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GROW Ecological Commission Regular Meeting Agenda

July 9, 2026 @ 6:30pm

Village Hall Board Room

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Pledge**
- 3. Roll Call**
- 4. Inspiration** (Demitrus Evans; 3 min)
 - a. Next Month 8/6/26:
- 5. Review of Minutes** (5 min)
 - a. 5/7/26 Minutes: Walt Wojcik
 - b. 6/4/26 Minutes: Kari Roberg
 - c. 7/9/26 Minutes: Demitrus Evans
 - d. 8/6/26 Minutes:
- 6. Old Business**
 - a. Quarterly and Annual Reports (7 min)
 - i. Q4 – 2025: Nikki Way
 - ii. Q2 – 2026: Alex Silva
 - iii. Q3 – 2026: LeeAnn Kruszynski
 - iv. Annual Report
 - b. Updates from Village Staff and Board Liaisons (Annie Canavan, Evie Slavic; 5 min)
 - c. SBC Grant Proposals (3 min)
 - d. Commissioner Interviews (2 min)
 - e. Metrics Update (Mariana Nicolae; 3 min)
 - f. Communications & Events
 - i. Upcoming Event Support Needs
 - a. Waste Signage at Events (Kari Roberg, Liz Chase; 5 min)
 - b. Tabling Message and Documents (5 min)

- ii. Event & Education Outreach Proposals and Updates
 - a. Website Update (Alex Silva; 5 min)

- iii. Newsletter (3 min)

- g. Review and Assignment of Action Items (5 min)

7. New Business

- a. Sustainable Packaging Discussion and Actions (Demitrus Evans, Kari Roberg; 10 min)
- b. Agenda Items for Next Meeting (5 min)

8. Commission Comments (10 min)

9. Liaison Comments (10 min)

10. Public Participation - *In order to give as many visitors as possible an opportunity to speak and in the interest of adjourning the meeting by 8:00 p.m., please limit your comments to 3 minutes in length, unless further time is granted by the Commission.*

11. Adjournment

The Village of Westchester will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Village of Westchester, should contact the office of the Fire Chief, 10300 W. Roosevelt Road, Westchester, IL, (708) 345-0441, as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.



2026 Planning Calendar (One event per month, plan 3 months in advance)						
Month	Event	Point Person	Date	Location	Status	Notes
Jan-26	<i>Save Money and Energy this Winter</i>	Liz	January 17 @ 9am	Village Hall Board Room	Completed	Event was recorded and placed on Village website
Feb-26						
Mar-26	Share your Green Success Story	Walt + Kari	March 28 @ 1pm	Village Hall Board Room	Completed	
TBD	SBC Field Trip (Commissioners Only)	Spring	Need Date		Approved	Can we take videos for the new media idea? - Nikki
Apr-26						
May - 26	Argonne Lab Tour	Mariana	May 7 @ 9am	Argonne Lab	Approved	
Jun-26						
Tabling	Juneteenth	Walt	June 20, 11am-4pm	Gladstone Park		Focus on composting
Jul-26	July 4 th Parade	Demitrus, Walt	July 4th			
Tabling	Party in the Park	Liz, Demitrus	Aug 1, 2-4pm	Community Park		Water theme, give out shower timers
Tabling	Native Plant Education at GGG Garden Walk	Liz	July 18th			Native plants and home conversions theme
Jul 26	Tour Sustain DuPage	Kari	July 18, 1-2pm	Wheaton	Approved	Encourage attendees to visit Saving Monarchs event after
Aug-26	Home Electrification	Liz				Proposal pending
Tabling	National Night Out	Kari, Liz	August 4, 4-7pm			Kids activities
Sep-26	Reuse-a-	LeeAnn, Nikki	Sept 19th/20th			

	Palooza					
	Repair-a-Palooza	Kari, Nikki	Sept 26th, 9am-noon	Village Hall Board Room (and possible parking lot)	Approved	Planning in Progress
<i>Tabling</i>	Prairie Fest					Liz gathering details
Oct-26						
<i>Tabling</i>						
Nov-26						
<i>Tabling</i>						
Dec-26						
<i>Tabling</i>						

Newsletter Calendar		
Month	Article Topic	Author
<i>Monthly</i>	Plant Based Recipes	Kari
<i>Monthly</i>	Monthly Green Fact	Walt
March 2026	Composting – SBC update	Nikki
April 2026	Earth Day Actions	Kari
May 2026	Native Plants / Wildlife	Alex
June 2026	Environmental Justice	Demitrus
July 2026	Water	Mariana
August 2026	Plant-Based Eating and Harvest	Walt, Kari
September 2026	Reuse-a-Palooza	LeeAnn
October 2026	Pumpkin Smash and Composting	Kari
November 2026	Zero Waste Holidays/Sustainable Holidays	Demitrus, Kari
December 2026	Energy Saving Tips	Liz

2026 Agenda Calendar (for reference)		
Month	GROW Business	Education topics
January	SBC Stipend Kick-Off	home efficiency
February	SBC Stipend; Energy plan feedback (overview other plans)	veggie comfort foods
March	Energy Plan final recommendations and next steps	composting
April	Juneteenth + Fourth of July Planning	Earth Day actions
May	Party in the Park Planning	Native plants; wildlife
June	National Night Out Planning	water; plant-based meals
July		water
August		electric vehicles; plant-based eating
September		reuse and recycling
October		composting pumpkins
November	Strategic Planning	sustainable holiday planning
December	Strategic Planning	Native plants