



Village of Westchester

JUNE 2026 Newsletter

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FROM THE DESK OF VILLAGE PRESIDENT GREG HRIBAL



President Hribal says congrats on another great school year, enjoy a fun and safe summer!

Welcome to Summer!

There have been several questions and comments recently related to how the village obtains or applies for local, state or federal grants and partnerships, and I want to clarify what we have done as a village to participate in available programs.

Westchester utilizes our staff and engineering firm in conjunction with a professional grant writing firm, to research, review and prepare the appropriate documents for the application of a grant.

Some funding opportunities have come from the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District in the form of a partnership that provides funding for water management initiatives.

These recent partnerships have funded and continue to support green alleys, which have removed the previous stone alleys. These new paved alleys have not only improved

storm water management but have improved the look of the community.

Grant funding has also been received from a Cook County Community Development Block Grant that has provided funding for infrastructure improvements within our community. Westchester in particular has been successful in receiving these grants at least every other year.

Several grants have been received from federal resources, such as the Justice Assistance Grants which have funded the hiring of new patrol officers (which then removes future eligibility for a period of time). Recently the police department has been awarded funding for replacement body armor and replacement taser equipment in addition to paying overtime for patrol officers to participate in specific targeted programs.

Westchester has also been success-

ful in receiving grants from the Morton Arboretum, providing funds to increase Westchester's tree canopy. Being a community that has committed time and efforts to tree management and planning, we are at a substantial advantage of receiving these funds for the planting of trees.

Each opportunity is unique in that some require matching funds to pay for large portions of a project to be considered for receiving state or federal funds.

Some grants require a project to be pre-engineered before even being considered for the awarding of funds. Some grant awards take a town's median income into consideration for eligibility.

In some cases, the awarding of a grant in one year removes eligibil-

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THE ONLINE VILLAGE CALENDAR IS CONTINUALLY UPDATED AND INCLUDES MANY MORE LIBRARY & PARK DISTRICT ACTIVITIES. VISIT WWW.WESTCHESTER-IL.GOV FOR ALL THE DETAILS!



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 HINES VA OUTREACH 10AM-2PM VILLAGE HALL	2 TOWN HALL MEETING 6-8PM WESTCHESTER INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL	3 VILLAGE OFFICES CLOSED FOR IN-SERVICE DAY WATER AGENCY 10:30AM - BROADVIEW VILLAGE HALL	4 GROW ECOLOGICAL COMMISSION - 6:30PM VILLAGE HALL	5	6
7	8 ECONOMIC DEV. COMMITTEE 5PM VILLAGE HALL	9 VILLAGE BOARD & COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - 6PM VILLAGE HALL	10 AGING CARE SEMINAR 11AM-1PM WESTCHESTER COMM. CHURCH	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 JUNETEENTH FREEDOM WALK & FLAG RAISING CEREMONY VILLAGE OFFICES CLOSED	20 JUNETEENTH BLOCK PARTY - 11AM TO 5PM GLADSTONE PARK
21	22 SENIOR COMMISSION 6:30PM VILLAGE HALL	23 PUBLIC HEARING ON ROOSEVELT RD TIF; VILLAGE BOARD & COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - 6PM VILLAGE HALL	24	25	26	27
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2025 WATER QUALITY REPORT NOW AVAILABLE

The Village of Westchester 2025 Consumer Confidence Report / Annual Drinking Water Quality Report is now available at <https://bit.ly/westchesterccr2025> or by scanning the QR code to the right.

System: Westchester IL0313150

Period: January 1 - December 31, 2025





This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by the water system to provide you safe drinking water.

For more information about this report or to request a printed copy of this report, contact John Fecarotta, Water Foreman, at 708-345-4281.

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre el agua que usted bebe. Tradúzcalo ó hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.



Hines Outreach Veteran Resource Event

-  Hines Outreach will help Veterans with new health care enrollments and share VA resources.
-  No appointment necessary. Walk-ins are welcome!



10:00am-2:00pm



Westchester Village Hall
10300 W. Roosevelt Rd.
Westchester IL, 60154



1st Monday each month
(excluding holidays)



Please email
HinesOutreach@va.gov
with any questions.

Westchester Fire Department Public Safety Announcement

From the Fire Department

To help prevent accidental fires, please remember to dispose of hot embers and ashes safely.

Always place embers from grills, fireplaces, fire pits, and any hot materials into separate, flame resistant metal containers with tight fitting lids.

Important reminders:

- Never place hot embers in plastic, paper, or cardboard containers.
- Keep all ash containers well away from homes, garages, decks, and other structures.
- Allow ashes to cool for at least 48 hours before transferring or disposal.
- When possible, douse cooled ashes with water and stir to ensure they're fully extinguished.



As warmer weather brings more outdoor activity and seasonal routines, the Westchester Fire Department encourages residents to review fire safety practices, including keeping extinguishers accessible and staying prepared for potential hazards.

If you have any questions on safe mitigation procedures. Please contact Westchester Fire Dept. at (708)345-0433.

Your caution helps keep our community safe.

Thank you for doing your part to prevent fires!

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Westchester's Unsung Heroes

The following message was submitted by a local library patron:

"Earlier this year, a local library patron was fortunate enough to have Library Director Patrick Callaghan and his staff answer the call of duty. A library member experienced a medical emergency that left him incapacitated, and staff was able to perform lifesaving CPR measures until the Westchester Fire Department

paramedics arrived to continue advanced life support and transport the patient to Edward Elmhurst Hospital. The patient was placed on a ventilator and slowly improved. After spending approximately six weeks in the hospital, the patient continues to recover steadily.

The patient wishes to remain

anonymous but sends his sincere thanks and gratitude to the people who truly helped save his life. THANK YOU!"

The Westchester Fire Department commends the Westchester Public Library staff for their quick actions and willingness to step in during an emergency. The

department regularly offers free CPR classes to help community members gain lifesaving skills. A schedule of upcoming classes will be released soon — please stay tuned so you too can be prepared to help in an emergency.

GRASSROOTS GARDEN GROUP PLANT SALE A HUGE SUCCESS!

On Saturday, May 9, Grassroots Garden Group held its 8th annual plant sale at the fountain park at the corner of Mannheim and Cermak.

The plant sale featured a wide variety of plants and vegetables. New this year, GGG Market was on-site selling a variety of yard art and postcards. Buoyed by perfect weather, the community came out in strong support, pushing plant

sales to a record \$3,425.

As is customary for the plant sale, Grassroots Garden Group donated net proceeds from the plant sale to the Westchester Food Pantry.

Grassroots Garden Group would like to thank everyone who came out in support of the plant sale. And please mark your calendar for the 8th annual Westchester Garden Walk, taking place on Sat-



urday, July 18th.

To learn more about the upcoming garden walk, and general information about Grassroots Garden Group, visit us at www.grassrootsgardengroup.org; email us at grassrootsgroup2015@gmail.com; or follow us on [facebook.com/grassrootsgardengroup](https://www.facebook.com/grassrootsgardengroup).



GGG Founder & President Bethanny Alexander presents \$3,425 to Westchester Food Pantry Executive Director Amanda Grant

Police-Recommended Tips for Walking Alone Safely

From the desk of Police Chief Daniel Babich

Police and safety experts emphasize that awareness, preparation, quick thinking and running scenarios through your mind ahead of time if you were attacked are keys to protecting yourself both physically and mentally when walking alone. It's not a matter of being paranoid, it's a matter of survival!

1. Always Stay Aware of Your Surroundings

Avoid distractions when alone. Excessive phone use, headphones, or loud music, that can make you less unaware of your environment. Keep your head up constantly, scan all around you, and always trust your instincts if something feels off base. If something makes you uncomfortable walk to the opposite side of the street, while still checking what might be coming up from behind you.

2. Travel in Groups When Possible

Walking with a friend or in a group reduces the risk of being targeted by those that are watching you without your knowledge. If alone, stick to well-lit, populated areas and avoid isolated spots like dark alleys, parking lots, deserted streets, or walking trails.

3. Use Public Spaces

Stay in busy areas such as stores, parks, or main roads. Avoid shortcuts through empty or unfamiliar locations, especially alleyways.

4. Vary Your Routine

Change your walking routes and times to make it harder for someone to predict your movements. If you feel that your being followed on foot or by a car call 911 and begin walking to a public location. Take a picture of the vehicle if possible or warn the individual in a firm voice "please leave me be" and keep walking away until police arrive. Stay on the phone with the police dispatch center until police arrive.



Safety experts say awareness, preparation, and trusting your instincts are essential strategies for staying safe while walking alone, emphasizing that confidence and quick thinking can help reduce personal risk.

5. Carry Safety Tools

Have a self-defense item you're comfortable using, such as pepper spray, a loud personal air horn alarm, whistle, or a tactical flashlight. If need be, a small pocket knife as your last resort if you are truly being physically attacked and fighting for your life. Nobody wants to hurt anyone but if that person is determined to take your life you must be just as determined to protect your own life first!

6. Learn Basic Self-Defense

Know how to break free from grabs, strike vulnerable areas, and use your elbows and knees effectively. This can cause more damage to the offender, then just your fist. Hit them with all you got and never stop fighting. Practice these moves on a punching bag so you can act quickly if needed and build strength/confidence surprising

your attacker and drawing attention.

7. Be Cautious Around Strangers

Watch for red flags like overly persistent help offers, repeatedly asking for directions, or someone following you being flirtatious. If suspicious, enter a store or crowded area and call for help. Try gaining as much distance from them and hopefully they get the hint.

8. Use Ride-Share Services Safely

If using ride-share, verify the driver's license plate and name, share your location with someone, and limit any information about yourself to the driver.

9. Make a Scene if Needed

If you sense danger, blow a whistle, yell "Help!", or wave your arms to draw attention from others in the area that will hopefully help against the attacker or make him

retreat.

10. Tell Someone Your Route

Always let a trusted friend, family member, or coworker know your planned route, expected return time, and check in when you're back. Especially, when your involved in a possible hostile relationship.

BOTTOM LINE: Walking alone can be safe if you stay alert, use public spaces, carry safety tools, and trust your instincts. Preparation and confidence go a long way in reducing risk. We live in a world that we must always be on our guard and expect the unexpected. I speak from experience because I lost my sister to a man in 1987 as a young police officer. The individual was obsessed with her and took her life. He died in prison but I still think of her daily and that I was not there to protect her.

WESTCHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Have a Tip?

Residents can share information with the Westchester Police Department by calling the tip line at (708) 345-0060.

Callers may choose to remain anonymous when providing information.





WESTCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

NEWSLETTER

June 2026

Adult Book Discussion**Tue, Jun 16 | 6:30 PM**

Join us to discuss **The Road to Tender Hearts** by Annie Hartnett. Sixty-three-year-old lottery winner PJ Halliday sets out on a cross-country trip to reunite with his high school sweetheart. Copies are available now at the Circulation Desk

Come to our Sit & Stitch**Wednesday, July 1st | 6 PM**

Join fellow crafters for a relaxing craft session at the library. Bring your knitting, crocheting, embroidery, or any portable handwork project and enjoy time to create, chat, and share tips. No registration is required.

Holiday Closings Dates in June & July

The library will be **closed all day** on **Friday, June 19th** in honor of Juneteenth.

The library will be **closing early at 3 PM** on **Friday, July 3rd** and will be **closed all day** on **Saturday, July 4th**.

**Plant a Seed, Read!
Summer Reading 2026****June 6th - August 1st****Youth & Teen Reading Clubs**

Join our Youth Summer Reading Clubs for all ages—from PreK to high school! Whether you're just starting with Read to Me, growing your skills in Beginning Reader or Reader, or diving into new worlds in our Teen club, there's something for everyone. Track your reading, earn rewards, and have fun all summer long with Beanstack!

Adult Summer Reading Club

This challenge is for all participants ages 18 and up. For each book you read and event you attend, you will receive a digital raffle ticket that you can allocate to one of our six grand prize gift baskets. Raffle winners will be pulled at the end of Summer Reading.

Log your reading through Beanstack, and/or fill out a paper form in the library to participate.

What's Beanstack?

Beanstack is a web and mobile app that enables you and your family to track reading progress through the Library's various reading challenges.

Prefer pen and paper? Pick up a reading log and start growing your garden! Color in one of the ten native plants for each book you finish. Complete the whole page and bring it to the Adult Department for a special prize.



Scan the QR code or go to westchesterpl.beanstack.org to register. Once you have registered you or your child, you can enroll in our reading challenges!

Watercolor in the Garden**Tuesday, June 9th | 6 PM | Library Garden**

Join us for a relaxing hour of watercolor painting outside in our native garden, Prairie Rising. All skill levels welcome, materials will be provided along with light instruction and guidance. **Registration is required.**

Embroidery Journaling**Thursday, June 11th | 6 PM | Community Room**

Stop by to learn this month's embroidery stitch the Tulip Stitch, and the similar-looking Wheat Ear Stitch! If you can't make it, ask the librarians at the reference desk for a handout to take home. **Registration is required.**

Garden Sketching**Saturday, June 13th | 11 AM | Library Garden**

Come commune with nature and join us for a calm sketching session in the Westchester Public library gardens! We'll be using the library's art kits, so all materials (including easels and garden seats!) are provided. **Registration is required.**

Sewing the Farmers Market**Monday, June 15th | 6 PM | Community Room**

Come hang out and make some fake fruits and veggies with us each month, inspired by what you'd find at the farmers market. This easygoing sewing program is open to all skill levels. You'll learn a few simple techniques and leave with something handmade. In June, we'll be stitching up some fabric radishes. **Registration is required.**

Sew a Garden Toolbelt**Thursdays, June 18th - 25th | 6 PM | Community Room**

Need to organize your garden tools? Make a handy tool belt to keep your secateurs secured and your twine tied down! You provide the fabric, we'll provide the sewing machines and notions (and belts!). **Registration is required.**

Flower Pounding**Tuesday, June 23rd | 2 PM or 6 PM | Community Room**

In this class, our librarians will show you how to make vibrant botanical prints by hammering or "pounding" flowers onto fabric. **Registration is required.**

**You Can Brew It - Mead****Wednesday, June 17th | 5:30 PM | Community Room**

Discover the art of home mead making in this introductory program exploring one of the world's oldest fermented beverages! Learn about the history of mead, essential equipment, and basic brewing practices, along with helpful resources for getting started or improving your current batches. Perfect for curious beginners and hobbyists alike who want to take their mead-making skills to the next level. **Registration is required.**



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Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:30 am-8:00 pm; Friday-Saturday 9:30 am-5:00 pm; Sunday: Closed.

Library Director Patrick Callaghan • Board of Trustees John Lamberti-president, Greg Christoff, Shannon Flint, Christine Kuffel, Darla Woods, Stephanie Pedersen, & Kristen Jacobson • 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.

Storytime at the Library

Mother Goose on the Loose Storytime

Wednesdays | 10:15 AM | Starting June 3rd
Get ready to sing, hear stories, and make a craft based on the theme of the day!
Best for babies – PreK.

Pajama Storytime

Tuesday, July 21st | 6 PM
Time to slow down for the evening! Wear your pj's and get cozy with this storytime meant to shake up bedtime! Best for all ages, families welcome!
Best for babies – PreK.

Teen Programs

Teen Book Bedazzling!

Tuesday, June 9th | 6 PM | Community Room
Bring in your favorite book to bedazzle! Using gemstones and glue, decorate a book cover the way you want. All supplies included; we will have limited books on hand to decorate if you don't have your own).
Registration required; for teens in grades 6-12.

Teen Take & Make Craft

Monday, July 13th | Teen Room
Drop by the teen room for a shrinky sheet, where you can make your own colorful keychain or jewelry! **This craft is for grades 6-12 only, while supplies last**

Eating Around the World!

Monday, June 29th & Tuesday, July 9th | 4 PM
Community room
This summer, sign up to taste-test snacks from around the world with Universal YUMS! **For grades 6 - 12; registration required.**

Make Your Own Ice Cream

Tuesday, July 14th | 3 PM | Community Room
Come to the library to make ice cream and decorate with toppings of your choice. **For grades 6 - 12; registration required.**

Teen Open Gaming

Tuesday, July 16th | 3 PM | Community Room
Join us at the library for a chill night of gaming! We've got lots of games to choose from and multiple consoles to use. We'll even have board games out! Pizza and drinks will be provided. **This program is for grades 6 - 12 only; registration required.**

Youth Programs

DIY Nature Scavenger Hunt

Monday, June 8th – Saturday, August 1st
Explore nature with this DIY nature scavenger hunt! Collect a sheet from the Youth Services desk, hunt for the items on your own with a grown-up, then return your sheet for a prize! **Limit 1 sheet per participant.**

Summer Crafts for Kids

Monday, June 8th & June 22nd
Take a break from summer fun to craft with us! Twice a month, drop into the Youth Services Department for a surprise craft! **Best for ages K - 5th, while supplies last.**

Palette Playtime

Thursday, June 11th & June 25th | 4 PM
Community Room
Sign up for this messy, paint-themed art program! Each session will feature a different project that you can paint and make your own! **For grades K - 5th, registration required.**

Lego Club

Friday, June 12th & June 26th | 3:30 PM
Don't miss this fun club where you can show off your building skills and put your creations on display! **Best for grades K-5.**

Barnyard Paint-and-Sip!

Thursday, June 25th | 2 PM | Community Room
Step out of the sun for awhile to create a masterpiece. Paint a farm-themed canvas while delighting in the finest of juice boxes!
Registration required.

KET CIRCUS Pocket Circus: The World's Smallest Circus!



Saturday, June 6th | 11 AM
Community Room
Celebrate the beginning of summer with an energetic circus of two with a blend of magic, acrobatics, juggling, music, and dancing! Fun for the whole family. Pocket Circus is a bilingual show of English and Spanish. All ages are welcome.





Westchester, IL Chamber of Commerce

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Membership Benefits

- New member recognition within the Chamber ad of the monthly Village of Westchester Newsletter mailed to over 7,000 homes and businesses in Westchester
- Free advertisement in the Chamber ad of the monthly Village of Westchester Newsletter’s “Member Milestone” promotion box and “Member Highlights”
- Advertisement opportunities in WCC’s E-blast promotion – send us your flyers!
- Opportunities to present at local small-business workshops
- Opportunities to host a chamber event, such as Breakfast, Lunch or “After Hours”
- Business listed in the Chamber Member Directory and on the Chamber website
- Promote your business through video or photo opportunities on social media (over 5k followers) with a Director or Past/Current President of the Westchester Chamber of Commerce – send us your event info!
- Ribbon cuttings for businesses
- Networking and special events - bring your business cards!
- Chamber decal to display at place of business to represent your chamber affiliation
- Governmental representation
- Business referrals

Our Mission: The Westchester Chamber of Commerce (WCC) is dedicated to promoting the growth and development of the local business community. Through relationships with local business, government, and civic groups, we support events and programs to create a thriving business environment. We are committed to developing a vibrant, flourishing community.

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INVESTING TODAY FOR A STRONGER SAFER WESTCHESTER






Our Village is committed to providing high-quality water and sewer services you can count on—today and for generations to come.

2026 UTILITY RATE UPDATE – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

NEW RATES

-  **WATER:**
\$21.13 per 1,000 gallons
-  **SEWER:**
\$4.43 per 1,000 gallons

-  No changes to water/sewer infrastructure fees
-  Changes will be reflected on September utility bills
-  Supports long-term capital improvements, including water main and lead service line replacements



These updates are part of our approved long-term funding plan based on a professional water and sewer rate study. They ensure we have the resources needed to replace aging infrastructure and lead lines in compliance with federal requirements and other regulations.

These funds are dedicated solely to water and sewer projects, improvements, maintenance, and related services.

QUICK FACTS



GRANTS & LOANS HELP BUT STILL NEED SUSTAINABLE FUNDING

The Village actively pursues grants and low- or no-interest loans. However, these programs require a sustainable local funding source—and often a match—to qualify. Our long-term funding plan and capital improvements plan demonstrate responsible planning and position Westchester as a strong candidate for outside funding.



PLANNING TODAY PREVENTS BIGGER INCREASES TOMORROW

A water rate study was previously completed in 2015 and again in 2017, but the recommended rates were not adopted at that time. Gradual adjustments then would have spread costs out over time. By planning ahead now, we're working to avoid larger increases in the future.



OUR INFRASTRUCTURE HAS SERVED US WELL—AND IT'S SHOWING ITS AGE

Westchester celebrated its 100th anniversary last year, and much of our water and sewer infrastructure is also 100+ years old or close to it. Replacing aging pipes and systems is essential to delivering safe, reliable service for our community.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Your investment helps us protect public health and ensure Westchester remains a wonderful place to live, work, and raise a family. Working together today for a stronger, safer Westchester tomorrow.



RESOURCES FOR YOU



SIGN UP FOR WATER SMART PORTAL
Track your usage in real time, get leak alerts, and receive tips on how to reduce water use. It's good for your wallet—and good for the environment!
Visit www.westchester-il.gov and visit the Water Department page.



HARDSHIP ASSISTANCE
If you are experiencing difficulty paying your bill, please call to inquire about a payment plan.
708-345-0020

Village branch collection for June will be the week of the 1st – 5th

July's collection will be the week of July 6th – 10th

August's collection will be the week of August 3rd – 7th

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, the branches may not be collected.

- 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, the branches may not be collected.

- 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 (Friday).

- 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. Crews will not come back around once finished, and PW does not take collection requests outside of the schedule below.

Landscapers & tree services are responsible for their own brush disposal.

Please note the following schedule for branch pickup:

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

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

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.

FRIDAY: Open loads observed during scheduled collections above.

Weekly yard waste collection by S.B.C. will occur through the end of December.

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.

2026 Juneteenth Holiday Rubbish Schedule

- There will be no change to the rubbish schedule the week of June 15th – 19th

Village Watering Restrictions

There are water use restrictions in effect every year, May 15th to September 15th, from 12pm to 6pm. This includes:

- (1) Outdoor Watering
- (2) Cleaning Outdoor Surfaces
- (3) Cleaning Buildings
- (4) Pool Filling
- (5) Sprinkling/ sprinklers

Outdoor water use during unrestricted hours (before noon, after 6pm) is allowed on even numbered days for residents with even numbered addresses, and on odd numbered days for residents with odd numbered addresses. If we have a dry summer, further restrictions may be necessary.

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. Please check the signs at the ends of your block or check the Village website so you don't receive a ticket!

2026 Construction News

- **Spring Concrete Restoration** has been completed.

- **Water Main Improvements and LSL**
 - Sunnyside from Windsor to Wakefield followed by street paving
 - Portsmouth from Gladstone to Roosevelt followed by In-House street paving in 2027

- **Street Reconstruction** will occur on Stratford from the Cul-de-sac to Wakefield, and on Wakefield from Stratford to Sunnyside. Tentative June 1 start date.

- **Alley & Green Alley Reconstruction** is occurring just south of Roosevelt from Heidorn to Haase.

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.

2026 Utility Rate Update – Effective July 1

Water: \$21.13 per 1,000 gallons

Sewer: \$4.43 per 1,000 gallons

No changes to water/sewer infrastructure fees

Will be reflected on September bill

Supports long-term capital improvements,

including water main and lead service line replacements

SALE!



REUSE-A-PALOOZA

YARDSALE BONANZA & REUSE FEST

Community Yard Sale September 19-20, 2026

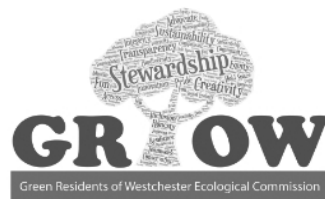
GROW Ecological Commission invites you to participate in our annual community yard sale! Shopping pre-loved items reduces the impacts of buying new - good for your wallet AND the environment!

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN:
<https://bit.ly/Reuse-a-2026>



**Reduce
Reuse
Recycle**

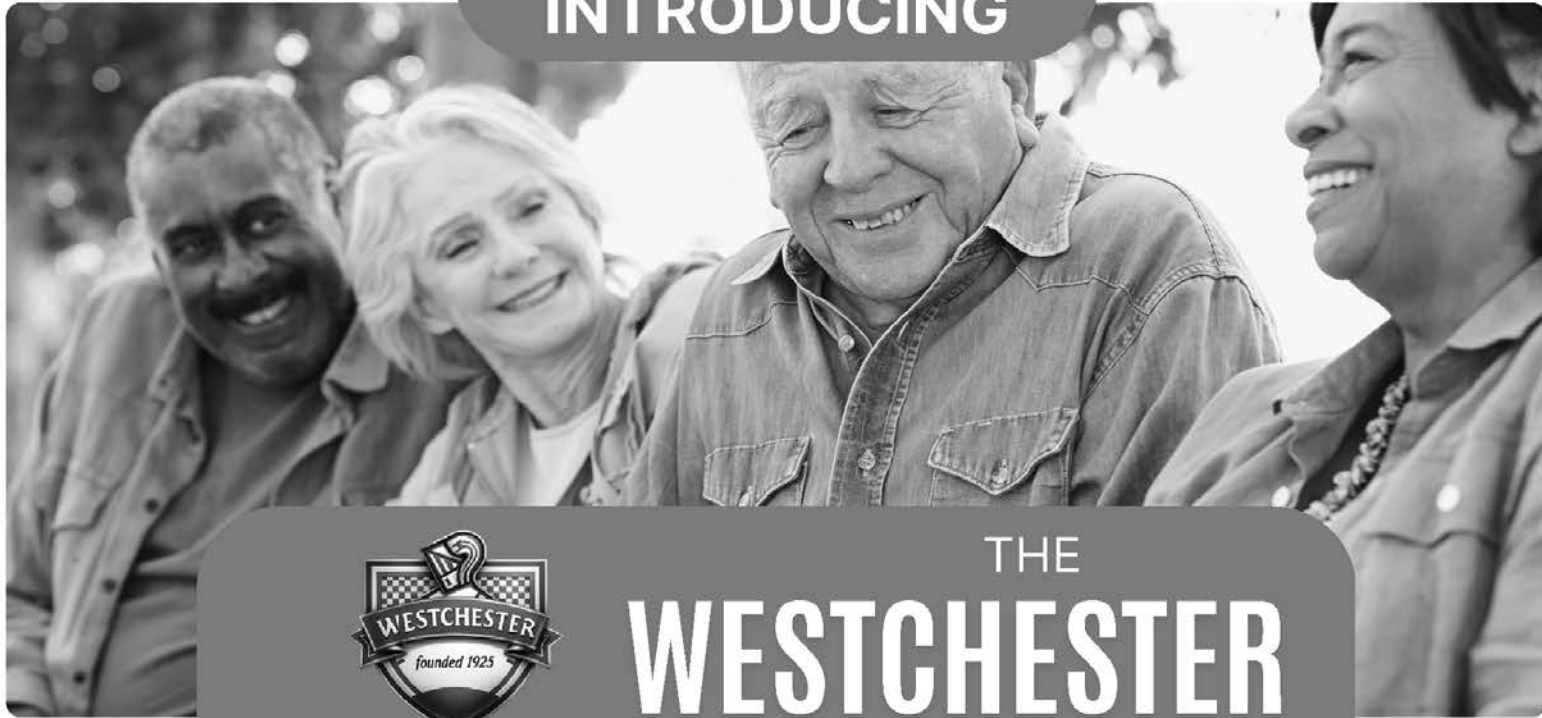
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Questions?

Email
info@westchester-il.gov

INTRODUCING




THE WESTCHESTER SENIOR COMMISSION



WHO?

If you are a senior resident in Westchester, this commission is focused on **servicing you.** It's that simple!



WHAT?

The Senior Commission works to identify needs, share resources, and organize programs and initiatives that enhance quality of life for Westchester seniors.



WHEN?

We generally meet the 4th Monday of each month at 6:30 PM at Village Hall. We want to meet you! Bring your ideas, thoughts, concerns, and support.



WHERE?

Look for us this summer at the 4th of July parade (July 4), Party in the Park (Aug 1, Community Park), and National Night Out (Aug 4, West. Intermediate School)



WHY?

Nearly 30% of Westchester residents are age 65 or older — representing approximately 4,500 residents in our community.

About Us

We are a group of resident volunteers excited to help support, engage, and advocate for older adults in our community.

- Ilene Schauer, *Co-Chair*
- Marian Slahor, *Co-Chair*
- Lorena Alvarez
- Linda Jones-Woodley
- Richard Juarez Sr.

We want to hear from you! Email: seniorcommission@westchester-il.gov

Serving Westchester with Trust, Service, and Community Values: The Byline Bank Story

For more than 20 years, Byline Bank has combined personalized service, lasting relationships, and modern financial solutions to help Westchester families, businesses, and the broader community thrive.

This month we are proud to highlight Byline Bank, a long-time financial institution that has serviced Westchester and the surrounding communities for more than 20 years.

Byline Bank has established themselves at the corner of Cermak and Wolf Road (11211 Cermak Road) – a location that residents may be familiar with as a bank as prior to Byline there was Westbank and Inland Bank.

While the name on the building has changed over time, Byline believes in fostering a commitment to the community.

For more than 20 years, Byline Bank has continued to provide relationship-based banking while remaining actively involved in the western suburbs.

Their mission has always centered on delivering accessible financial services while building meaningful relationships with residents, families, and local businesses.

Leading the Westchester branch is Joseph Christopher, Assistant Vice President and Senior Branch Manager, who brings more than 30 years of banking and lending experience to the community.

Alongside Joseph is a dedicated team of employees, many of whom have served the Westchester branch for years.

Joseph takes pride in fostering a workplace culture built on respect, collaboration, and professional growth, while Byline continues to invest in employee development and training opportunities.

Joseph shared that one of the reasons Byline has remained in Westchester for so many years is because “Westchester values long-term relationships, which mirrors how Byline does business.”

He noted that the continued engagement of residents, business owners, and village leadership

has helped create meaningful connections throughout the community.

The village’s stability and collaborative spirit have made Westchester a place where Byline can continue to grow alongside its customers.

Byline Bank offers full-service community banking and works closely with individuals, families, and businesses to understand their financial goals and provide tailored solutions.

Joseph explained that Byline strives to advise and educate customers so they can meet and exceed their financial objectives.

While the bank continues to emphasize personal service, it also offers modern digital banking tools that provide convenience and accessibility for customers.

What continues to set Byline Bank apart is its relationship-driven approach.

Customers work directly with experienced bankers who understand both the community and the local market.

Byline combines the capabilities and resources of a larger financial institution with the responsiveness and accessibility of a community bank.

One of the bank’s most significant milestones has been its growth to \$10 billion in assets, allowing Byline to provide expanded expertise while maintaining the personal service their customers value.

Byline Bank’s mission remains focused on helping people, businesses, and communities thrive by delivering meaningful financial solutions and personalized service while fostering long-term relationships.

Looking ahead, Byline Bank sees continued opportunities to strengthen partnerships within the community and support Westchester’s growth.



For more than two decades, Byline Bank has remained committed to serving Westchester and the surrounding communities through relationship-based banking, personalized financial solutions, and active community involvement.



Joseph Christopher, Assistant Vice President and Senior Branch Manager of Byline Bank’s Westchester location, stands alongside his dedicated team, whose commitment to personalized service and community relationships has helped make Byline a trusted financial partner in Westchester for more than 20 years.

Through collaboration with local government, businesses, and

organizations such as the Westchester Chamber of Commerce, park district, and library, Byline

hopes to remain a trusted financial resource in the community for years to come.

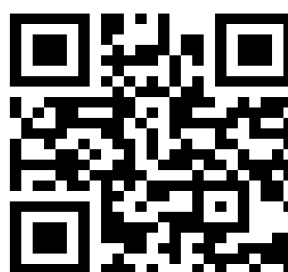
Town Hall Meeting

Don't miss this opportunity to stay informed, ask questions, and be part of the conversation as we share community updates, plans, and facts.

- Tuesday, June 2**
- Starts at **6:00 PM**
- Westchester Intermediate School**
10900 Canterbury Street
Exterior Door #2

While there will be an opportunity to ask questions at the event, you can also submit them in advance on our website:
www.westchester-il.gov

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Proviso Handyman Department

June 2026

Time to enjoy your garden and listen to the birds sing! We can help you bring out your summer furniture so you can enjoy the warmth of the sun. It's also time to caulk around your windows.

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

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Michael A. Corrigan
Supervisor

Anthony "Tony" Williams
Clerk

Steven J. Zawaski
Assessor

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The Westchester Lions Club
is sponsoring a family outing to see



the Chicago White Sox
versus
the New York Yankees



at Guaranteed Rate Field
Wednesday, July 29, 2026 • 6:40 pm
\$60 per person

The outing includes:

- Game ticket (located in section 159, rows 17 - 19, seats 1 - 24)
- Transportation
- Parking
- Refreshments on the bus
- Bus driver gratuity

The bus will depart from the Divine Infant Church parking lot at 5:00 pm :

1640 Newcastle Avenue
Westchester

Reserve your ticket(s) by calling:

Matt Duff at 708 / 870 - 5593 or
George Fejt at 708 / 681 - 3960

Please make your check payable to the: **Westchester Lions Club**



LOOKING FOR A NEW JOB?

Interfaith Career Network offers **FREE** assistance; **OPEN TO ALL!**

“The Power of Networking For Your Job Search”
by Audrey Southard

Thursday, June 18th at 7pm

St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 Wolf Road, Western Springs

The Power of Networking is about building genuine connections that can open doors a resume alone cannot. Many job opportunities are never publicly advertised, and many positions are filled through referrals, recommendations, or internal connections. This means that who you know—and who knows your skills, strengths, and value—can play a major role in your career journey. For job seekers, networking is often just as important as having a strong resume. While skills and experience are essential, relationships can create opportunities, provide guidance, and help you stand out in a competitive job market.

Our speaker, Audrey Southard, has been in the HR profession for over 30 years. She has led HR teams as SVP at Follett and now owns her own consulting business specializing in HR support for multiple organizations. Audrey also provides Executive Coaching to business executives. Audrey serves on the Advisory Board for Goodwin Inc., a chemical solutions manufacturer based in Garden Grove, California.

We look forward to seeing you!

Visit www.interfaithcareernetwork.com
for additional resources!

ENRICHMENT - AGING WELL NEIGHBORHOOD



aging care connections
Because Aging Well Matters






2026 Westchester Aging Well Neighborhood Events

<p>February 11 - BINGO!</p> <p>March 11 - Wellness Topic</p> <p>April 8 - BINGO!</p> <p>May 13 - Wellness Topic</p> <p>June 10 - BINGO!</p>	<p>July 8 - Wellness Topic</p> <p>August 12 - BINGO!</p> <p>September 9 - Wellness Topic</p> <p>October 14 - BINGO!</p> <p>November 11 - Wellness Topic</p> <p>December 9 - Holiday Party</p>
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*RSVP for events by emailing awn@agingcareconnections.org

Events held at:
Westchester Community Church, 1840 Westchester Blvd., Westchester, IL 60154

All event times are 11:00am - 1:00pm

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: info@agingcareconnections.org



VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

WESTCHESTER FOOD PANTRY

Client service crew, Wednesdays 4-7:30pm and Saturdays 8:30am-12pm: This crew helps clients choose food items and get the groceries into their vehicles. Kids age 12 can volunteer with a parent; ages 13 and older can volunteer with a parent's permission. Spanish speakers needed.

GCFD receiving crew, 8am-10:30am, first and third Fridays of the month: This crew receives our orders from the Greater Chicago Food Depository. Volunteers must have the ability to lift and move heavy boxes. Sign up online: WestchesterFoodPantry.org/Volunteer

Food reclamation, one Friday each month, 10-11:30am: We need volunteers to transport rescued food from grocery stores to the Pantry. Volunteers must be able to lift 30 pounds, have a larger vehicle and pick up and deliver to the Pantry between 10-11:30am on select Fridays. This commitment is just once each month. Email for details!

New volunteers are always welcome!
Sign up online at WestchesterFoodPantry.org/volunteer
or send an email to Info@WestchesterFoodPantry.org.



WESTCHESTER FOOD PANTRY
1938 S. MANNHEIM ROAD,
WESTCHESTER IL 60154
WESTCHESTERFOODPANTRY.ORG
708-927-4826

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Aging Care Connections' mission is "to enrich the quality of life in our community by providing older adults and their families with guidance and support that enhances the ability to age well."

Adult Protective Services: We receive and investigate reports of abuse, neglect, and/or exploitation of older adults (60+) and disabled adults (18+).

Aging Well Neighborhood: Uniting older adults, businesses, and services for lifelong wellness, home aging support, chronic condition management, health education, and an age-friendly community.

Benefits Assistance: Trained staff and volunteers help older adults access entitled benefits and services.

Caregiver Support: Offering counseling, support groups, and respite care for those caring for older adults.

Chore Housekeeping: A monthly/bi-monthly program to assist with personal care and housekeeping tasks that can also help to meet necessary transportation needs.

Comprehensive Care Coordination: Aging specialists offer in-home assessment, service linkages, care planning, and ongoing monitoring to support older adults and families.

Congregate Meals: Socialization and nutritious meals for older adults (60+) in a congregate setting, for a suggested donation.

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: Support groups, counseling, education, and resources for grandparents raising grandchildren.

Housing Assistance: Person-centered services to preserve housing and prevent homelessness for older adults.

Home Repair: Minor repairs and modifications for older individuals to stay at home safely and comfortably.

Information and Assistance: We provide comprehensive info about local, state & federal resources essential to older adults & their family.

Options Counseling: Long-term care education, decision support, and assistance with enrolling in public programs.

Senior Opportunities and Services: Designed to meet the needs of older at-risk individuals through referral to existing health, employment, housing, legal, consumer, transportation, mental health and other services.

Special Diet Home Delivered Meals: We assess and provide meals to homebound older adults who are unable to prepare meals or require a special diet.

Transitional Care: Linkages and expedited support for clients returning home from healthcare facilities, helping prevent unnecessary institutionalization.

Transportation Assistance: We connect older adults to transportation services that meet their needs and are appropriate for their limitations.



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James Rowan Presents

Westward Expansion

Sunday – June 28, 2026
1 to 3 pm

Wolf Road Prairie House
11225 Constitution Drive, Westchester



1976 - 2026

POOL PASS

celebrating 50 years!

MEMBERSHIP TYPES	APRIL 7TH - SEPTEMBER 7TH REGULAR RATES
Must reside in same household	RESIDENT / NON-RESIDENT
INDIVIDUAL	\$156 / \$293
FAMILY OF 2	\$244 / \$461
FAMILY OF 3	\$288 / \$563
FAMILY OF 4	\$332 / \$665
FAMILY OF 5	\$377 / \$767
FAMILY OF 6	\$421 / \$869
FAMILY OF 7	\$466 / \$971
FAMILY OF 8	\$510 / \$1073
FAMILY OF 9	\$554 / \$1175
FAMILY OF 10	\$599 / \$1277
SENIOR INDIVIDUAL	\$144 / \$271
SENIOR COUPLE	\$223 / \$415

AGE 2yr & Up - membership required

HOURS OF OPERATION

SUNDAY
8:45am-10:45am
11:00am-11:30am
11:30am-6:00pm
6:15pm-8:15pm

MONDAY-THURSDAY
7:50am-8:50am
8:00am-11:15am
12:30pm-1:00pm
1:00pm-7:30pm

FRIDAY
7:50am-8:50am
8:00am-11:15am
12:30pm-1:00pm
1:00pm-6:00pm
6:15pm-8:15pm

SATURDAY
7:50am-8:50am
8:00am-11:00am
11:30am-11:30am
11:30am-6:00pm
6:15pm-8:15pm

RENTAL MEMBERS ONLY OPEN SWIM RENTAL

LAP SWIM 6/8-8/8 LESSONS MEMBERS ONLY OPEN SWIM

LAP SWIM 6/8-8/8 LESSONS MEMBERS ONLY OPEN SWIM RENTAL

LAP SWIM 6/6-8/8 LESSONS MEMBERS ONLY OPEN SWIM RENTAL

SPECIAL EVENTS

RAFT NIGHTS - TUESDAYS
6/9 - 8/4 @ 5:00 - 7:30PM
8/8 - 8/29 @ 4:00-7:30PM
included in membership
daily admission rates apply

CARDBOARD BOAT REGATTA
7/31 @ 6:00PM-7:00PM
\$10/\$20 per boat to participate
Free to all spectators

DROOL IN THE POOL
9/21 @ 6:00-7:30PM
\$5 donation suggested
participants must provide proof
of current vaccinations

*additional rules and restrictions to the above events apply

*Westchester Park District reserves the right to cancel, modify or restrict its schedule, or certain areas of the pool/facility due to mechanical complications, low attendance, staffing, undesirable weather, etc.

DAILY ADMISSION RATES

AGE	RESIDENT	NON-RESIDENT
2yr & Up	\$9.00	\$12.00



JUNE 6TH - SEPTEMBER 7TH

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE WWW.WDPARKS.ORG

DON'T MISS OUT - STAY CONNECTED





2026
Juneteenth
CELEBRATIONS

- EVENT DETAILS
- FREEDOM WALK SIGN-UP
- SPONSOR



JUNE 19 FREEDOM WALK

- **REGISTRATION REQUIRED – WWW.WESTCHESTER-IL.GOV/EVENTS**
- **MEET AT GRACE CENTRAL CHURCH BY 9:15 AM (10216 KITCHNER ST)**
- **WALK BEGINS PROMPTLY AT 9:45 AM**
- **ROUTE: GRACE CENTRAL → KITCHNER → SUFFOLK → ROOSEVELT → VILLAGE HALL**
- **DISTANCE: APPROXIMATELY 1 MILE**
- **CEREMONY COMMENCES AT WESTCHESTER VILLAGE HALL AT 11:00 AM**
- **RETURN BUS SERVICE PROVIDED AFTER THE FLAG-RAISING CEREMONY**



JUNE 20 COMMUNITY BLOCK PARTY

ENTERTAINMENT

- **11:00 - 11:30:** DJ RON STEELE
- **11:30 - 12:30:** DARIUS BROOKS
- **12:30 - 1:00:** DJ RON STEELE
- **1:00 - 2:00:** WESTEND 40
- **2:00 - 2:30:** LINE DANCING
- **2:30 - 3:30:** THEO HUFF EXPERIENCE
- **3:30 - 4:00:** LINE DANCING
- **4:00 - 5:00:** KIDS FOAM PARTY

RETAIL VENDORS

- **ELEVATE 360**
- **FLUFFY UNICORN ART**
- **GODDESS ACCESSORIES**
- **ME MARKETPLACE**
- **QUEEN'S TOUCH**
- **SELFCARE ENTERPRISE**
- **SUGAR SUGAR CUSTOM DESIGNS**

FOOD VENDORS

- **A&M ITALIAN ICE**
- **BUONA BEEF**
- **HEAVEN'S KITCHEN CATERING**
- **JUST LIKE MAMA'S**
- **RETTA'S KITCHEN**
- **RAINBOW CONE**
- **ROCKY'S PIZZA**

RESOURCE VENDORS

- **DYNASTY VOLLEYBALL**
- **GROW ECOLOGICAL COMMISSION**
- **GRACE CENTRAL CHURCH**
- **LOYOLA MEDICINE**
- **PLCCA**
- **SAY I'M POSSIBLE ACADEMY**
- **WESTCHESTER FIRE DEPARTMENT**
- **WESTCHESTER FOOD PANTRY**
- **WESTCHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT**



VILLAGE OF WESTCHESTER PRESENTS

2026

Juneteenth

CELEBRATIONS

June 19

FREEDOM WALK & FLAG-RAISING CEREMONY

- WALK BEGINS AT 9:45 AM AT GRACE CENTRAL CHURCH
- LED BY SPARTANS CHEER TEAM
- CEREMONY BEGINS AT 11:00 AM AT WESTCHESTER VILLAGE HALL
- REGISTER FOR THE WALK:

WWW.WESTCHESTER-IL.GOV/EVENTS

June 20

COMMUNITY BLOCK PARTY

11:00 AM TO 5:00 PM
GLADSTONE PARK



DARIUS BROOKS
11:30 AM

HOSTED BY
MYISHA OWENS

TUNES BY
DJ RON STEELE

FOOD & RETAIL VENDORS | BOUNCE HOUSE
LINE DANCING @ 2 & 3:30 PM | FAMILY FUN!

CEREMONY SPECIAL GUESTS



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SPEAKER OF
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TARA STAMPS

1ST DISTRICT
COOK
COUNTY
COMMISSIONER



WESTEND 40
1:00 PM

THEO HUFF EXPERIENCE
2:30 PM



KIDS FOAM PARTY! 4:00 - 5:00 PM



★ Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow ★

A Letter from the Superintendent

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I want to take a moment to address **registration for the 2026–2027 school year**. Timely registration is one of the most important things families can do to help us plan effectively. It allows us to build class schedules, assign staff, and ensure a smooth start in the fall. If you have not already done so, please take a few minutes this weekend to complete your child's registration.

2026–2027 Registration Timeline

- Kindergarten Registration: Begins March 2, 2026
- Returning Student Registration: Begins April 6, 2026
- New Student Registration: Begins July 1, 2026

For more information, please [click here](#).

Families requesting **bus transportation** must complete a Request for Transportation Form available on the District website (www.sd925.org under the Registration tab). Transportation will not be provided unless registration, payment, and the transportation form are completed by **July 31, 2026**.

If you have questions about registration, please contact:

- **Grades EC-2:** wpsreg@sd925.org
- **Grades 3-5:** wisreg@sd925.org
- **Grades 6-8:** wmsreg@sd925.org

As we close out the year, I want to thank our students, staff, and families for a successful school year. We appreciate your partnership and the support you provide every day. I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer. We will continue to share updates throughout the summer and look forward to welcoming everyone back in August.

Sincerely,
Philip Salemi, Ed.D
Superintendent

Westchester Primary School

The Westchester Primary School Community finished our year strong and celebrated our learning. In April, we celebrated learning during our Spring Showcase of Learning. Our students performed songs, and families visited classrooms and halls to view student research, writing, and artwork samples facilitated by our wonderful staff. Many families completed a scavenger hunt in the building. We also hosted a Storytime Event, "Color My World," led by LADSE (LaGrange Area Department of Special Education) for our preschoolers and kindergarteners. The WPTC sponsored both our spring Book Fair for student shopping during the school day and our Parents and Pastries event, where a loved one and a student enjoyed a treat and a drink in our cafeteria and could shop the Book Fair together before school began. To celebrate Arbor Day, the Village of Westchester donated and planted a Swamp White Oak tree, fondly referred to as Swampy by our students, on the parkway on Windsor Avenue between Kensington and Downing. During the planting ceremony, several of our students assisted in placing mulch and watering the new tree proudly.

Westchester Primary School



In May, we continued focusing on our growth and learning. Our Kindergarteners and First Graders took field trips to the Brookfield Zoo to expand their learning about animals. On May 21st, we hosted the Jazz and Cadet Bands from WMS and WIS. Their music and talent are unparalleled, and they inspired our students to be musicians in the morning, and in the afternoon, our students reflected and celebrated their year-long growth in learning at our fabulous grade-level Victory Day celebrations with invited parents/guardians. Additionally, the wonderful WPTC sponsored our Second Grade Celebration on May 22nd, we enjoyed Field Day activities on May 26th, and our preschoolers held their celebrations on May 27th!

As this school year was completed on May 28th, the WPS Staff would like to thank all of our families for their partnerships this year. From our first day of school in August, our children have been resilient. Our May assessments of learning measure student growth and provide information to identify our students' strengths and areas for improvement. Our staff will have a busy summer planning for learning, and we encourage all families to take advantage of SUMMER LEARNING located on our sd925.org website because it is very important to learn all year long! During the summer, students' skills and knowledge can SLIDE back 2-3 months. Illinois State Learning standards are very rigorous, and students jump right into learning the first day of school. Moreover, as we look ahead to the first weeks of the 26-27 school year, our children will be assessed in reading and math. They will take the standardized MAP test, as well as other assessments. Based on those assessments, academic decisions will be made to place the children in the correct reading and math differentiated groups within their classroom. Students who need more support may be meeting with our support staff for additional learning time. Home partnership and support will help children make a SPLASH next year! Please help your child be prepared for the first day of school by spending some academic time during the summer. Please see our school website <https://primarysd925.org/> and click on the Parents Tab on the right side for guidance. There is a link for Home Summer Enrichment.

As we plan for next year, please register your child and return the completed paperwork electronically as soon as possible. We are closely monitoring class sizes. So, if you have a child who will be five years old on or before September 1, 2026, please be sure to complete Kindergarten Registration online on our school district website at <https://www.sd925.org/> and use the following menu path:

1. Click on the "Registration" tab
2. Click on the "Kindergarten" tab for incoming Kindergarteners or the "Returning students" for incoming first - eighth graders.
3. If you are a new first- or eighth-grader, student registration opens in July.

This is the first step in enrolling your child for kindergarten starting this fall. You will receive a notice after the review of your materials confirming that the pre-registration process is complete.

Westchester Intermediate School

As our year closes out, we have a number of things to be proud of. Our students continue to grow in Math and Reading. Both our core curricular programs are and we continue to see the positive effects it has on student learning. In our fourth year with the HMH reading resource we continue to work through the gaps we are seeing with our student's writing ability. We notice our students need to grow in their organizational skills with writing, their stamina, vocabulary and background knowledge. We are looking at tools to support that process. We will continue to focus on those areas next school year.

Thank you to our WPTC for an amazing celebration of our Teachers and staff last month. We also appreciate all their help with our end of the year celebrations, Field Day and so much more. Their willingness to continue to support both the academic learning and social emotional learning goals at WIS is awesome.

We were also able to have some wonderful field trips in May as well. Fifth grade visited Naper Settlement. Fourth grade went to Triton College to visit the Cernan Earth and Space Center. Third grade went to Brookfield Zoo.

Our Spring Band concert was wonderful this year. It is always amazing to hear how much they grow from the beginning of the year to now. Thank you to Mr. Collins for inspiring them and to our families who encourage and endure the practice at home. We are proud of all of our musicians.

Over the summer, it is important to have your children read and practice their math skills each day. They don't have to spend hours at it. Just 15 to 30 minutes per day can make a huge difference in preventing summer dips in their learning.

I hope everyone enjoys their summer whether they are staying in town or traveling. It is good to have the opportunity to rest for a bit. Have a safe and wonderful summer.

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

These expectations will continue to be our focus when we return in the fall.

Congratulations to our April Warriors of the Month! 6th Grade: Quincy Ashford and Diana Lepak, 7th Grade: Mayrin Rivera and Malia Williamson, 8th Grade: Zaniya Finley and Caitlin McMahan. 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.

Westchester Middle School



Thank you to the parents and guardians of WMS for their support during this school year. We wish you a relaxing upcoming summer. Please make sure that you complete registration and look for our messages to start at the beginning of August.

Congratulations to the Class of 2026. The class graduated from WMS on Wednesday, May 27, 2026. We wish them all the best in their future.

Class of 2026

Gia Aguillon	Lianna Alvarado	Ava Anderson
Tyshawn Anderson	Kayden Armstrong	Peyton Armstrong
Noah Avery	Kostandino Bartzis	Jayla Bennett
Morgan Benson	Quentin Benson	Aubrey Biggs
Virginia Birmingham	Evangeline Bleskin	Cash Burns
Jordyn Byrnes	Giulio Camerini	Jamiya Cardine
Zoey Collins	Cecilia Contreras	Sebastian Cordero Martinez
Trinity Crump	Andrew Cruz	Aiden Damian
Matthew Dattalo	Mia Del Real	Eric Dowdle
Monserrat Estrada	Tyler Evans	Lia Feldbauer
Zaniya Finley	Sadie Finneran	Zia Gallardo
Edward Garcia Delgado	Keylin Garcia Pineda	Emma Garcia
Audrey Garvida	Aldo Gonzalez	Liam Gonzalez
Madden Gonzalez	Kayden Grove	Audrey Gudmundson
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Juneteenth, Freedom, and Environmental Justice

By: Demitrus Evans
GROW Commissioner

A Short Reflection

Juneteenth celebrates freedom, progress, resilience, and justice. It marks the end of African's being in the dark about slavery's end in the United States. It reminds us of the importance of opportunity, dignity, and community.

Today, conversations about justice continue in many forms, including environmental justice.

Environmental justice is the idea that all communities deserve:

- clean air
- clean water
- healthy neighborhoods
- safe parks
- healthy food
- and protection from environmental harm

Freedom is not only physical. Healthy and thriving communities are also part of long-term opportunity and quality of life.

What Is Environmental Justice?

Environmental justice means:

- all communities deserve healthy environments

- no community should carry unfair environmental burdens

Recipe of the Month

This recipe is an easy and quick meat-free and dairy-free meal, works great for lunch or a side dish, and is easy to customize with your favorite veggies and herbs. Enjoy!
Enjoy!

Hashbrowns, Spinach and Tomato Pie

Ingredients

- 1 ¼ cups vegetable broth
- 1 cup uncooked couscous
- 3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil

- every child deserves safe places to grow and play

- communities deserve clean air, water, and green spaces

- people should have a voice in decisions affecting their neighborhoods

Examples may include:

- pollution
- flooding
- food deserts
- unsafe water
- poor air quality
- lack of green space or trees

Why This Matters

Environmental issues affect everyday life.

Health and environment are connected, and sustainability is not only about nature — it is also about people, families, and communities.

Environmental challenges can contribute to:

- asthma
- heat exposure in urban neighborhoods
- limited access to healthy food
- lack of green space
- stress on families and communities

The Economic Impact

Environmental issues do not only affect health — they can also affect financial stability and economic opportunity.

Communities impacted by environmental

- challenges may experience:
- increased medical expenses

- missed workdays

- lost wages

- reduced productivity

- long-term health complications

- higher stress on families

When people are sick more often because of environmental conditions, the economic impact can affect entire households and communities.

Environmental justice is also connected to creating healthier, stronger, and more economically stable communities.

The Connection to Juneteenth

Juneteenth reminds us that freedom and justice matter.

Environmental justice asks an important question:

Do all communities have equal access to healthy environments and opportunity?

Building stronger communities requires:

- awareness
- collaboration
- education
- investment
- and long-term commitment to future generations

What Can We Do?

Individuals

- plant trees and gardens
- support community clean-up efforts
- teach children environmental responsibility
- support local sustainability programs

Communities

- improve parks and green spaces
- encourage beautification and recycling
- support environmental education
- create healthier public spaces

Businesses

- think about sustainability
- reduce waste
- support community partnerships
- invest responsibly

Two Things To Remember

1. Environmental justice is about people as much as the environment.
2. Healthy communities help create stronger futures for everyone.

Final Thought

Juneteenth reminds us that progress matters. Environmental justice challenges us to continue building communities where every family has the opportunity to live, grow, and thrive in healthy environments.

Green Fact of the Month

Did you know?

According to the **Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)**, environmental justice is based on the idea that all people and communities have a right to equal protection and equal enforcement of environmental laws and regulations.

It's a reminder that healthy environments benefit everyone.

- 2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
- 1 teaspoon red wine vinegar
- ½ teaspoon ground cumin
- 2 (15 ounce) cans black beans, drained
- 8 green onions, chopped
- 1 red bell pepper, seeded and chopped
- 1 cup frozen corn kernels, thawed
- ¼ cup chopped fresh cilantro
- salt and pepper to taste

Instructions

- Bring broth to a boil in a 2-quart or larger saucepan. Stir in couscous, cover the pot, and remove from heat. Let stand for 5 minutes.

- Whisk together olive oil, lime juice, vinegar, and cumin in a large bowl. Add beans, green onions, red bell pepper, corn, and cilantro; toss to coat.
 - Fluff couscous well, breaking up any chunks. Add to vegetables in the bowl and mix well. Season with salt and pepper. Serve at once or refrigerate until ready to serve.
- Source: www.allrecipes.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.

GROW WITH US

JOIN THE GREEN RESIDENTS OF WESTCHESTER!

Are you passionate about the environment and eager to make a difference in our community? GROW is seeking a dedicated Commissioner to help guide Westchester toward a greener, more sustainable future. This is a volunteer position.

OUR MISSION:

As a Commission of the Village of Westchester, we advise the Village and educate the community on environmental programs and practices aimed at improving the quality of our air, water, and land while reducing greenhouse gases, waste, and energy consumption. We strive to be critical partners in ecological and beautification decisions for the Village.

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

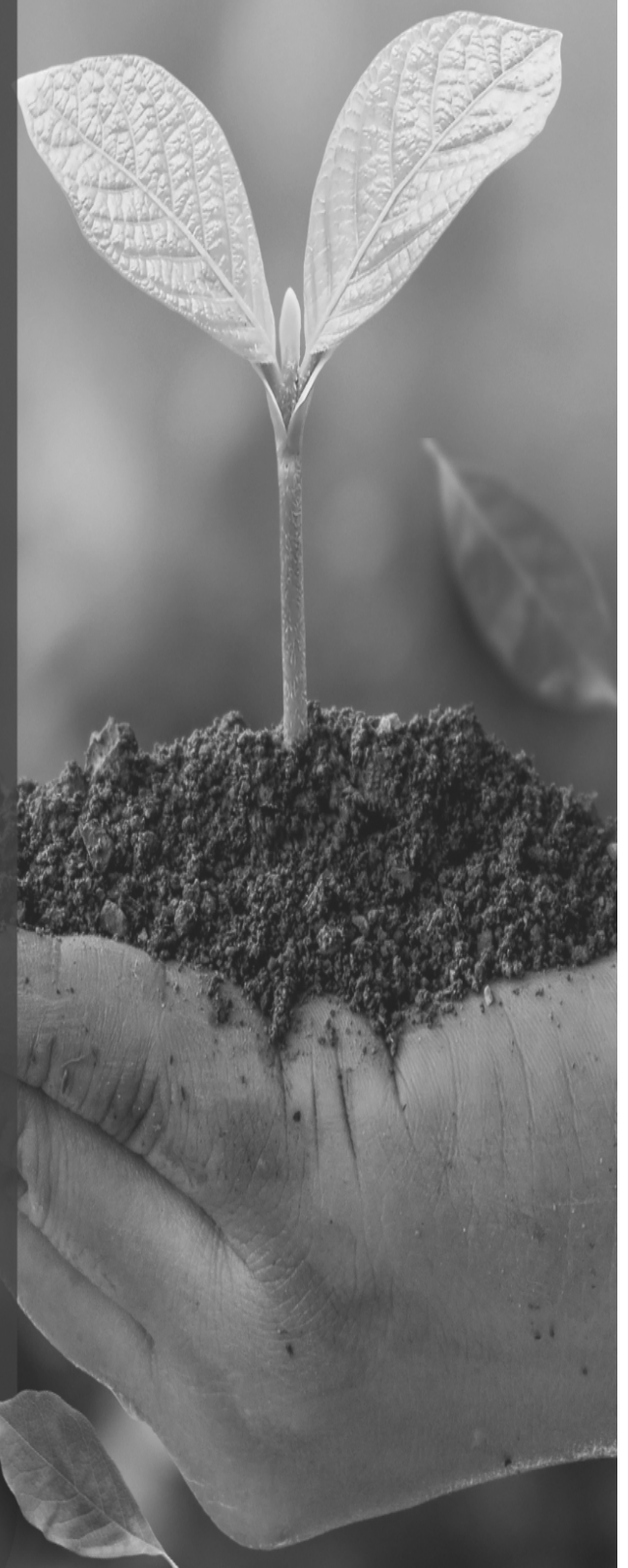
Ideal candidates are motivated, passionate about environmental education, and engaged in community outreach. Responsibilities include attending monthly Commission meetings, organizing events, and contributing articles to the Village newsletter. While relevant knowledge, education, or experience is helpful, it is not required. Active participation in GROW meetings and events before applying is highly encouraged.

ELIGIBILITY:

Westchester residents, 21 years of age and older, are welcome to apply.

HOW TO APPLY:

Submit a letter of interest and a resume to Village Trustee Evie Slavic at eslavic@westchester-il.gov.



From the desk of Village President Greg Hribal

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ity for the subsequent year or years. Our professional grant writers have experience determining how eligible we are for each opportunity and, in some cases, advise us exactly what types of requests will be honored.

Westchester will always continue to engage in thoughtful planning and seek funds that are available using every resource we have to maintain or improve Westchester in an effort to reduce the financial burden on our residents.



2025 Water Main Improvements Program – Received \$200,000 in grant funds

2025 Green Alley Project – Received ~\$70,000 in grant funds

Join the GROW Ecological Commission for a tour of

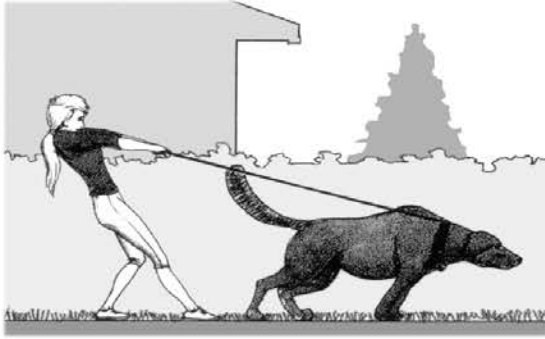
Sustain DuPage

on Saturday, July 18 from 1:00-2:00 p.m.

We'll tour their garden and restoration site while learning about Sustain DuPage's sustainability philosophy, community of volunteers, and initiatives like seed sharing, food security, and habitat restoration.

Location: Theosophical Society, 1926 N Main St, Wheaton

Limited to 20 participants. To reserve your spot or learn more, email: kroberg@westchester-il.gov



Pet Waste and Water Quality

Pet owners, take heed... When you clean up after your pet, do you dump the waste in the street or storm sewer? Do you leave it to decay on the sidewalk or the grass near the street? If so, you may be causing pollution or health problems.

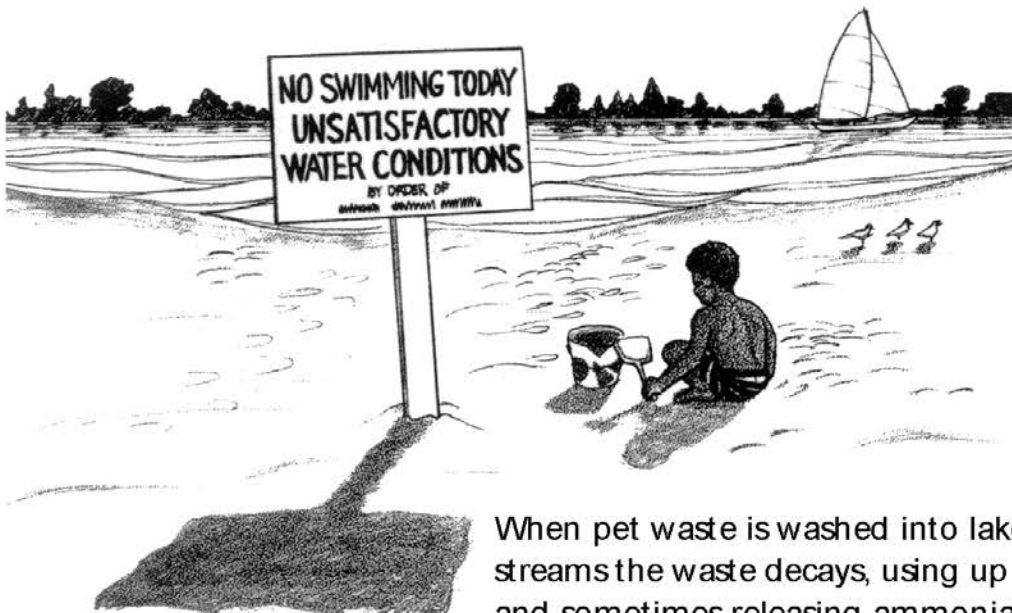
Are you polluting our Lakes and streams?

Pollutants from improperly disposed pet waste may be washed into storm sewers by rain or melting snow. Storm sewers usually drain *directly* into our lakes and streams, carrying many pollutants along with the water.

Pollutants commonly found in urban lakes, streams and ponds include:

- Pet Waste
- Oil and antifreeze
- Sediment
- Toxic chemicals
- Pesticides and fertilizers

Please do your part to help keep the water ways clean throughout Illinois, and especially in Westchester.



When pet waste is washed into lakes or streams the waste decays, using up oxygen and sometimes releasing ammonia. Low oxygen levels and ammonia combined with warm temperatures can kill fish.

Pet waste also contains nutrients that encourage weed and algae growth. Overly fertile water becomes cloudy and green – unattractive for swimming, boating and fishing.

Perhaps most importantly, pet waste carries diseases which make water unsafe for swimming or drinking.

Are you risking your health?

When pet waste is disposed of improperly, not only water quality suffers – your health may be at risk, too. Pets, children who play outside, and adults who garden are most at risk for infection from some of the bacteria and parasites found in pet waste. Flies may also spread diseases from animal waste. Diseases or parasites that can be transmitted from pet waste to humans include:

Campylobacteriosis – A bacterial infection carried by dogs and cats that frequently causes diarrhea in humans.

Cryptosporidium – A protozoan parasite carried by dogs, cats, mice, calves and many other mammals. Common symptoms include diarrhea, stomach cramps, nausea and dehydration. May be fatal to people with depressed immune systems.

Toxocariasis – Roundworms usually transmitted from dogs to humans, often without noticeable symptoms, but may cause vision loss, a rash, fever, or cough.

Toxoplasmosis – A protozoan parasite carried by cats that can cause birth defects such as mental retardation and blindness if a woman becomes infected during pregnancy; also a problem for people with depressed immune systems. Symptoms include headache, muscle aches, lymph node enlargement.

Pet waste may not be the largest or most toxic pollutant in urban waterways, but it is one of the many little sources of pollution that add up to a big problem. Fortunately, there are some simple things we can all do to help keep our water clean. See the other side for ways to keep pet waste out of local waterways.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The job of cleaning up after your pet can be as simple as taking a plastic bag or pooper scooper along on your next walk. What should you do with the waste you pick up? No solution is perfect, but here are the choices:

1 Flush it down the toilet . . .



The water from your toilet goes to a septic system or sewage treatment plant that removes most pollutants before the water reaches a lake or stream.

To prevent plumbing problems, don't try to flush debris such as rocks, sticks or cat litter. Cat feces may be scooped out and flushed down the toilet, but used litter should be put in a securely closed bag in the trash.

2 Bury it in the yard . . .



Dig a hole or trench that is:

- About 5 inches deep;
- Away from vegetable gardens;
- Away from any lake, stream, ditch or well.

Microorganisms in the top layer of soil will break down the waste and release nutrients to fertilize nearby plants.

Be cautious. Keep pet waste away from vegetable gardens and water supplies to prevent disease. Don't add pet waste to your compost pile. The pile won't get hot enough to kill disease organisms in pet waste.

3 Put it in the trash . . .



Check local ordinances first. Putting pet waste in the trash is against the law in some communities. Even if legal and easy, it is not the best solution. Waste taken to landfill or incinerator can still cause pollution problems.

Another option is to install an underground pet waste digester that works like a small septic tank. Before buying one, check local laws that may restrict their use, design or location.

A few words of caution

Around Your Home – If you leave pet waste to decay in your yard, be sure it does not become a problem. To prevent water pollution, clean up areas near wells, storm drains, ditches and waterways. Always remove waste from areas where children play. They are the most frequent victims of diseases from pet waste. Of course, the best protection for children and adults is washing hands with soap and water.

In Your Community – Many communities have “pooper scooper” laws that govern pet waste cleanup. Westchester laws specifically require anyone who takes an animal off their property to carry a bag, shovel, or pooper scooper. Any waste left by the animal must be cleaned up immediately.

For local information, contact:



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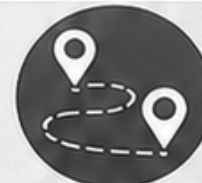
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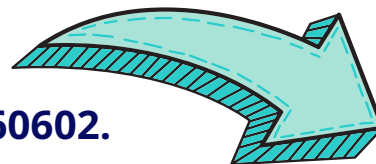
The Cook County Clerk's Office is again Teaming Up with the Chicago White Sox to offer a Game Ticket to Veterans, Active-Duty Military, National Guard & Reserves **THREE STEPS AND YOU'RE OUT TO THE BALLGAME!**

STEP 1: You Must Sign-up for the free Military and Veterans Discount Card with the Cook County Clerk's Office.

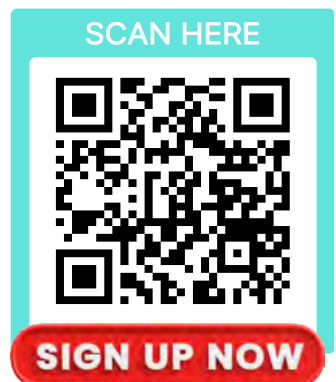
STEP 2: Present your new or existing Military and Veterans Discount Card at the Rate Field Box Office, Gate 4 (windows 1-9), within two hours of game time.

STEP 3: Claim your complimentary ticket (outsidethe bases) and cheer on your Chicago White Sox this 2026 season!

Sign-up at cookcountyclerk.com/veterans or by visiting 118 N. Clark, Room 120, Chicago, IL, 60602.



For more information, call the Cook County Clerk's Veterans Services Office at **(312) 603-5788**.



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