily routines, it's important to stay vigilant in protecting our vehicles from theft and break-ins.

A moment of convenience — such as leaving your car running while getting gas or running into a store — can quickly turn into a costly mistake.

Many busy gas stations and shopping areas have lookouts waiting for that very opportunity.

In just seconds, your car can be gone, leaving you stranded and still making monthly payments on a vehicle that may never be recovered.

Take a few extra seconds to **turn off your engine, remove your keys, lock your doors, and roll up your windows** every time you step away.

Never leave your vehicle running or unattended — even for a short time.

Avoid placing your wallet or purse in the trunk of your car; thieves often watch for drivers to do this, then break the trunk lock and disappear with your belongings before anyone even notices.

Whenever possible, park in well-lit, high-traffic areas and avoid isolated spots.

Don't leave valuables in plain view, and consider investing in a car alarm system with GPS tracking to increase the chances of recovery if your vehicle is stolen.

Auto theft remains one of the most common crimes across the country.

Stolen vehicles are often dismantled for parts and shipped overseas — a major reason thieves target high-value vehicles like Rolls-Royces, Hyundai Sonatas, Chevy Silverados, and Ford Super Duty pickup trucks. With today's trucks and SUVs often costing between **\$60,000**



and **\$100,000**, taking extra precautions is well worth the investment.

Sometimes, the best protection is still the simplest — **use a visible steering wheel lock like “The Club” or a locking device for your gas pedal**. These tools act as strong deterrents for opportunistic thieves.

Remember: Always be aware of your surroundings and belongings. A few small safety steps can prevent a major loss.

Chief Daniel Babich

Tips to Prevent Auto Theft

1. Turn Off and Lock Up Always shut off the engine, remove your keys, lock your doors, and roll up all windows — even if you're stepping away for just a moment.
2. Park Smart Choose well-lit, high-traffic areas and avoid isolated spots, especially at night.
3. Keep Valuables Out of Sight Never leave purses, wallets, electronics, or bags visible in your car.

Store them at home or out of view before reaching your destination.

4. Invest in Security Install a car alarm and consider a GPS tracking device to improve recovery chances if your vehicle is stolen.

5. Use a Visible Deterrent A steering wheel lock or gas pedal lock can discourage thieves and make your vehicle less of a target.

WESTCHESTER POLICE BLOTTER

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

25-3507 09/13/2025 10:37AM DOMESTIC BATTERY WESTCHESTER, IL

A 40-year-old male from Westchester has been charged with Domestic Battery and Violation of Order of Protection in

Cook County Circuit Court following a recent incident. The 40-year-old male was taken into custody, processed, and subsequently transported to the Fourth District Cook County Courthouse in Maywood for a bond hearing.

25-3511 09/14/2025 6:18AM TRAFFIC ARREST CANTERBURY ST & HAWTHORNE AVE

WPD Officers were dispatched to the area for a well being check. Dispatched advised responding Officers that a silver vehicle was parked in the middle lanes of Canterbury Street with a subject asleep

in the vehicle. A 35 year old female from Chicago, IL was cited for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, Resisting Arrest, Parked Obstructing the Roadway, and No Valid Insurance. 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.



WESTCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

NEWSLETTER

November 2025

Library Will Open Late on November 7th

The library will open at **12PM on Friday, November 7th** our quarterly staff meeting. Thank you for your understanding.

November Book Discussion

November 18th | 6:30 PM
Join us to discuss *The Listeners* by Maggie Stiefvater. Copies are available now at the circulation desk.

Thanksgiving Holiday Hours

The library will close at **3 PM on Wednesday, November 26th** and will be **closed all day on Thursday, November 27th** for Thanksgiving.

Embroidery Journaling

Thursday, November 13th | 6 PM
Community Room

Stop by to learn this month's new stitch for your embroidery journal, the fly stitch and its variation the feather stitch. If you can't make it, ask the librarians at the reference desk for a handout to take home! **Registration is required.**

Adult Take-and-Make: Easy Fabric Pumpkins

Monday, November 17th | Adult Department
While Supplies Last

Pick up our easy-to-make fabric pumpkin kit this November—everything you need to craft your own cozy fall décor at home!

Illinois Libraries' Present: Kenji López-Alt: A Journey Through Food and Science

Tuesday, November 18th | 7 PM | Zoom

Join award-winning cookbook author, New York Times food columnist, and Serious Eats director **J. Kenji López-Alt** for an evening of cooking insights, techniques, and foodie exploration. **Registration is required.**

Learn to Sew: Rag Rugs

Wednesdays, December 3rd - 17th | 6 PM
Community Room

Turn your fabric scraps into a braided placemat, or even a rug! You provide the fabric, we'll provide the machines, notions and know-how! **Registration opens November 19th at 9:30 AM**

Holiday Classics with Celeste Martino

Thursday, December 18th | 6:30 PM
Community Room

Celeste Martino, local soprano, will perform holiday classics for the Westchester Public Library. She has sung in numerous professional performances throughout the U.S. and Europe. **Registration is required.**

Easy Bookbinding

Wednesday, November 12th | 2 PM OR 6 PM | Community Room

Learn how to make a pamphlet stitch journal. All materials will be provided and you will leave with your very own blank journal that is perfect to collect your thoughts or drawings! **Register for either the 2 PM or the 6 PM session.**

Chair Yoga with Fit4Chicago

Tuesday, November 11th | 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.**

Qigong and Sound Meditation

Saturday, November 15th | 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.**

Medicare 101 with Rich from Bankers Life

Thursday, November 20th | 6 PM | Community Room

Do you know your Medicare A, B, C's & D's? Join Rich from Bankers Life, a 140-old year Chicago-based healthcare and retirement company to learn how to enroll into Medicare, what Components A, B, C & D mean, and the cost-sharing and benefits that are associated with each letter.

Registration is required.



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If special accommodations are required to attend a library program, please contact us at least seven days in advance.

Storytimes in the Library

Mother Goose on the Loose

Wednesdays | 10:15 AM | Youth Department

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

Tales & Treats!

Thursday, November 6th | 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

Teen Board Game Night

November 4th | 5:30 - 7:30 | Teen Room

Grab some friends and play some of our fantastic board games - there will be snacks! For grades 6 - 12.

Volunteer Decorating Help!

Saturday, November 8th | 10 AM - 12 PM

Come in to create Thanksgiving/food themed decorations for the 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 Boxes

November 10th | Teen Room

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

November 10th | 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

You Turkey! Scavenger Hunt

All Month | Youth Department

How many turkeys are hiding in the Youth Services department? Collect a sheet and find them all! Then come to the Youth Services desk for a prize! One (1) sheet per participant

Imagination Station

Monday, November 3rd | 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, November 7th & 21st | 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, November 17th | 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.

Dinosaur Dimensions

Saturday, November 22nd | 10 AM | Community Room

Meet the dinosaurs! Dinosaur Dimensions will help us celebrate Dino-ember with an amazing collection of realistic puppets! From cute baby Triceratops to a life size Raptor, or even a Pteranodon & T-Rex - you do not want to miss out on this! Families welcome.



Family Gingerbread Houses

Saturday, December 6th | 11 AM - 12:30 PM
Community Room

Does your family have what it takes to win? Join us for this friendly competition of building the best gingerbread house! All materials will be supplied. **Registration required.**



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Shop With A Cop

Help make the holidays bright! Your **donation** helps bring holiday joy to local children in need while building positive connections between them and our police officers.

Donate online at **www.westchester-il.org/foundation** or send checks payable to **Westchester Community Events Foundation** to Village Hall, 10300 Roosevelt Rd, Westchester, IL 60154. Your support makes a difference!



**The Women from the
Westchester Community Church
1840 Westchester Blvd. in Westchester**

21st Annual

Harvest of Crafts



Saturday, November 15, 2025

The sale is from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

It features: *Homemade crafts made by the church members *

* Treasures and Trinkets for \$2.00 * * Raffle prizes *

Vendor Tables: wooden porch signs, coasters, ornaments, lighted wine bottles, holiday deco, knitted items (headbands, mittens, hats, scarves, dish clothes, etc), vintage pot holders & pins, greeting cards, decorative boxes, chocolate covered treats, hot cocoa cups, quilts, baby blankets, throw blankets, gourmet cookies, pies, pastries, Grassroots Garden Group – garden themed holiday gifts, Anderson Windows, and much more.

To reserve a space, a non-refundable fee of \$30 (\$50 for two tables) needs to be paid by Monday, Oct. 27th. If reserving a space on or after Tuesday, Oct. 28th the cost of the table will be \$35 (\$55.00 for two tables)

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.

NOVEMBER'S HOLIDAY RUBBISH SCHEDULE

• VETERAN'S DAY

There will be no service delays for rubbish collection the week of November 10th

• THANKSGIVING DAY

There will be no collection on Thursday, 11/27 - Thanksgiving Day. Thursday's collection will be Friday, 11/28 Friday's collection will be Saturday, 11/29

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, univer-

sal materials, batteries, long fluorescent lightbulbs, and swimming pool chemicals. This separate collection must be pre-scheduled by calling 312-522-1115.

Leaf & Snow Reminders

As leaves fall, please remember DO NOT pile, blow, or rake your leaves into the street. This causes storm sewer problems which leads to flooding, and it is against Village Code. Yard waste is collected by S.B.C. through the end of December. Public Works crews keep our streets free of snow and ice during the winter months.

Please assist us by observing the following:

- Place garbage cans 3 feet behind the curb line- do not place them in the street.

- Do not shovel or blow snow back into the cleared streets.

- Please observe the "NO PARKING SNOW ROUTE" signs.

-The snow portion of the signs will be enforced after 2 inches of snowfall between December 1st and March 31st.

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 resi-

dent. 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

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.



2025 Pumpkin Smash

Drop your pumpkins, cornstalks, and hay bundles at the following locations November 8 & 9 and keep them out of landfill! Note, the collection bin at Mayfair Recreation Center will not be accessible the morning of Sunday, November 9 due to the Veteran's Day Run and Walk.

1. Behind the Westchester Community Church: 1840 Westchester Boulevard (all day Nov 8 & 9)
2. In the back of the Mayfair Recreation Center parking lot: 10835 Wakefield Street (all day Nov 8 & after 1:30 pm Nov 9)

Can't make it to the Pumpkin Smash? Westchester residents can place pumpkins, cornstalks, and hay bundles in their yard waste bin for weekly SBC curbside collection.



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11141 Roosevelt Road, Westchester, IL 60154

ALL WESTCHESTER RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME!

Tuesday, December 2nd, 2025

Appetizers at 11:30 - Lunch at 12:00

Raffle Prizes & Split the Pot

\$50 per person

Space is limited. Paid reservations are required.

To register, go to: bit.ly/2025XMAS or Scan QR Code



George F. Nixon

The most prolific developer in Westchester was George F. Nixon and Company. Nixon developed the areas south of Roosevelt Road. Westchester's town center was to be developed around the train line coming down from Roosevelt Road past Canterbury Station and expanding towards Mannheim Road following the curve of Balmoral Avenue. The Nixon company drew up an intricate map in 1930 of its planned development area designating specific sites for single family homes, apartments, and businesses. Lots were to be extra wide to meet new fire codes; only brick was to be used; land was to be set aside for parks and recreation; and strict zoning laws were to be applied. The most amazing aspect about George Nixon is that he was able to continue investing, expanding, and developing in Westchester in the wake of the huge economic downturn of the Great Depression. His company provided affordable homes for new residents in the postwar years, realizing a second building boom in the village in the 1940s and 1950s.

George Frederick Nixon was born on January 26, 1892, the oldest of four children, to a mother of German heritage. His father was from Kentucky, a salesman of medical instruments who later worked many years for the Rapid Transit Lines. George himself grew up in Chicago then married twice, first to Elise Witte, with whom he had a son Robert G. and a daughter Consuelo (m. Gould). After Elise died in 1930 he married Mildred Virginia McCloy in 1933, at her grandmother's home near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He then took Mildred on a honeymoon to California via Chicago on his own plane. Later they had a son, Carver. Mr. Nixon enjoyed playing polo and being an aviator. He had a penthouse home on Sheridan Road in the Edgewater Beach Apartments. He also acquired a mansion in Glenview set on 160 acres from business partner William H. Colvin, with whom he jointly developed forty apartment suites at 1550 North State Street in 1944 to be rented out to war plant executives.

Nixon was there at the beginning of the founding of the town of Westchester in 1925. His headquarters and center of operations when the new model town of Westchester was founded on October 19, 1925, was a Chicago high-rise called the Nixon Building. It was located on the southwest corner of Clark and Monroe Streets. In 1925, Nixon was also expanding developments to the North Shore and Niles Center. The executive departments for those locations in 1925 were in his Uptown office on the southwest corner of Broadway and Wilson Avenues. Already in 1916 Samuel Insull was interested in continuing to develop the Northshore Line from Chicago to Milwaukee, to expand the reach of his utilities throughout the northern suburbs.

Knowing that Insull's utilities would be extended to the new western suburbs as well, Nixon invested five million dollars to develop Westchester. In 1926 Nixon created another "super suburb" in Northfield, which will celebrate its centennial next year. A train line called the

Skokie Valley Route, built from 1923 to 1926, created new development projects along the right-of-way and new train stations for Nixon's company. Nixon developed part of his mansion's 160 acres, creating the luxury-home Glenayre section of Glenview around 1938. He built twenty houses in Skokie, across from the Evanston Golf Course, and in 1961, together with Irvin A. Blietz, Nixon developed King's Cove in Deerfield, bordering on Highland Park. At this time his brother Albert served as Vice-president of the Nixon Company, and his son Robert served on the executive board. Nixon also worked on homes in Highland Park Gardens, keeping several projects running at the same time. As for his offices, one was in Glenview, a colonial style office next to his home, and two others were also located in the northern suburbs.

During the Second World War, his company kept active by developing duplexes in Melrose Park for workers at the Buick plant. By 1942, ten duplexes were completed, some with three bedrooms along 1608-1618 Broadway Avenue. The homes were intended for war-time workers.

Nixon continued creating homes for the postwar families in Westchester. The first batch of those homes in 1947 was located on a block between Dickens and Canterbury along the streets of Manchester and Bristol and bordering Gardner Road. According to Shirley Slanker (whose husband ran the Westchester News and who was a prolific local historian) reported that Albert, Nixon's younger brother by twelve years, handled all the sales of the subdivided farmland of the Battermann farm. That farmhouse is still located on Cermak Road between Newcastle and Portsmouth.

The area became known as the Fairview Addition in 1948, featuring houses with more gingerbread decoration detailing. Starting in 1949 Nixon had an office in the Village Hall of Westchester on Roosevelt Road, with a five-year building plan for one thousand homes in Westchester in place. Also, in the late forties he donated a fifty-foot lot to the Divine Infant Church and School in order to expand their convent to house the Catholic sisters.

It is amazing what all Mr. Nixon accomplished in his lifetime. He was president of the Chicago Real Estate Board in 1928 and the Illinois Association of Real Estate Boards in 1932. In 1939 he was the first president of the Metropolitan Chicago Home Builder's Association. From 1940-1942 he was founder and president of the Home Builders Association of Greater Chicagoland. In addition, he was one of the founders of the National Association of Home Builders, acting as its first president in 1940, which led to him being inducted into that organization's Hall of Fame in 1977. From 1932 to 1934 he fought to lower people's taxes on the County Board of Appeals. For sixteen years, from 1938 to 1954, he was a suburban Cook County commissioner, running the Re-



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publican ticket until he retired. He advertised mostly in the Chicago Tribune for his projects and received a certificate from the newspaper for selling over one million dollars in the year 1959. Nixon was a noted public speaker, holding talks for audiences ranging from real estate groups to civic organizations such as Kiwanis. He also talked college students. Even though he did not attend college, he promoted the value of higher education in economics and business. While he himself traveled to places such as England, Puerto Rico and Honolulu to understand their community trends, he sent his top-selling salespeople on airplane trips to other cities in the nation to learn about sales and urban planning. His offices also set up a training school for sales staff. Most impressive of all, since becoming a home developer in 1913, he developed over 5000 acres in the Chicago suburbs. Quite a feat!

George F. Nixon died on September 25, 1975,

at the age of eighty-three. He was laid to rest at the famous Rosehill Cemetery in Chicago where a monument was placed for the Nixon family. Graves included his wife Mildred, his parents, and his son Robert G. Nixon. The George Nixon Elementary school in Westchester was named after him in 1931.

The George Nixon Forest Preserve of 500 acres was also established in his honor by a unanimous vote by the Forest Preserve Commission in 1955. A part of it retained the original historic name of Harms Woods in a section within the Nixon Preserve adjoining Golf and Glenview Roads. As part of the centennial celebration, George F. Nixon should be remembered for developing a very large part of the village of Westchester.

Patricia Reaves
Save the Prairie Society
Director and Historian

**BE SOMEONE'S
SECRET
SANTA**

The Westchester Food Pantry is coordinating a Secret Santa program for our neighbors in need. All participants are kept anonymous and confidential. Children's wish lists valued at \$30-50.00 will be matched to donors. Sponsor one child or several!

Interested? Email our Head Elf at SecretSanta@WestchesterFoodPantry.org by November 23. Thank you!

Make someone's holiday merry and bright!

Veterans
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January 10, 2026
11 AM - 3 PM
Westchester Village Hall
Stay tuned for full details!

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LOOKING FOR A NEW JOB?

Interfaith Career Network offers **FREE** assistance
Open to all!

Thursday, November 20th from 7-9 pm

**"The Seven Deadly Sins of Job Search-
and How to Overcome Them,"**

John Gagliardi, Presenter

Join career coach John Gagliardi for a practical guide to identifying and eliminating the behaviors that sabotage job search success. Drawing from over 10 years of volunteer coaching experience, John reveals the most common pitfalls job seekers face—from treating job search casually to over-relying on passive approaches—and provides actionable strategies to transform your approach for successfully landing your next great role.

John Gagliardi is a seasoned marketing professional and volunteer career coach with Holy Family Job Support, where he has spent over 10 years helping job seekers navigate career transitions. With extensive experience in content development and digital marketing at iconic brands like Hammacher Schlemmer and Quill Corporation, John brings real-world insights to job search, having navigated multiple career transitions himself.

Join us for this practical and informative presentation at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 Wolf Road, in Western Springs on 11/20/2025 at 7pm. Everyone is welcome! There is no cost to attend.

Visit www.interfaithcareernetwork.com for additional resources.



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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 (\$44 per bill)
- **Sewer infrastructure fee:** \$15 per month (\$30 per bill)

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
 10300 Roosevelt Road,
 Westchester, IL 60154

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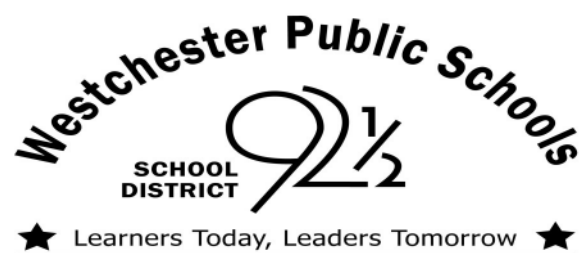
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A Letter from the Superintendent

Dear Parents and Guardians,

October set a strong tone for the school year, and I'm thankful for the energy our students, staff, and families have brought to each day. As we move into November, we have the chance to keep that momentum going with new learning and opportunities to come together as a community.

Last month, we took part in National Bullying Prevention Awareness Month. Our schools used this time to highlight kindness, respect, and standing up for one another. On Unity Day, October 22nd, we invited everyone to wear ORANGE as a symbol that every child and adult deserves to feel safe and supported. I also want to remind families about Safe2Help Illinois, a resource available 24/7. Students can reach out anonymously if they feel unsafe or see something concerning. The service is accessible by text (SAFE2 to 72332), phone (844-4-SAFEIL), app, or online. It's one more way we can work together to keep our schools safe.

October was also a time to recognize the vibrant contributions of Hispanic and Latin communities during Hispanic Heritage Month. Students across the district engaged in lessons, activities, and celebrations that honor the history, culture, and impact of Hispanic individuals. Special thanks to Mrs. DelFiacco for leading the planning.

Finally, our students are growing up in a world where the news can sometimes feel heavy and uncertain. Even if they don't always say it, they notice what's happening around them. At school, we're committed to giving them a safe and supportive place to learn, feel cared for, and know they belong. At home, even simple check-ins—asking what they've heard and how they're feeling—can make a big difference. Together, we can help them navigate challenging times with resilience and hope.

If you have ideas, feedback, or questions, please don't hesitate to contact me by phone (708-670-1927) or email (psalemi@sd925.org). Thank you for your continued support, trust, and commitment to our school district. Have a great month.

Sincerely,

Philip Salemi, Ed.D
Superintendent of Schools District 92½

Westchester Primary School

Westchester Primary Celebrates Strong Start and Community Engagement

With the first trimester coming to a successful close on **November 17th**, students at Westchester Primary School have been showing significant growth. This progress is a testament to our explicit, high-quality instruction, the strong school-home partnerships we cherish, and our enthusiastic community engagement.

Fall Highlights: Community, Culture, and Character A Thrilling Carnival Night

WPS and Westchester Intermediate School (WIS) were delighted to host our annual combined Math and Reading Night on **October 1st**. This year's Carnival theme was a huge success, with smiling faces seen throughout the building as students and families engaged in exciting reading, writing, and math activities. We extend sincere gratitude to the WPTC, Enchanted Castle, The Data Detective Author, Ms. Donelson, and the Chicago Bears Organization for providing fantastic raffle prizes, including a signed Chicago Bears football!

Celebrating Our Diverse Heritage

October was rich with cultural celebration. To celebrate **Hispanic Heritage Month**, our students engaged in fun activities, including a using a slideshow highlighting facts about various Latino cultures and listening to fun Friday Latino-inspired music. Many of our Westchester families also proudly participated in the district's Hispanic Heritage Celebration held at WIS on October 9th.

Additionally, we recognized **German, Italian, and Polish Heritage Month** throughout October. Each day, our students learned a new word or phrase from one of these languages! Now in November, we proudly recognize **National Native American Heritage Month**, continuing to highlight the profound contributions these individuals have made to our world.

Promoting Dolphin Pride and Unity

Our students were actively involved in several activities throughout October to reinforce our "Dolphin Pride" expectations and promote bullying awareness. Under the theme "**Bucket Fillers Not Bullies**," students participated in read-alouds, created projects, collected "raindrops" to fill "buckets" of kindness, and decorated a Unity Tree Mural to commit to caring for all. We celebrated **Unity Day on October 22nd** by wearing Orange as a visible sign of our shared commitment to kindness and inclusion.

Upcoming Important Dates

- **Parent-Teacher Conferences:** We look forward to partnering with you during Parent-Teacher Conferences on **November 24th and 25th**. WPS families, please ensure you have signed up for your appointment time.

- **Veterans Assembly:** Our students will show their deepest appreciation to our Veterans on **November 11th**. Westchester Primary School will honor our veterans with a special assembly beginning at **2:00 PM**. All veterans from our school community are invited to attend and be serenaded and honored by our students during the ceremony.

We appreciate your continued support in making Westchester Primary School a place where every child can grow and thrive!

Westchester Intermediate School

Our first trimester will be coming to a close soon and it has been a positive start to the school year. We have been working diligently with our students to get them focused on growing as learners. We continue to take opportunities to focus on building relationships with students to guide their social emotional well being. Creating those positive interactions with each other has been a major part of our first couple of months of school and has been shown to have a positive impact on student success.

We celebrated Hispanic Heritage month during our Language Arts Block by including activities and stories that celebrated the lives and accomplishments of Latinos throughout our shared history. We also took time each morning in our announcements to celebrate and learn about the different aspects of Latino culture including influential people, food, traditions, and music. It culminated with our Hispanic Heritage Celebration! We will continue to celebrate Latinos beyond this month along with other cultures represented in our school.

We continue to be thankful to the WPTC for working with us and being creative with our Fall Parties or our Fall Book Fair. Our Book Fair is always fun for students. The Fall Family Dance was amazing as well. We appreciate all the WPTC does for us.

We will take time this month to celebrate our Veterans through an assembly, activities and shared stories. We will also hold Parent Teacher Conferences on November 24th from 12:00 to 7:00 pm (in person) and November 25th from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm (virtual). Keep an eye out for more information on conferences coming soon. Please make sure to join us so you can see how your child is growing.

Go Huskies!

Westchester Middle School

As a school we will continue to reinforce our Warrior Expectations for everyone in the WMS learning community. Students and staff should:

- Be Responsible
- Be Respectful
- Be Safe
- Be There, Be Ready

Congratulations to our September Warriors of the Month! 6th Grade: Emily Majewski and Melody Mendez, 7th Grade: Shya Kimbrow and Kimberly Soto, 8th Grade: Mia Del Real and Dante Williamson. Warriors of the Month are selected by their teachers for setting a strong example and exceeding the expectations of the 4 Bs: Be Responsible, Be Respectful, Be Safe, Be There/Be Ready.



Our Boys Basketball teams and our Cheer and Dance team are in their seasons. Check the weekly message or with one of the team members about the dates you can join us for a game.

Parent Teacher Conferences will take place on Monday, November 24 and Tuesday, November 25. More information will come in our weekly messages for these days.

Please join us on Wednesday, December 10 at 6:30 PM for our Winter Band Concert. We look forward to sharing our student's musical talents with you during this evening.

We send our weekly updates each Friday afternoon at 4:00 PM. Please review them for important information about WMS.



CRYPTOCURRENCY SCAMS



A PRESENTATION BY THE COOK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
THE WESTCHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT



November 20, 2025
4:00 PM

WESTCHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT
10300 W. Roosevelt Road
Westchester, IL




To register or
receive more information
please call: 708-865-7341

*Share the Warmth:
Coat and Blanket Drive*

Sunday, November 16, 2025
11am-4pm
1938 S. Mannheim Road, Westchester IL

Drop off coats, hats, gloves, scarves, winter boots and blankets for adults and children at the Westchester Food Pantry. All items must be clean and in good working condition. You'll receive a raffle ticket for each item at our Winter Wonderland event!

WESTCHESTER FOOD PANTRY
30th Anniversary
WET NOSE PANTRY



Westchester Food Pantry Double Hero Blood Drive



Sunday, November 16
Westchester Food Pantry
1938 South Mannheim Rd.
11 AM - 3 PM

**BECAUSE OF YOU,
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#VITALTOLIFE**

The need for food is on the rise and the need for blood is always on the rise during the summer months. Food and blood are very essential and both Vitalant and Westchester Food Pantry are here to serve the community's vital needs. Join us for a Double Hero Drive this fall!

For each double hero donor who presents and donates for the blood drive, Vitalant will make a \$20 monetary contribution to the Westchester Food Pantry - amplifying the pantry's impact while saving lives.

Donate blood this November to help patients in need - and you'll be entered for a chance to win one of two \$10,000 gift cards to kick off your holiday season! Schedule today! *Terms and conditions apply; see vitalant.org/ShoppingGiveaway.

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Dressed for History

Antique Clothing Exhibit 1820s-1920s



November 2025
Every Sunday
3-5pm



Franzosenbusch Prairie House
11225 Constitution Drive, Westchester

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



Stay Informed

Follow the development of the Village's Energy Plan by visiting the plan's webpage at <https://palebluedot.llc/westchester-energy-plan>

Scan the QR code

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

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





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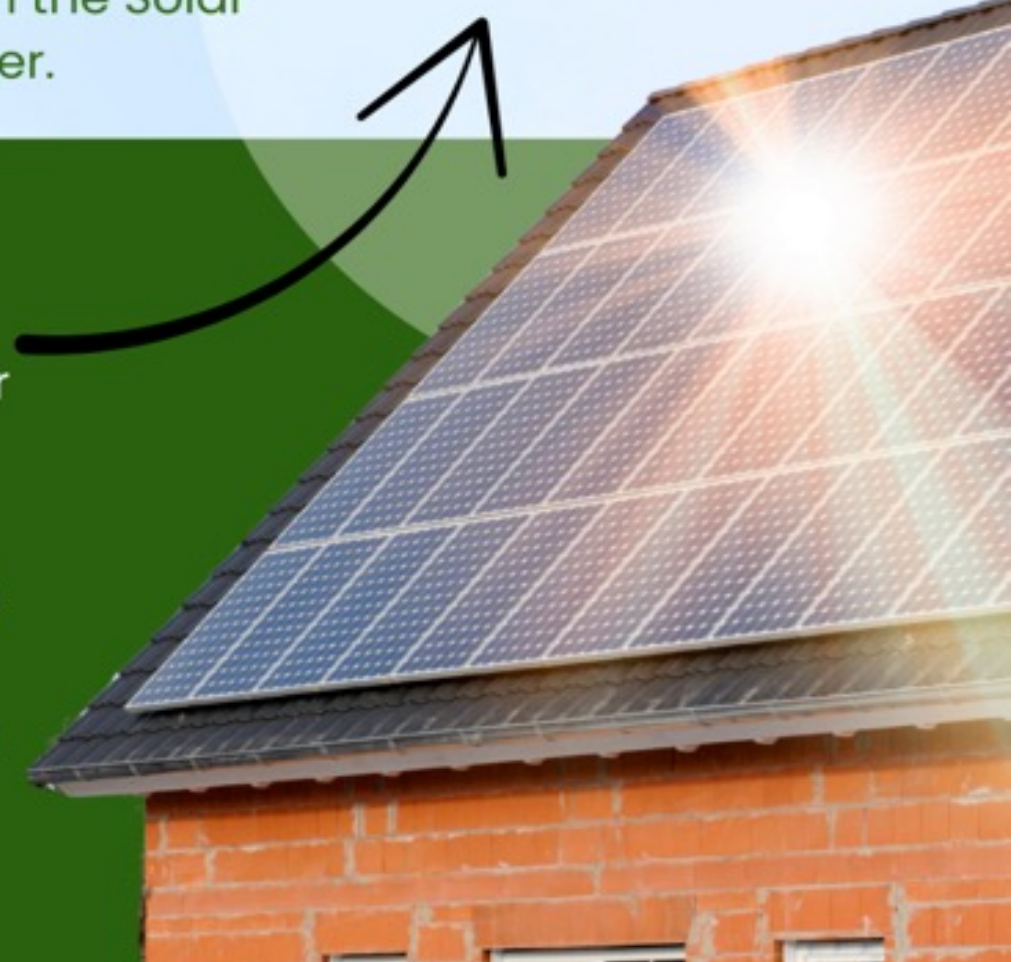
NOVEMBER 19 – 12:00 - 1:00 PM

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



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

November 2025

Winter is fast upon us! If you have not called to have your home winterize call NOW! The weatherproofing is best done before the cold weather sets in to ensure the caulk or plastic covers will adhere for the winter season. Have your filter in your furnace changed to help it run efficiently. Last call for work that needs to be done on anything outdoors (lightbulbs, light fixtures, furniture put away, rain barrels, spigots cover for winter).

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+

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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



A HUGE THANK YOU to all of the volunteers who helped at all of the events last month!

We had two successful book fairs at WPS and WIS, along with Math and Reading Night in October.

We were thrilled to have our Fall Family Dance and WMS's first dance this year. And we cannot forget our fun fall classroom parties at WPS and WIS.

The WPTC board is looking forward to WPS and WIS McTeacher Night on November 6. School staff will be serving orders and selling \$1 apple pies. This is always a fun night for the kids!

The next WPTC Meeting is November 5, in the WIS cafe beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Our events can only take place with the help of our volunteers.

Thank you to those who have taken the time to help out at our past events.

We have many more coming up and will need help. There are plenty more opportunities to help out!

We have some fun events coming up!

Be on the lookout for these events and volunteer opportunities:

***November 6th- WPS and WIS McTeacher Night**

***November 5th- WPTC Meeting 6pm WIS Cafe**



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.

Our Facebook page is useful to stay up to date with us. You are always welcome to contact any of the WPTC Board members at wptc925@gmail.com with any questions, concerns or feedback that you may have.

How to Lower your Electricity Costs with Solar

At this time of increasing energy costs, you may be feeling there is little you can do about it. Fortunately, through the use of solar energy, you can reduce your energy costs and environmental impact.

Our sun's light and heat can be converted to direct current using solar panels. The efficiency of the conversion is improving with time and new technologies, but the average efficiency with existing panels that are currently available ranges from 18-20%. Although the efficiency is low, the amount of energy from the sun is very high making solar energy a feasible, cost-effective means of generating your electricity in the long run.

Currently, electricity in the Westchester area of northern Illinois comes from a mixture of sources – nuclear power plants and burning of fossil fuels like natural gas, coal, etc. Burning of fossil fuels is not healthy for humans, other living creatures, and our environment. Nuclear energy, though thought to be a clean alternative, poses other risks mainly from creating radioactive waste and where to bury that waste. Solar energy is a very clean energy source.

The manufacturing of solar panels, like every

man-made material, impacts our environment, and has a carbon footprint, but that footprint is very small mainly because the panels are expected to be functional for 20-25 years.

In contrast, the environmental impact of fossil fuels is markedly higher because it is used (burned once) and more fuel must be continuously extracted, refined, transported and burned to create energy over the same 20-25 year period.

Please join the GROW Ecological Commission on Wednesday, November 19th from 12p – 1p for a presentation on “Navigating Solar Options” by Grace Concialdi, Solar Outreach Coordinator with Citizens Utility Board, Viewing will be available at the Westchester Public Library or on Zoom and accessible thereafter on the GROW page of the Village website.

There are three ways that Westchester residents may reduce their electricity bills and their environmental impact by making the switch to solar energy:

Illinois Solar for All (ISFA) makes solar energy affordable to Illinois residents.



The goal of this program is to save homeowners and renters money on their electricity bills. ISFA provides the option of rooftop solar or a solar farm subscription. Residents can save up to \$1,000 annually off their electricity costs with rooftop solar (no cost for

installation) or at least 50% monthly off the energy portion of their bill, with a solar farm subscription.

The maximum household income to be eligible in Cook County is as follows:

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| 1 person - \$67,150 | 2 people - \$76,750 | 3 people - \$86,350 | 4 people - \$95,900 |
| 5 people - \$103,600 | 6 people - \$111,250 | 7 people - \$118,950 | 8+ people - \$126,000 |

Rooftop Solar Purchase – Incentives that would apply regardless of the vendor you select are:

- State Solar Renewable Energy Credits (SRECs) – can cover around 30% of cost
- Federal Tax Credit of 30% (this credit is available on systems installed and placed into service by 12/31/25)
- Utility Net Metering credits (help you pay back your system faster)

* Note: If you choose to purchase your

solar system through the Solar Switch Group Buy Program, there is typically an additional savings of around \$4,600.

Solar Farm Subscriptions – The Illinois Shines Program allows you to subscribe to a large solar farm and receive cost-saving credits on your electricity bills, without installing panels. Savings are typically 10-15% off of the energy portion of your bill.

Other Opportunities to Lower Your Energy Costs

Last call to take advantage of the Federal Energy Efficient Home Improvement Credit of up to 30% of the cost of purchase and installation.

Systems must be installed and placed into service by December 31, 2025. There are aggregate limits for this credit: \$1,200 limit for projects like a professional home energy audit; installing insulation; door,

window and electrical panel upgrades; and installing a high efficiency air-conditioning unit.

Upcoming Event – Save the Date for “Energy Efficiency” with Tori Woolbright, Outreach Specialist with the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus – attendees will learn about how to make their home more energy efficient, and will be able to sign up to receive free energy efficiency kits and home assessments.

This will be held on Saturday, January 17th, with an inclement weather date of January 24th.

For more information contact: ewchase@westchester-il.gov

Commissioners
Elizabeth Wiseman-Chase & Walt Wojcik

Green Fact of the Month

“The amount of solar energy that falls on the Earth in just one hour is enough to power the world for a whole year” according to the University of California, Davis.

Recipe of the Month

This month try a little something different for breakfast. This recipe offers a sweet treat and maybe some new breakfast ingredients to consider.

Chocolate Banana Buckwheat Porridge

makes 1 serving

Ingredients

- ½ cup roasted buckwheat groats
- 1¼ cups unsweetened soy milk (or dairy-free milk of choosing)

- 1 banana, mashed
- 1 Tbsp Dutch-process cocoa powder
- 1 Tbsp tahini
- 1 tsp maple syrup, plus more to taste (optional)
- ¼ tsp pure vanilla extract
- ¼ tsp ground cinnamon
- 1 pinch salt

Optional toppings:

- 1 Tbsp unsalted roasted walnuts, chopped
- ½ Tbsp mini dark chocolate chips
- ½ tsp toasted sesame seeds

Instructions

1. Add the buckwheat and milk to a saucepan. Bring to a boil, reduce to a simmer, and cook covered with a lid for 15 minutes, stirring often.

2. When cooked, add the mashed banana, cocoa powder, tahini, maple syrup, vanilla, cinnamon, and salt. Stir until heated through.

3. Remove from the heat and cover with a lid. Let sit for 5 minutes. This helps to soften the grain further.

4. Serve, add toppings as desired, and enjoy!

Source: www.pickuplimes.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



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RAFFLES - PRIZES- COAT DRIVE- TREATS

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11AM-4PM

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two evenings filled with memories, magic and wonder

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VISIT WITH SANTA

MRS. CLAUS

COMMUNITY TREE DISPLAYS

BONFIRES

S'MORES

SELFIE STATIONS

LIVE REINDEER *Wednesday*

CAMEL RIDES *Thursday*

THE GRINCH

BEDTIME STORIES

DJ

ENTERTAINMENT

CARICATURE ARTISTS

HOT CHOCOLATE

COOKIES & POPCORN

and more

Claus & Paws

Friday, December 5th
6:00-8:00pm

Bring your furry, four-legged friends to have photos taken with the big man himself. All pets must be leashed at all times.

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WE ARE CURRENTLY ACCEPTING DONATIONS AT SEVERAL LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT WESTCHESTER. PLEASE VISIT WWW.WESTCHESTER-IL.ORG/TOYSFORTOTS FOR A LIST OF LOCATIONS. THANK YOU!

