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COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



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Attention Wood Dale Junior High 8th Grade Panthers



Your
Transition
to
High School
Begins!



JOIN US ON

**THURSDAY,
JANUARY 12TH
6:00PM**

FENTON HIGH SCHOOL
AUDITORIUM

COME LEARN ABOUT ALL OF
THE AMAZING OPPORTUNITIES
FENTON HAS TO OFFER!

6-6:45PM

WELCOME MESSAGE

6:45-7:15PM

ELECTIVES FAIR

7:30-8:00PM

ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES FAIR

QUESTIONS: EMAIL KORANDA@FENTON100.ORG
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CITY OF WOOD DALE



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City Hall Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Meetings take place at City Hall unless otherwise noted. All meetings subject to change. Public notices, meeting cancellations and agendas are posted at City Hall 48 hours prior to the meeting date and time (located in the rotunda near the finance window). For the most up-to-date meeting dates and times visit www.wooddale.com.

JANUARY

City Hall Closed - New Year's Day	1/2/2023	
City Council Meeting	1/5/2023	7:30 PM
Board of Police & Fire Commissioners	1/9/2023	7:00 PM
Police Pension Board	1/12/2023	12:00 PM
Committee of the Whole	1/12/2023	7:30 PM
Community Development Commission	1/16/2023	7:00 PM
Citizen Involvement Committee	1/18/2023	6:30 PM
City Council Meeting	1/19/2023	7:30 PM
Committee of the Whole	1/26/2023	7:30 PM

FEBRUARY

City Council Meeting	2/2/2023	7:30 PM
Wood Dale for a Greener Tomorrow Committee	2/8/2023	6:30 PM
Committee of the Whole	2/9/2023	7:30 PM
Board of Police & Fire Commissioners	2/13/2023	7:00 PM
City Council Meeting	2/16/2023	7:30 PM
City Hall Closed - Presidents Day	2/20/2023	
Committee of the Whole	2/23/2023	7:30 PM
Community Development Commission	2/27/2023	7:00 PM



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MAYOR'S LETTER

Dear Wood Dale Residents,

As the new year begins, the City of Wood Dale is excited to keep our connections to the community strong. We are proud of the many achievements in Wood Dale. This includes welcoming new businesses, building strong infrastructure, receiving grants for various projects, and the success of the City's financial status in winning the Triple Crown award from the GFOA (Government Finance Officers Association) for the second year in a row.

While we are all striving to do our best, I do have one request for the community this new year. My request is to please slow down when driving. The Wood Dale Police Department has received an influx of reported speeding vehicles in neighborhoods.

Speeding in residential areas causes several types of harm:

- It makes citizens fear for safety
- It increases the risk of vehicle crashes
- It increases the seriousness of injuries to a speeder's own passenger(s) and to other drivers and passenger(s), pedestrians, and bicyclists a vehicle strikes

The remedy is simple. Be safe and SLOW DOWN.

Please contact the Wood Dale Police Department regarding speeding in neighborhoods. The first step the Department will take is to conduct a traffic study to determine the volume and speed of vehicles traveling in the area. This traffic study will occur prior to deploying speed awareness signs, extra patrol enforcement, or other measures intended to affect traffic conditions.

The Police Department will deploy the JAMAR Radar Recorder in the area where the complaint was received. The recorder is a radar-based system that can monitor traffic volume and speeds

without alerting the traffic that this is being monitored. The results of the speed study will be shared between City departments. The Police Department then determines the next course of action, which includes the potential addition of speed bumps and speed humps. If a speed study interests you, please contact the Wood Dale Police Department at (630) 766-2060.

The City is working hard to keep you safe and prosperous.

Thank you and be safe.

Sincerely,
Nunzio Pulice
Mayor of Wood Dale





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VEHICLE STICKER ARTWORK CONTEST!

 CITY OF WOOD DALE

THEME:
"MY FAVORITE
WEEKEND IN
WOOD DALE"



ENTER BY FEBRUARY 24, 2023!
FOR STUDENTS IN K-8TH GRADE

**VISIT WWW.WOODDALE.COM FOR FULL
CONTEST RULES AND INFORMATION.**



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CITY OF WOOD DALE

PRAIRIE Fest


Save the Date!
JULY 27-30

Community Park - 655 N. Wood Dale Road

Live Music. Carnival Rides. Food & Drink. Fireworks.
(Saturday)

**GFOA TRIPLE CROWN WINNER
2022**

 CITY OF
WOOD DALE

THE CITY IS AWARDED THE GFOA TRIPLE CROWN AWARD!

The City received the GFOA Triple Crown award for our fiscal year 2020 reporting cycle. This is the second year they have awarded this distinction, and the City has received it both years. The Triple Crown covers the 3 reporting categories: Excellence in Financial Reporting, Popular Annual Financial Reporting, and Distinguished Budget Presentation. The City is confirmed to having received all 3 now for 9 years in row, with year 10 pending final approval. The GFOA presents these awards to entities within the United States and Canada. Only 317 entities received the Triple Crown designation, with 27 coming from Illinois.



A YEAR IN REVIEW

The City of Wood Dale has covered a lot of ground this last year. We hope you enjoy this brief review of 2022.

CAPITAL STREET IMPROVEMENTS

Street resurfacing:

- The City received a \$3M allocation from State Capital Bill to fund this project.
- Approx. 7 miles of streets were scheduled to be resurfaced.
- This includes the reconstruction of Arlene Drive and Itasca Street.
- This will also provide additional storm sewer and water main improvements



NEW PUBLIC WORKS CAMPUS

Planned Completion 2023:

- The City will consolidate Public Works operations to one facility.
- Rehabilitating the existing facility at 720 Central Ave, reduces the overall cost when compared to estimates for constructing an all-new building.
- The new campus draws on TIF funds and no tax dollars have been used.
- The project will bring the Utilities Division under the Public Works building.

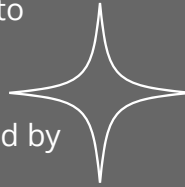
BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Relocation of longtime Wood Dale Favorite - Marino's Restaurant:

- The owners propose at 5,200 square foot, new, stand-alone restaurant, featuring outdoor dining and a wood fired grill.
- The restaurant will be located at the southwest corner of Irving Park Road and Ash Avenue.
- The City initially purchased this property to encourage new investment and redevelopment.
- The project is anticipated to be considered by the City Council in January or February.



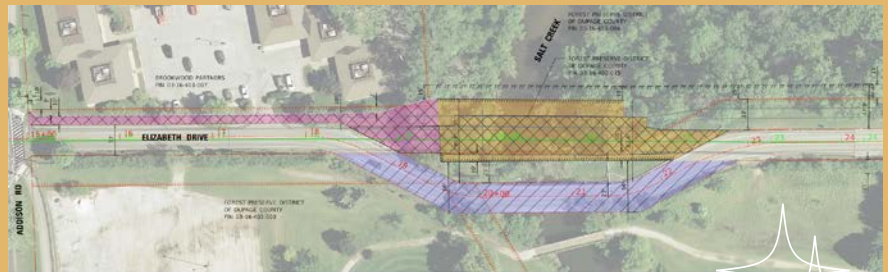
Rendering of the new location.



CAPITAL PROJECT

Elizabeth Bridge Project:

- The project is being funded at 80% by the Federal Highway Administration and 20% by local funding.
- The Forest Preserve District is partnering with the City to include a pedestrian path from Addison Road through the Bridge to the Forest Preserve entrance on Elizabeth.
- The project is planned for summer 2024.



Rendering of the project.



NEW WOOD DALE BUSINESSES

- Since January 2022, the City has welcomed 30 New Businesses.
- These businesses support 679 new employees in the community. And occupy 297,890 square feet.
- The City hosted three official ribbon cuttings in 2022.



FEATURED LARGER NEW BUSINESSES		
Name	Employees	Square Feet
Choice Aviation Services	38	63,000
Ceva Logistics	40	117,000
Trademango Solutions	50	172,000
Packet Fabric	104	5,000
Totem Lumber & Supply	57	40,000
George Sollitt Construction	40	13,000
Nippon Express	200	318,000
Clayton Metals	40	47,000
Better NOI LLC	35	10,000





A YEAR IN REVIEW CONTINUED

THE PASSING OF DEPUTY CHIEF WILLIAM FRESE



Deputy Chief Frese served the City of Wood Dale in a variety of roles during his 21 years of service, including as a Patrol Officer, Detective, Sergeant and Deputy Chief. During his time with the department, he held numerous specialties including firearms instructor, use of force instructor, baton instructor, certified gang officer, crime prevention officer, elderly services officer and a certified homicide investigator.

His impact and legacy in our department and community was immense, and his memory will live on forever.

OPPOSITION TO POTENTIAL RAIL MERGER

- In early 2022, Wood Dale and seven other suburban Chicago communities joined together to form the Coalition to Stop CPKC (Canadian Pacific Railway Limited and Kansas City Southern).
- The merger's approval is expected to increase freight traffic on the Milwaukee District West rail line through our communities by up to 300% in three years and contribute negatively to the environment.
- Learn more and support the opposition.



INTRODUCTION OF AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE READER (ALPR) SYSTEMS

A total of 23 ALPR cameras will be installed in strategic locations within Wood Dale. This system will assist Police to:

- Quickly investigate crimes.
- Locate offenders.
- Receive a live alert of the vehicle's location, photo, and direction.
- Apprehend anyone intending to commit a crime.

Access to this data is very strictly audit-controlled & maintained for a 30-day period.



SPECIAL EVENTS

The City hosts special events to promote the celebration of seasons, create new memories, and bring a deeper connection to anyone living and working in Wood Dale. These free family events are planned throughout the year and highlight the fun and beautiful community many call home.

After a two-year pandemic pause, in 2022, we proudly brought back our biggest event, *Prairie Fest*. This 4-day festival included a carnival, free children's activities, musical entertainment with a headliner show, a fantastic fireworks display, and excellent food vendors. Stay tuned for exciting events scheduled for 2023!



MOHAWK MANOR-PHASE 2:

Economic Development is strong in Wood Dale. Plans for Mowhak Manor are shaping up!

- We have a proposed data center on a 24-acre site previously occupied by single-family homes.
- 33 homes were purchased and cleared by the developer.
- Two planned buildings will total approximately 525,000 square feet in area.
- Phase 2 is located on the west side of Route 83, immediately south of Bryn Mawr Avenue, and includes the new Nippon Express building.
- City Council expected to review in early 2023, and construction to follow.



Rendering of the project.

MOVE WITH THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

The City hosted its second season of Move with the Mayor and City Council in 2022. Together, we walked over 12 miles, learned about various programs and events, and connected over our love of Wood Dale. We look forward to bringing back this program in 2023!

This initiative is part of the National Forum – For Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention, which works with mayors across the country to challenge their communities to be more physically active. Let's keep moving, Wood Dale!





CITY HALL STUDENT FIELD TRIPS RETURN

In October, the City welcomed five classes of second graders from Oakbrook Elementary School visited City Hall as part of their local government curriculum. This was the first time student field trips were initiated since the pandemic. Students toured different departments, met with Alderman Woods to better understand the elected official roles, and got to sit inside a police vehicle.

City staff made an extra effort to include the student field trip in their day. We're so proud of these students! These are the faces of future local government officials and staff, and the future is promising!

TOP DUI ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AWARDED

It's devastating to consider how many innocent victims are killed and thousands are severely injured due to alcohol/drug-related crashes in Illinois.

Once again, the Wood Dale Police Department emphasized the importance of DUI enforcement. The Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists (AAIM) recognized the top three Wood Dale officers for their vigorous DUI enforcement. Congratulations to Officer Robyn Lyons, Officer Kevin Perez, and Detective Justin Bjes for their continued efforts to keep Wood Dale streets and residents safe. Congrats!



Pictured left to right: Officers Casey, Kozak, Perez, Deputy Chief Banaszynski, Detective Bjes, Officers Lyons, Johnston, Drost and Osten.

RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

This luxury apartment complex will be located in downtown Wood Dale at the former SBT bank, 372 N Wood Dale Road. Here are some fun facts:

- 5-story building offering 176 luxury apartments.
- Rents range from \$1400/month for a studio and up to \$2400/month for a large 2-bedroom unit.
- The City Council is expected to review it in early 2023.
- Amenities include an outdoor pool and courtyard, an indoor clubroom, a fitness room, and a conference room.
- Groundbreaking is expected in the summer of 2023.



THE CITY INTRODUCED SENIOR/DISABLED GRASS CUTTING DISCOUNT PROGRAM

In 2022, the City of Wood Dale initiated a Senior/Disabled Grass Cutting Program to assist those who need grass-cutting services and cannot complete it independently. The program is based on available funds and is on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Services include:

- Spring cleanup
- Cutting of grass
- Edging of hardscape
- Fall cleanup



Are you interested in more information about this program?
Contact Public Works at (630) 350-3530.

OFFICER AND CIVILIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

Community Service Officer Joe Giametta (civilian) and Officer Alex Johnston (uniformed officer) received Officer and Civilian of the Year awards from the Police Department in recognition of their contributions to the department. Both employees were nominated by their coworkers and voted on by the Command staff. Giametta is known for his positive attitude and involvement with various Police programs. Officer Johnston has been a patrol officer, DuMEG Special Agent, Firearms Instructor, Glock/rifle armorer, Tactical Shotgun Instructor, Juvenile officer, and Radar/Lidar instructor and is known for his strong work ethic and always readily assists coworkers. They both continue to provide outstanding service to the citizens of the City of Wood Dale.



Officer Alex Johnston



CSO Joe Giametta

CONTINUED CITY-WIDE GOALS

- Keeping our streets safe.
- Remaining fiscally strong and financially responsible.
- Continue to update and improve City infrastructure, buildings, and equipment.
- Improve areas that continually flood to minimize damage.
- Enhance the aesthetics of Wood Dale, making us a destination.
- Continue to work with neighboring communities.
- Continue to provide excellent service to the residents and businesses through the hard work of staff.

We look forward to continuing our work for residents.
Happy New Year, Wood Dale!





CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP

REFUSE COLLECTION DAYS

JANUARY 3 & JANUARY 4
 JANUARY 9 & JANUARY 10



Generator Grant Program



Wood Dale residents can take advantage of the City's Generator Grant Program, which assists residents with the purchase of a home generator. Generators help keep sump pumps, refrigerators, and other necessary equipment functioning in the event of a power outage. If you are interested in purchasing a generator, you may be eligible for a 50% refund of the purchase price of a portable unit up to \$250, or up to \$400 on a permanent generator. For more information, visit the Finance Office at City Hall or call (630) 766-4900.



Holiday Light

RECYCLING

720 N. CENTRAL - WOOD DALE

DROP OFF YOUR USED LIGHTS

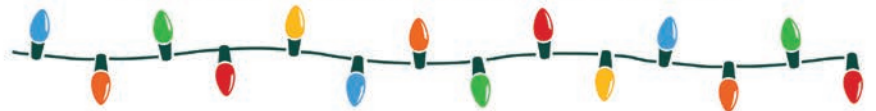
The City of Wood Dale encourages residents to recycle older, broken and unwanted holiday lights.
ACCEPTED NOW UNTIL JANUARY 27, 2023.

ACCEPTED LIGHT TYPES

- | | | |
|----------------|-----------|-------------|
| MINI-LIGHTS | C7 LIGHTS | ROPE LIGHTS |
| ITALIAN LIGHTS | C9 LIGHTS | LED LIGHTS |

EXTENSION CORDS ALSO ACCEPTED

Drop off lights at the south entrance of 720 N. Central.





Snow Operations Frequently Asked Questions

WHY DO PLOWS DRIVE SO FAST, ISN'T IT DANGEROUS?

Plow trucks have to move at a certain velocity in order to move the snow off of the roadway. Additionally, the large plow trucks are equipped with governors which won't allow the truck to travel faster than 25 mph while the spreader is turned on.

WHY DO PLOWS PUSH SNOW ONTO MY DRIVEWAY?

Plows actually are not pushing snow onto your driveway, but clearing it from the roadway. Public Works has a responsibility to keep roadways clear to allow safe travel for residents and emergency vehicles. Residents are encouraged to push snow into their parkways, not onto the streets.

WHAT ARE THE LINES IN THE STREETS BEFORE STORMS?

Lines are formed from the distribution a pretreat ice-melt compound called Beet Heet, which is applied to melt snow and prevent ice from forming. This same compound is used to pre-wet salt in order to reduce scatter and enhance its melt capabilities, while utilizing less overall salt in the process.

WHY DO PLOWS APPLY SO LITTLE SALT?

In order to remain cost effective and avoid overburdening waterways with chlorides, equipment is calibrated to apply as minimal amount of salt as possible to effectively treat the roadway. Additionally, a liquid deicer is used as an additive to increase the effect and further decrease the amount of needed salt.

WHY DO YOU WAIT SO LONG TO BEGIN SNOW REMOVAL?

The Public Works Department and Wood Dale Police Department work together to monitor street conditions and mobilize once there is approximately 1" of snow on the roadway. This is the most effective and economical time to begin treatment.

WHY DO YOU SKIP IRVING PARK ROAD?

Irving Park Road, Addison Road, and Wood Dale Road are maintained by other agencies including DuPage County Department of Transportation and Illinois Department of Transportation. The City is restricted against plowing these roadways except in emergency situations.

WHY DO YOU IGNORE CUL-DE-SACS AND DEAD ENDS?

During storm events main collection routes and primary roads are prioritized and plowed first in order keep traffic routes open. After these roads are treated we begin clearing snow from cul-de-sacs and dead ends.

WHEN WILL MAIN SIDEWALKS BE PLOWED?

The City uses specialized equipment to clear strategic sections of sidewalk throughout town during snow events in order to provide safe passage for pedestrians. Sidewalks are typically cleared after 2" of snowfall. The Public Works Department makes every effort to ensure that sidewalks are open for pedestrian travel during work hours, but roadways always take priority.

For questions regarding snow removal operations, please contact Public Works at (630) 350-3530.



Snow plow drivers work long hours before, during, and after a snowstorm to clear roads as much as possible. While plow drivers take care of public roads, residents can keep their neighborhoods safe by appropriately clearing sidewalks, driveways, and fire hydrants this winter.

Below are tips homeowners can keep in mind when managing snow and ice on their properties:



1. Sidewalks

Homeowners are responsible for keeping walkways in residential areas safe and clear of snow. Shoveling and the right amount of salt help to keep sidewalks open for students getting to and from school, mail carriers, and other residents walking in the neighborhood.

Shoveling snow before it gets walked on and compressed helps reduce the amount of ice that forms. Be Salt Smart. If you choose to use salt, remember that a 12-ounce cup of salt is enough to cover 10 sidewalk squares. Scatter salt sparsely across the squares so it is not clumped together.

Rock salt stops working when temperatures are below 15°F. Consider switching to a product formulated for colder temperatures if conditions are slippery.

A 12 ounce cup of salt is enough to cover 10 sidewalk squares.



2. Driveways

Snow plow drivers do their best to keep roads passable during the storm and then clear once the storm ends. Unfortunately, as snow is plowed off the streets, it piles up at the end of driveways and crosswalks. Due to the amount of snow, it is impossible to prevent this from happening.

It is the responsibility of the homeowner to clear this snow from the end of the driveway or crosswalk in a safe manner. It is illegal and unsafe for snow or ice to be put back on the road at any time.

3. Fire Hydrants

As plow drivers work to keep our streets safe and clear of snow, we need residents to help remove snow in front of fire hydrants on or near their property. This simple task can help save lives and property in the event of a fire.

Please remember that it is illegal and unsafe to shovel snow back out onto the street. Instead, shovel snow off to the side or behind the hydrant so that easy access can be maintained.

Thank you for doing your part to be Salt Smart and keep our neighborhoods safe during the winter season!

The Conservation Foundation staffs four watershed groups that are working to protect clean water in local rivers and streams. The Conservation Foundation specifically works to reduce the amount of chlorides getting into waterways through the Salt Smart Collaborative, which it coordinates in partnership with the watershed groups and other local partners.



THANK YOU! GRAZIE! GRACIAS! DZIEKUJE!

THANK YOU, WOOD DALE, FOR THE HOLIDAY ASSISTANCE

The Wood Dale Police Department would like to extend its heartfelt thanks to all who participated in the Thanksgiving Adopt-A-Family program. Over sixty-one boxes of food were donated by the Wood Dale community. This provided sixty-one families the opportunity to create a home-cooked family dinner. A special thanks to the residents, City officials, Wood Dale Officers, Wood Dale Employees, and companies who also contributed to this program.



We would also like to give a BIG thank you to Kelly Marks, Social Worker at School District #7, in recognition of all her dedicated efforts and assistance to ensure the continued success of this program. Thank you to our Wood Dale volunteer Janice Kay, Wood Dale Property Maintenance Inspector Hillary Gack, and Community Service Officer Jennifer Knight, who kindly assisted with the distribution of many baskets.

Wood Dale would like to thank all the generous donations to our annual U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots DuPage County campaign program. Many Wood Dale residents and businesses, City council members, and Wood Dale employees helped make the holidays special for DuPage County's children. We thank you all for sharing the Holiday spirit and aiding the community.

Due to limited space, we are unable to list every donor individually, but please know that your kindness is appreciated. Many families would not have had as wonderful of a holiday season without your kindness and generosity.



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Chief of Police
Chris Zito

Deputy Chief
Chris Banaszynski





Congratulations

Chief Greg Vesta

Congratulations to Chief Greg Vesta on his retirement from the Wood Dale Police Department. This City is forever grateful for Chief Vesta's accomplishments and the work ethic he provided during his 26.5 years with the City of Wood Dale.

Chief Vesta began his career with the Wood Dale Police Department in 1996. After 4.5 years as a Patrol Officer, he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Within 4 years as a Sergeant, he was appointed to the position of Deputy Chief. After serving as a Deputy Chief for 6.5 years, he was appointed as the Chief of Police in 2011.

Chief Vesta was known in law enforcement as an engaging leader who developed strong relationships with the community, elected officials, and department members throughout his career. On September 26, 2019, Chief Greg Vesta was sworn in as the President of the DuPage County Chief of Police Association. DuPage County's top law enforcement executives elected him to this position. This association ensures the highest degree of preparedness and responsiveness among the states of many agencies and officers.

Chief Vesta's lengthy resume also includes his participation in the following:

- Community Assistance Council (C.A.C)
- Seniors and Law Enforcement Together (S.A.L.T)
- CO-Chair founding member of DuPage Chiefs of Police Heroin Task Force (H.O.P.E)
- DuPage County Chiefs of Police Association as;
 - Executive Board- 2015-2017
 - Treasure 2017-18
 - Secretary 2018-2019
 - President 2019-20
- Board Member of Metropolitan Family Services
- Board Member Family Shelter Service
- Vice-Chairman DuPage Metro Enforcement
- Board Member of DuPage PRMS Oversight
- Past Vice-President of Countrywide 911 Board Policy Advisory Committee
- Board Member of Wood Dales Pension

During Chief Greg Vesta's career, he sought out further law enforcement training and education. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, Session #240 and graduated from Northwestern School of Police Staff & Command, Class #199. Chief Greg Vesta also participated in countless seminars and trainings. He always went above and beyond to share his knowledge with the entire Police Department.

On November 4th the City of Wood Dale hosted an open house to celebrate Chief Greg Vesta's 26.5 years of service to the City. During his retirement ceremony, Chief Greg Vesta thanked the Wood Dale City Council members, staff, and residents for

consistently supporting the Police Department. He said that meant so much to him during his career.

A big thank you to Chief Greg Vesta for the long hard hours that he devoted to keeping Wood Dale safe. As we celebrate Chief Greg Vesta's hard work, we recognize how difficult it is to part with such a great Chief! His contributions will continue to be utilized and celebrated. We've heard from many residents who have expressed how much they appreciated Chief Greg Vesta for his professionalism and empathy for Wood Dale during their time of need. Wood Dale wishes Chief Vesta the best of luck in his future endeavors. He will be greatly missed.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2022 CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY CLASS!

The Wood Dale Police Department would like to thank our class members for participating in our program.

Thank you to Sergeant Alan Piecuch, Community Service Officers Joseph Giametta and Jennifer Knight for their hard work and dedication. Sergeant Piecuch, Joseph Giametta, and Jennifer Knight enjoy sharing their knowledge, experiences, scenarios and assisting with coordination within the department. The CPA provides an opportunity for officers to demonstrate their skills to registered Wood Dale residents. Throughout the program, tours were given, and ride alongs to show all aspects of the Wood Dale Police Department. The CPA also provides an opportunity for residents to ask questions and build positive relationships with officers. A special thank you to Addison Consolidated Dispatch Center, Suburban Law Enforcement Academy, Courtyard by Marriott, and DuPage County Jail for contributing to our Citizen Police Academy.

Congratulations to all who completed the eight-week course. We hope this educational citizen-course provided insight into the daily workings of the Department. And we thank you for supporting the Wood Dale Police Department.

For those interested in the next 2023 Citizens Police Academy, applications will be made available in July. Don't hesitate to contact Meghan Spiewak at 630-787-3811 for more details.



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Happy 10-Year Anniversary



FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC
KURT BLANK

JANUARY IS
Fire Fighter Cancer Awareness Month

Cancer is the most dangerous under-recognized threat to the health and safety to our nation's fire fighters. It is the #1 cause of fire fighter line-of-duty deaths.

Fire Fighter Cancer Awareness Month is brought to you by the International Association of Fire Fighters and the Firefighter Cancer Support Network.

NEW YEAR

NEW SAFETY PLAN

We hope everyone had a happy and healthy 2022. With the start of 2023 we would like to offer some home safety and medical safety tips.

Home Safety

- ▶ **Check HVAC system filters.** Some air filters are reusable, while others are disposable and must be replaced. Clean or replace filters when they get dirty, which might be anywhere from 30 days to a few months.
- ▶ **Test smoke and carbon-monoxide detectors.** In addition to a monthly test, Consumer Reports explains why you should change batteries every six months. Make a habit of changing the batteries when you change your clocks during Daylight Savings Time.
- ▶ **Trip your GFCI outlets.** These can be located anywhere in your home, but are most commonly found close to water sources (bathroom, kitchen, laundry room). Plug a light into the outlet, then click the "test" button to see if the light goes out, then click "reset" and see if the light goes back on. If so, you're good; if not, it's time to replace the outlet.
- ▶ **Inspect the fireplace.** Always have a professional inspect wood stove and wood burning fireplace chimneys prior to starting the first fire of the season. The Chimney Safety Institute of America reports an average of 22,300 chimney fires each year; a good fireplace and chimney cleaning can help keep your home from becoming a statistic.
- ▶ **Check your fire extinguisher.** At least once per year, check the gauge to see if it is still holding the proper pressure, that its hose is not dry rotted, and the date it was certified or manufactured. Most non-rechargeable fire extinguishers need to be replaced every 10 years.
- ▶ **Clean heat ducts.** Accumulated dust and dirt may eventually restrict airflow and might even pose a health hazard. Call in a professional to clean the ducts, as well as repair or upgrade them if necessary. The Department of Energy offers a wealth of information on duct work.

- ▶ **Clean clothes dryer exhaust.** Lint buildup in the dryer vent will affect the dryer's efficiency and may create a fire hazard. In fact, about 15,500 house fires are caused by clothes dryers each year. The National Park Service offers some interesting ideas on what to do with all the lint.

Medical Safety

- ▶ **Update Medical Records.** Have a printed medical records sheet with an up-to-date medication list, allergies, and doctors list prepared for emergencies.
- ▶ **Dispose of Medication.** Dispose of out-of-date medications. This prevents accidental misuse and poisoning. The Wood Dale Police Department is a medication disposal sight.
- ▶ **Immunizations.** Are you up to date on your shots? Here are some common vaccinations you may need:
 - » **Influenza (flu):** Everyone 6 months of age and older should get a flu vaccine every year, with rare exceptions. The CDC recommends getting a flu vaccine by the end of October each year.
 - » **Pneumococcal (pneumonia):** Adults aged 65 and older who are at average risk of pneumonia should receive this one-time vaccine. If you're high-risk, you should get this vaccine sooner and follow-up with revaccination after five years.
 - » **Human Papilloma Virus (HPV):** All women between ages 11 and 25 should receive this series of three vaccines to prevent Human Papilloma Virus.
 - » **Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis:** Men and women ages 19 to 64 should receive this one-time vaccine.
 - » **Varicella-Zoster:** This vaccine, which protects against shingles, is recommended for adults 60 and older. Only a one-time shot is needed.
 - » **Covid 19:** With all appropriate booster doses.



WOOD DALE

SCHOOL DISTRICT 7

STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CENTER

Mrs. Elvia, Villalobos, Principal



ECEC-EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CENTER SCREENINGS

During the school year, The Early Childhood Education Center offers preschool screenings for children ages 3, 4, and 5 (before entering Kindergarten). Preschool screenings provide an excellent opportunity for families to have their child's developmental progress assessed in the areas of language (speaking, listening), problem-solving, fine motor skills, coordination, readiness skills, attention, behavior, and socialization. The Early Childhood staff also provides vision and hearing screenings for each child. Results are shared with the parents immediately following the screening. Families may be offered an opportunity to enroll their child in the Early Childhood Program. The Early Childhood Program is offered at no cost for any eligible child whose family resides in Wood Dale District 7.

There is a large body of research that shows children, who attend high-quality preschool programs that target individual strengths and weaknesses, do better in life. Highly qualified preschool teachers and staff are trained to support children in all areas of development through play and positive relationships. Learning how to socialize, take turns, listen to a story, participate in music activities, take off-hang up and put on a coat, figure out how to build connected towers, cut, draw, hop and learn how to play with others are all basic skills for future school success. If deficit areas are noted, early childhood is the best time to address those areas.

To make an appointment for a screening or to ask questions about the screening process, please call 630-694-1174.



ECEC students engaged in learning activities

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Wood Dale School District 7

Mission Statement

We will collaborate with all families to implement high quality instruction and provide engaging learning experiences, empowering each student to reach their full potential, in a safe and supportive environment.

Administration

Dr. John Corbett *Superintendent*
Dr. Merri Beth Kudrna *Curriculum Director*
Mr. Steve Wilt *Business Manager*

OAKBROOK SCHOOL

Dr. Theresa Ulrich, Principal



Oakbrook School Engages Students through Fun Learning

Oakbrook school has been busy with learning and fun these past few months. In October, the school hosted a Wicked Fall Fair. This event featured Halloween themed math and reading activities and attracted dozens of Oakbrook families. November was equally busy with a full schedule of meetings for our Parent- Teacher Conferences. These meetings provided opportunities for families and staff to collaborate on student progress and make plans for continued growth. As well, Oakbrook students learned about Veterans and celebrated Veteran's Day by making colorful placemats of gratitude for those who have served our country. And because November was National Gratitude Month, Dr. Ulrich secretly reached out to families and asked them to help their children write a short message about what they appreciate about Oakbrook School. Dr. Ulrich collected the responses and surprised the staff with notes of appreciation from the students before



Oakbrook Wicked Fall Fair Event

departing for Thanksgiving break. Of course, the staff was heartened by the lovely surprise. In December, staff supported our Angel Tree program by sponsoring children's gifts for families in need. Students showed their spirit and had fun dressing up to the theme of the day during "OB Spirit Week". The pinnacle of the month was our annual Holiday Music program, a favorite of staff, students, and families. Our families had so much fun watching their children perform on stage in the Center for the Arts.



WESTVIEW SCHOOL

Mr. Al Buttimer, Principal

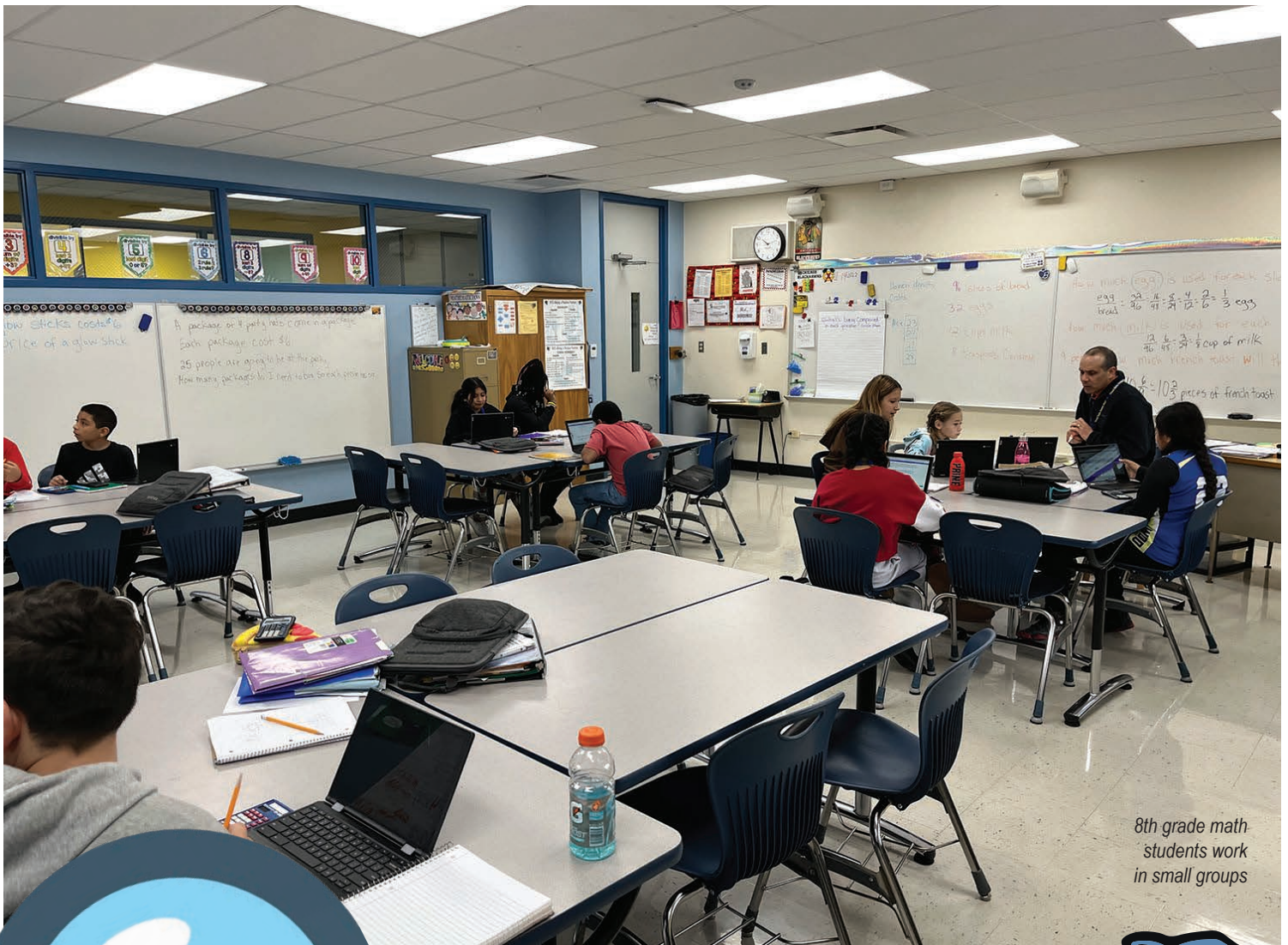
Third Grade Students Explore Nature with Mighty Acorns Program



Third Grade students at Westview are participating in the Mighty Acorns program through the Conservation Foundation. Children learn about local natural habitats through hands-on activities and projects both in their classrooms and through field study activities.

This school year, students in 3rd grade at Westview School, are participating in the Mighty Acorns program. Mighty Acorns is an environmental education program that connects 3rd-5th grade students to multiple, meaningful, and sustained interactions with their local ecosystems. The Mighty Acorns program is being provided by the Conservation Foundation, a private not-for-profit land and watershed conservation group based in Naperville. The Conservation Foundation focuses on land preservation and watershed protection in the outlying Chicago counties of DuPage, Kane, Kendall, and Will. Westview students were offered the opportunity due to our close proximity to some natural habitats, including the easement owned and maintained by Commonwealth Edison along the Prairie Path, just west of the school's campus. Trained facilitators from the Mighty Acorns program began working with the 3rd grade teachers this August to plan a series of classroom lessons, followed by outdoor hands-on activities. This combination of learning experiences

from the classroom to the field help students discover the relationships and interactions in local ecosystems. The activities cover a wide variety of topics, everything from the food web to migration to animal adaptations. Additionally, research shows that adults who spent time outdoors as children may have a greater commitment to environmental issues. Outdoor field experiences across all seasons are designed to enhance the existing science curriculum, and provide students with opportunities to accomplish the Next Generation Science Standards. Classroom teachers are directly involved with planning and facilitating field work which builds their capacity to teach science concepts using traditional methods in the classroom as well as outdoors, including the nearby Salt Creek Park Forest Preserve. This spring, program goals include having students participate in a stewardship project installing native prairie habitat as part of restoration management plan in the ComEd right of way.



8th grade math students work in small groups

Focus on Math at Wood Dale Junior High

WOOD DALE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. Joe Krause, Principal | Ms. Gina DiFiglio, Assistant Principal



In today's math classroom instruction looks quite different than what most of us remember. Daily instruction includes the implementation of small group work with an emphasis on student discussion. This process ensures that individual student needs are met and students have the opportunity to discuss and think about various ways math problems can be solved in the real world. A number of steps have been taken to improve math instruction, specifically to meet the needs of students after the pandemic. A full-time junior high math interventionist has been added to the faculty to provide small group instruction for students who find math challenging. In addition some students, exceeding grade level standards, may work with the SEM (Schoolwide Enrichment Model) teacher as part of their small group instruction within the classroom.

The junior high math teachers are taking advantage of professional development opportunities and continue to work on curriculum alignment and instruction. Two instructional coaches, who specialize in math, devote a portion of their time each week to plan and work directly in the classroom with the math teachers. District 7 math teachers will continue to work with Fenton High School math teachers to ensure students have a smooth transition to the high school and that students are engaged with standard-based instruction to help them to be successful in their post-secondary education.

District 7 Receives Federal Pandemic Funds

District 7 received federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER) funds would be used to hire additional staff. In the fall of 2021 District 7 added kindergarten through 8th grade Spanish and English intervention teachers to support and increase our instructional coaching staff

The intervention teachers work within the classrooms to provide small group instruction to assist students with reading and/or math. The instruction is targeted to address learning that was interrupted due to the pandemic. Each student in the intervention program has a reading and/or math plan that is specific to their academic goals. The goals are assessed weekly or bi-weekly to monitor progress. Classroom teachers and intervention teachers meet at least every 6 weeks to review and revise each student's goal. All student plans are entered into Otus, an online system available to parents, teachers, and students to review all student achievement and behavior data.

The instructional coaches work with all teachers to support classroom instruction. The coaches plan with teachers, model lessons, develop and present curriculum workshops, review student data to suggest instructional improvements, and consult with district leaders to make changes that will result in students achieving their academic goals.

Current data indicates students are making progress and these additional faculty members are assisting in the district meeting academic goals. Last year, the district set an academic goal for our intervention students and so far we have met or exceeded that goal at each goal reporting period.



From the Curriculum Director
Dr. Merri Beth Kudrna

EVENT CALENDAR

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 5
WINTER BREAK

JANUARY 6
Teacher Professional Development
NO SCHOOL

JANUARY 9
Classes Resume

JANUARY 12
EC Birth-5 Developmental Screening
3-5PM

JANUARY 16
Martin Luther King Jr Birthday
NO SCHOOL

JANUARY 19
School Board Meeting 7PM

JANUARY 24
Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee Meeting @ JH 6-8PM

FEBRUARY 16
School Board Meeting 7PM

FEBRUARY 20
Presidents' Day
NO SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 23
Winter Band Concert 7PM WDJH

FEBRUARY 24
School Improvement Day
HALF DAY AM/PM Kindergarten in Attendance

FEBRUARY 28
Election Day - NO SCHOOL

Winter Band Concert

Thursday, February 23, 2023
at 7pm • WDJH Center for the Arts

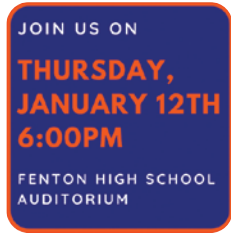
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Dear Fenton Families and valued community partners,

Fenton continues to be a hub for our community. Thank you to everyone who attended our Fall Play and Winter Holiday Concert. Our students love performing in front of a live audience. We also want to thank everyone who donated to the Bensenville Community Foundation during Giving Tuesday. Below are a few important updates for our community:



INCOMING FRESHMEN PARENT NIGHT

We are excited to invite parents at Blackhawk Middle School and Wood Dale Junior High to attend our Incoming Freshman Parent Night on Thursday, January 12. Principal Bentsen, our teachers, and our coaches will be available to showcase all Fenton has to offer.

We are so excited to meet and welcome the Fenton Class of 2027! You should have already received information in the mail and via email. This is a friendly reminder to mark your calendars and join us to learn more about our transition process.



SCHOOL BOARD LEADERSHIP

I want to give a special shout out to our Fenton Board of Education for their outstanding effort during a major professional development conference we commonly refer to as Triple I – the Joint Annual Conference between the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB), the Illinois Association of School Administrators (IASA), and the Illinois Association of School Business Officials (IASBO).

I'm proud to say our Fenton board members were leaders in the room. When presenters offered their recommendations, we were often the first to say we already do that and to provide examples of our good practices.



CAREER PATHWAYS

Fenton is putting more emphasis on career pathways via career treks, guest speakers, internships, and more. These opportunities allow students to envision themselves in those jobs and then work toward the career of choice while still in high school. We encourage our families and families of future students to dream big and then express your goals when you get here because we might already have a corporate partner who can show you the way.

MTSS

We want all of our students to be successful at Fenton, both academically and social-emotionally. MTSS stands for Multiple Tier Support System and it has been in place at Fenton for many years, but we are bolstering the program to address learning loss that lingers from the pandemic. MTSS is systematic planning that allows Fenton staff to work alongside our students and families while using research-based, and data-driven methods for removing learning barriers on a case-by-case basis.

REFERENDUM

Thank you to everyone who voted in the November General Election. Our building referendum was not successful, but this was a real-life example of democracy for our students to witness. Those experiences are an important part of learning. Unfortunately, the issues that plague our building and impact our students will continue and will get worse. We still need to face these challenges together as a community. For the time being, we will evaluate our options.



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Fenton Students Earn 5s on AP Exams

Congratulations to the 20 remarkable Fenton students and alums who earned 5 out of 5 points on their Advanced Placement (AP) exams last spring. A high score, especially a 5 out of 5, means the students have earned college credit while still in high school. Eleven of them are returning students with more opportunities to earn college credit. Among the 11 returning students, two of them earned a 5 on multiple exams! Each student received a congratulatory yard sign and Take 5 candy bar.

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Fenton Student Joins ISBE Student Advisory Council

Congratulations to Sarah Guerrero Gorostieta for being appointed to the Illinois State Board of Education Student Advisory Council. She is now a voice for more than 2 million students while reviewing proposed legislation with elected officials. The council consists of only 25 students from across Illinois.



State Superintendent Dr. Carmen Ayala visited Fenton in June, at which point Sarah and a classmate gave a presentation on education from a student perspective. That positive interaction led to the ISBE Student Advisory Council contacting Sarah and inviting her to apply for a seat.

Sarah thanked her parents for their support, as well as her speech team coaches, Ms. Nicole Hendricks and Ms. Melissa Feinberg, and Band Director Mr. Garrett George for helping her grow her confidence.





Girls Volleyball Sets New School Record

Congratulations to the girls varsity volleyball team for setting a new school record with their 25 victories in a single season, surpassing the record of 24 wins set back in 2018.



Fenton Soccer Team Repeats as Regional Champions

Congratulations to our Fenton boys soccer team for winning their second consecutive Class 2A Regional Championship. Under the guidance of Coach Vic Ruiz and his staff, the Bison defeated ITW Speer Academy 2-1 on October 21 to win regionals. They also won regionals last year, in 2021. Congratulations to all the players, the managers, their families, and our coaches.



Football Player Earns Leadership Award from the Chicago Bears

Congratulations to Dorien Vazquez of our Bison Football Team. He was on field at the October 13 Chicago Bears game receiving the Latino Heritage Youth Leadership Award. He also was interviewed on Univision at halftime.

Only two high school students were selected for this honor. According to the Bears, the Latino Heritage Youth Leader Award recognizes exceptional high school student athletes of Latino heritage that display outstanding leadership on and off the field, excel in the classroom, and make a positive impact in their school and local community through service to others.

The Chicago Bears praised Dorien for his 3.6 grade point average, being a leader in three sports, earning All State Academic Honors, and for his volunteer time with Habitat for Humanity.

Thank you Chicago Bears for recognizing this incredible young man, and thank you Coach Lynch for your invaluable mentorship.



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and at Park District
facilities!**



Dance Program Open House

Join us for an open house on
January 12, 6-7pm at the
Recreation Complex.

Instructor meet and greet, tour the
studio space, and learn what we have
planned for the new dance program!

For questions, please contact
Recreation Supervisor, Kelli Esposito,
at kesposito@wdparks.org.



Ties AND Tiaras

Thursday, February 9th
6:30 – 8:00pm

Located at Salt Creek Golf Club
1051 N. Prospect Ave., Wood Dale, IL, Site A

Fee: \$20 R / \$22 NR
Ages 3-10 yrs

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Use code 11800W to register for this event at WDparks.org



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WINTER READING CHALLENGE

January 1 - March 31



Cozy up with a good book this winter and join our 2023 Winter Reading Challenge!

For the Winter Reading program, we challenge our patrons to log at least 20 items from January 1st to March 31st and keep track on our Beanstack site. The more you read, listen to an audiobook, or attend a library program, the more prizes you will earn.

Adults, you will receive a sign-up prize at sign-up, a halfway prize at 10 items, and a gift certificate for a select local restaurant after logging 20 items, made possible with a donation from Itasca Bank and Trust. Every additional 10 items will earn a raffle ticket for a Grand Prize at the end of the program.

Kids can join any of three challenges this year! Join our Winter Reading Challenge to earn badges online and earn a free paperback book for every five hours you read, listen to books read-a-loud to you, or read to a sibling.



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Details on page 32.

Sign up on our website by clicking on the Winter Reading Challenge link, or download the Beanstack Tracker app from the App Store or Google Play to make it even easier to track your reading on the go. Need help signing up? Give us a call at 630-766-6762.

Library of Things



Thank you to everyone who filled out our Library of Things survey! We recently added the most requested items from the survey to our collection. Check out our complete list of items below, then place a hold through our catalog, Aspen. Just look for the banner titled Library of Things to access the collection. Or simply visit the Library to check out a Thing and try out something new!

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| » Cricut Machine * | » Portable DVD player | » Food dehydrator * | » 3Doodler + pen set |
| » Crochet hook set | » Smartphone ring light kit | » Ice cream maker | » Coding Critters |
| » Hot glue gun | » Yeti microphone | » Mickey Mouse cake pan | » RC Snap Rover |
| » Knitting Loom | » Acoustic guitar | » Mini fluted pan | » iPad Air |
| » Sewing Machine | » Karaoke machine * | » Pressure Cooker | » Mobile Hot spots |
| » Blue Ray Disk Player | » Air fryer | » Air quality detector * | = New items |
| » Early literacy station * | » Bread maker | » Basic tool set | |
| » GoPro camera * | » Bundt cake pan | » Bike repair kit | |
| » Home theatre projector | » Cotton candy machine * | » Kill-a-watt meter | |

ADULT WORKSHOPS & EVENTS

Registration is strongly encouraged for all Library programs unless otherwise noted. Register by going to our website, www.wooddalelibrary.org/events, or by calling 630-766-6762. Programs may be modified, canceled or rescheduled. We will be reaching out to registrants if changes are necessary. Please visit the our website or call us at 630-766-6762 for up-to-date program information. All library programs are no charge unless otherwise noted with this symbol: \$

Eat & Drink

Curative Properties of Tea

In-Person Program • Wednesday, January 11 at 7 pm

Much has been touted about the benefits of a good cup of tea. Learn how to formulate your own teas, discover their various medicinal properties, and explore different types of teas with Marcy Lautanen-Raleigh of Backyard Patch Herbs. Participants will receive herbal blend recipes and samples. Registration is required.

Take & Bake: Red Velvet Cake

Online Program • Monday, February 6

Treat your loved ones by making the old-fashioned, classic dessert that's perfect for any occasion. Come in to pick up a bag with supplies (just add eggs), then follow along with

our YouTube video or make on your own with the provided recipe. Please register. One per family.



Love Stories & Cupcakes

In-Person Program • Monday, February 6 at 7 pm

Come for an evening filled with stories of love and sweet delights. First-course - calorie-free stories! For dessert- Frannie, our Cupcake Lady will present a cupcake decorating workshop. All supplies will be provided. Please register by January 31.



Cooking with Chef Dave:

Healthy Cooking on a Budget

In-Person Program • Thursday, February 16 at 7 pm

Chef Dave will show you how to create healthy and budget-friendly dishes and provide tips on shopping, snacking, and planning a meal that is both tasty and good for you. Samples and recipes will be provided. Registration is required.

95th Academy Awards Contest

Calling all movie fans! Join us in a contest to predict the winners of the 95th Academy Awards on Sunday, March 12 to earn a \$25 Markus movie package. Four individuals (2 adults and 2 teens) who guess the most winners correctly will win. Forms are available starting February 1 on the Library website or at the Public Services Desk and must be turned in by Saturday, March 4 at 5 pm. You must be age 11+ and can only enter the contest once. Good luck!



Create

Take & Make Craft: Valentine Topiary

Online Program • January 16

Create a romantic topiary to display for Valentine's Day.

Pick up your craft kits, then follow along at home with the YouTube video or instructions given.



Resin Coasters

In-Person Program • Thursday, January 26 at 7 pm

Learn how to work with resin! Library staff will show you how to create your own set of coasters and a holder from resin. The cost is \$10. \$

Valentine's Day Flower Arrangement

In-Person Program • Friday, February 10 at 7 pm

Create a sweet flower arrangement this Valentine's Day with florist Peggy Garvin. The cost is \$15. Registration starts at 10 am on January 3. \$

Ceramics 101: Spring Bunny

In-Person Program • Friday, March 31 at 7 pm

Paint an adorable ceramic bunny to decorate your home this spring. The cost is \$40 or \$46 with lights. Registration starts Wednesday, February 1 at 10 am. \$



Human Trafficking

In-Person Program • Tuesday, January 24 at 7 pm

YWCA Metropolitan Chicago will discuss what human trafficking is, ways in which to identify human trafficking, the impact on society as well as the impact on the local area, and ways in which we can all help to raise awareness and prevent human trafficking. This program is co-sponsored with the Bensenville-Wood Dale Rotary.



Red Cross Blood Drive

In-Person Program • Thursday, January 26 from 1-6 pm

Did you know that one blood donation can potentially save up to three lives? Come join us and the Red Cross in making a difference and donate your blood! You must register by going to the Red Cross website at www.redcrossblood.org and use the sponsor code: *WoodDaleLibrary*.



BOOK CLUBS

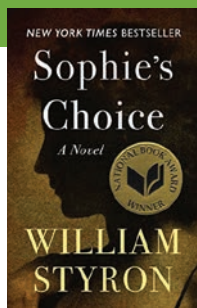
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Gus & Georgia's Book Club

Sophie's Choice
by William Styron

In-Person Program
Tuesday, January 17
at 7 pm

Join us to discuss the poignant story of a new immigrant who has survived the holocaust.

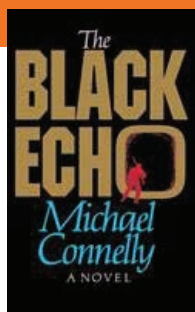


Mystery Lovers' Book Club

The Black Echo
by Michael Connelly

In-Person Program
Tuesday, February 7
at 7 pm

In this award-winning mystery, a Vietnam-veteran-turned-detective, Hieronymus "Harry" Bosch discovers the body of a former comrade-in-arms during an investigation and, with the help of an attractive FBI agent, hunts for the killers.



History Pages Book Discussion

The Comedians
by Kliph Nesteroff
In-Person Program
Wednesday, February
22 at 7 pm

Based on over two hundred original interviews and extensive archival research, Nesteroff's groundbreaking work is a narrative exploration of the way comedians have reflected, shaped, and changed American culture over the past one hundred years.



Book Club Express

Black Cake by
Charmaine Wilkerson

In-Person at Target
Starbucks, 401 W
Irving Park Rd.
Wednesday, January
18 at 7 pm

Two estranged siblings delve into their mother's hidden past—and how it all connects to her traditional Caribbean black cake—in this immersive family saga.



Klub Książki — Polish Book Discussion

Słowik by Kristin
Hannah

Tuesday, February 21
at 7 pm at the
Art Gallery Kafé,
127 Front St.

Meet at the Art Gallery Kafé to discuss *Słowik* by Kristin Hannah. Books will be read and discussed in the Polish language.



The Art Forger
by B.A. Shapiro

In-Person at the
Wood Dale Library
Wednesday,
February 15 at 7 pm

The art heist at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston remains the largest unsolved art heist in history, and Claire Roth, a struggling young artist, is about to discover that there's more to this crime than meets the eye. Meet author B.A. Shapiro on Zoom at 7 pm then stay for a book discussion at 7:30 pm.



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AUTHOR VISITS

Join the Library for author events! You must be registered for each program to participate. E-book and e-audiobook copies of the authors' books are available on Hoopla, Axis360, or Libby. Print books are available at the Library. Please place holds, call, or e-mail the Library to reserve your copies. Everyone is welcome, including those who have not read the book yet!

ZOOM PROGRAMS You can participate from home or at the Library.



B.A. Shapiro Wednesday, February 15 at 7 pm
New York Times bestselling author B. A. Shapiro will join us virtually to talk about her novel *The Art Forger*. Inspired by the largest unsolved art heist in history, the novel features a struggling young artist who discovers that there's more to this crime than meets the eye. The author will discuss her book for 30 minutes, followed by a 30-minute discussion with Book Club Express.



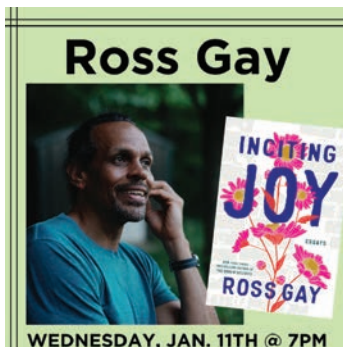
Joanna Schaffhausen
Tuesday, March 7 at 7 pm

Award-winning author Joanna Schaffhausen will join us virtually for a discussion of her book *Gone for Good*. In this suspenseful mystery, Chicago detective Annalisa Vega is on a search for a serial killer who has evaded the police for twenty years.



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Ross Gay

Wednesday, January 11 at 7 pm
Kick off your new year with a conversation about joy with best-selling essayist and award-winning poet Ross Gay. An exploration of the joy we incite when we turn our attention to what we love and what brings us together, Ross will discuss his most recent collection of essays, *Inciting Joy*, with performance poet Dan "Sully" Sullivan.



For Kids & Families!

Saying Yes to Your Story:
A Conversation with
Kwame Alexander

February 8, 2023 at 7PM

Kwame Alexander

Wednesday, February 8 at 7 pm
Join us for an evening of inspiration and conversation with best-selling and award-winning children's and young adult author and poet, Kwame Alexander. As a creator of more than 36 books, Kwame will energize our community to harness the power of words and storytelling for change!



The Weird & Wonderful World
with *Mary Roach*

March 1, 2023 at 7PM

Mary Roach

Wednesday, March 1 at 7 pm
Experience an entertaining and hilarious evening with New York Times best-selling science author, Mary Roach. She will discuss her frank approach to science, the importance of humor, and explore the weird, wonderful world in which we live!

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Career Resources

Increase your career-related skills and update your resume using library resources.



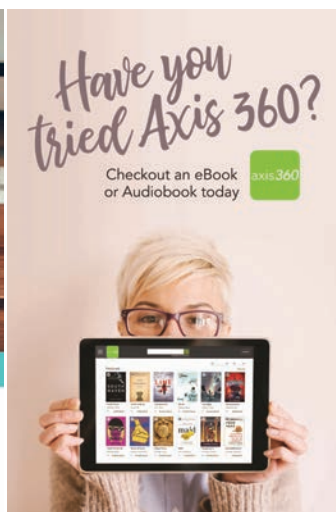
Learn a new skill online, on your time! LinkedIn Learning (formerly Lynda.com) is an online education company that offers over 6,000 courses

in Business, Technology and Creative Skills taught by industry experts. Learn from experts in subjects such as:

- Marketing
- Management
- Finance
- Career Development
- Data Science
- Graphic Design
- Photoshop
- Web Development



Effortlessly create a professional resume in minutes. Simply plug in your basic information and create a perfectly formatted resume to help you land that dream job.



COMPUTER & JOB SKILLS

Reservations are necessary for Computer Classes. Basic computer skills recommended.



Microsoft Word Basics Zoom Program

Monday, January 23 at 7 pm

Are you new to Word? Watch as we demonstrate basic text formatting and editing, copying and pasting, inserting images, checking your document for spelling and grammar errors, and saving and printing in this Zoom class. You must be registered to receive a Zoom invitation by email on the day of the program.

Doing More with Microsoft Word Zoom Program

Monday, February 20 at 7 pm

Watch as we demonstrate more advanced features of Word: mail merge, tables, text boxes, bulleted lists, columns, and insertion of text boxes and symbols in this Zoom class. You must be registered to receive a Zoom invitation by email on the day of the program.



Tech Help

Have questions about your smartphone or tablet, social media, Microsoft Office, or accessing an electronic library resource? Call us to schedule a one-on-one appointment.

YOUTH SERVICES EVENTS



Please register for all of these programs on the Library's program calendar at www.wooddalelibrary.org. When you register, please include an email address. We will be following CDC recommendations for our events.



Early Learning

Storytimes introduce little ones to new words and skills. Children learn about everyday tasks and basic concepts, like shapes and colors, while learning motor, listening, and socialization skills. Storytimes are not only educational; they're fun; including songs, movement, fingerplays, and other activities. Begin your child's early literacy education today by enjoying free, Librarian-led storytimes. Storytimes are currently offered in person at the library.

POLISH STORYTIME *Ages 3-7 years*
Tuesdays, January 10 & February 14, 6-6:30 pm
Enjoy this fun storytime in Polish.

TODDLER TIME *Ages 0-4 years*
Wednesdays, January 11, 18, 25, February 1, 8, 15 & 22,
10:30-10:50 am
Join us for this fun pre-reader storytime including books, songs, and activities.

TODDLER TIME REPEAT *Ages 0-4 years*
Thursdays, January 12, 19, 26, February 2, 9, 16 & 23, 10:30-10:50 am
Join us for this fun pre-reader storytime including books, songs, and activities. Can't attend on Wednesday? Join us for the same program on Thursday mornings!

FAMILY STORYTIME *Ages 3-7 years*
Thursdays, January 12, 19, 26 & February 2, 4:15-4:45 pm
Join us for this interactive literature-based storytime. We will read books, and enjoy puppets, songs, activities, and more.

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

Early literacy is important for families who want to help their children get ready to learn in Kindergarten. Wood Dale Library wants to help with this vital family project. This program is designed for children from birth to their first day of kindergarten. We invite families to spend time together outside the Library fostering a love of reading while gaining the valuable pre-literacy skills that are so essential to reading success. Register and receive your first reading packet, including your first 100-books log. We have paper logs or you can log on to Beanstack, our online reading program app.



Family Nights! *Ages 5-11 years with an adult*

Stop in any time between 6-8 pm for Family Nights. You are welcome to stay as long or as little as you would like. Registration is required.

FAMILY GAME NIGHT: TOMA TODO

Tuesday, January 3, 6-8 pm
Toma Todo is a game that has been played in Mexico for generations. Learn to play and learn some Spanish words at the same time.

FAMILY ARTS & CRAFTS: BEADS

Tuesday, January 17, 6-8 pm
Try out some crafts using beads as a family.

FAMILY STEAM NIGHT: LEGO BUILDING

Tuesday, January 24, 6-8 pm
Try out some building with Legos and other materials as a family.

FAMILY NIGHT: STRESS BUSTERS

Tuesday, January 31, 6-8 pm
Learn some fun and easy ways to calm down and relax that the whole family can use.

FAMILY NIGHT: VALENTINE'S DAY FUN AND GAMES

Tuesday, February 7, 6-8 pm
Try out some Valentine's Day crafts and activities as a family.



INTRODUCING a New WINTER STORYWALK®

Enjoy a winter stroll while reading a book! The Library's Storywalk® promotes reading, moving, and enjoying the outdoors. This winter story is available behind the Library and can be accessed during daylight hours.

When snowflakes blanket the town in white, one energetic puppy and two children set out for some snowy day fun – full of friends, sledding, snowballs, and puppy hijinks.

Funding for this project provided generously by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.



YOUTH SERVICES EVENTS

LOOM KNITTING *Ages 8-18 years*

Tuesday, January 3

Wednesday, January 4

Thursday, January 5, 2:30-3:30 pm

Learn to make a scarf or hat on a knitting loom. Loom knitting is a fun entry-level yarn craft that we have shared with many young crafters over the years. Did you learn to loom knit this summer? Join us to make more loom-knit projects!

STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER

Ages 5-11 years

Friday, January 6, 4:15-4:45 pm

Make your stuffed animal a craft to comfort them all night and drop them off for their sleepover! Pick-up will be Saturday at 2:00 pm. You will receive some pictures to remember their first library sleepover!

WINTER WONDERLAND *Ages 4-8 years*

Monday, January 16, 1:30-2:15 pm

Join us for winter-themed crafts, games, and other activities.

STEAM LAB: WINTER ANIMALS

Ages 7-11 years

Wednesday, January 18, 4:30-5:15 pm

Join us as we explore how animals stay warm during the winter. We will complete experiments and make animal crafts.

LITTLE MAKERS: ANIMAL EXPLORERS

Ages 4-6 years

Monday, January 23, 4:30-5:15 pm

Calling all young animal explorers! Join us as we learn about winter animals and then make a fun animal craft!

LITTLE MAKERS: VALENTINE'S DAY

Ages 4-6 years

Monday, February 6, 4:30-5:15 pm

Get ready for Valentine's Day with fun experiments and crafts!

STEAM LAB: SNOW *Ages 7-11 years*

Wednesday, February 15, 4:30-5:15 pm

Make a snowball launcher and experiment with making different types of snow.

DROP-IN: ROBOT DAY *Ages 5-11 years*

Tuesday, February 28, 2-4 pm

Stop by any time between 2-4 pm to try out our robots! You are welcome to stay as long or little as you want.



TEENS *Ages 11-18 years*

WACKY WEDNESDAYS & WACKY STUDY HALL

Wednesday, January 11, 25, February 8 & 22, 2:30-4 pm & study hall 4-4:45 pm

Enjoy a craft or activity with your friends on early dismissal Wednesdays.

TEEN WINTER PAINTING

Monday, January 16, 3-4 pm

Join us for a fun winter-themed painting craft.

TEEN RESIN COASTERS

Monday, February 20, 2-4 pm

Make your own set of resin coasters.

See page 29 for more information about a Youth Author Visit!



Games start in February. Battle Of Books is a game show type of competition played by teams in the same grade, either third, fourth, or fifth. Teams are asked questions in which the answer is always the title of a book from a list of thirty books. Teams are awarded two points for correct titles and an additional point if they know the last name of the author of the book. Families are strongly encouraged to attend their reader's games. Just like having a cheering section at a sports game, your presence encourages them in this literacy-based competition.

BOOK BUNDLES

Are you looking for a new author or series? Request a kids' or teen Book Bundle. Fill out the form on our web page under Kids' Zone. Let us know the child's age, reading level, and genre the child would like to read and how many items you would like. We will put together a bundle of books, along with a few surprises, and leave them to be picked up at the Public Services Desk.



READ 500 BOOKS

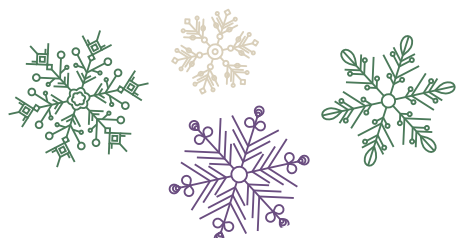
before Junior High

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500 Books Before Junior High is for children in kindergarten to 5th grade. It continues to encourage children to be read to as well as to read independently. We want children to choose books that will engage them, inform them, and be fun to read so that reading becomes an enjoyable daily activity. You can repeat books! Read fiction, graphic novels, and non-fiction – READ BOOKS YOU ENJOY! Sharing books and encouraging reading time will help them develop a love of reading and learning that will last a lifetime.

Pick up a paper bookmark log or use our Beanstack app to record every 50 books read. You can choose a paperback book to keep for every 50 books your read. Remember, children have six years to complete this program.



JANUARY 2023 SPECIAL EVENTS

LOCAL PHONE NUMBERS

Fire Non-Emergency: (630) 766-1147
Police Non-Emergency: (630) 766-2060
City of Wood Dale: (630) 766-4900
Addison Township: (630) 530-8161
Attorney General - Chicago: (312) 814-3000
Better Business Bureau: (312) 832-0500
Wood Dale Chamber of Commerce(GOA): (630) 595-0505
COMCAST: (866) 594-1234
COM ED Outages: (800) 334-7661
Curb-to-Curb Transit Service: (630) 350-8161
Dial-a-Ride: (630) 787-3763
DMV-Lombard: (630) 629-8305
DuPage County: (630) 407-6500
DuPage Forest Preserve: (630) 933-7200
Fenton High School District #100: (630) 766-2500
Food Pantry Wood Dale: (630) 766-1805
Garbage Customer Service: (630) 261-0578
DuPage County Health Department: (630) 682-7400
IDOT Irving Park Maintenance: (847) 705-4000
J.U.L.I.E.: (800) 892-0123
Library (Wood Dale Public): (630) 766-6762
Metra Service: (312) 322-6777
NICOR: (888) 642-6748
Post Office: (630) 766-0504
Public Works: (630) 350-3530
Report Plane Noise: (800) 435-9569
School District #4: (630) 628-2502
School District #7: (630) 595-9510
School District #88: (630) 530-3988
Social Security - Bloomingdale: (800) 772-1213
U.S. Post Office General: (800) 275-8777
Utility Billing: (630) 766-5228
Water/Wastewater: (630) 350-3542
Willowbrook Wild Life Center: (630) 942-6200
Wood Dale Park District: (630) 595-9333
Wood Dale Road Maintenance: (630) 407-6920

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 CITY HALL CLOSED	3	4	5 City Council Meeting 7:30 pm City Hall	6 NO SCHOOL - Teacher Professional Development <i>WD</i> School District 7	7
WINTER BREAK - SCHOOL DISTRICT 7						
8	9 Classes Resume <i>School District 7</i> NO SCHOOL - Teacher Institute <i>Fenton High School</i>	10 Classes Resume <i>Fenton High School</i>	11	12	13	14
15	16 CITY HALL CLOSED NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King Jr Birthday <i>School District 7 & Fenton High School</i>	17 Spring Musical Auditions <i>Fenton High School</i>	18	19 Spring Musical Auditions <i>Fenton High School</i> School Board Meeting 7 pm <i>WD School District 7</i> City Council Meeting 7:30 pm <i>City Hall</i>	20 Spring Musical Auditions <i>Fenton High School</i>	21
22	23	24 Tri-District Choral Festival <i>Fenton High School</i> Talent Show Auditions <i>Fenton High School</i> Human Trafficking Presentation 7 pm <i>Wood Dale Public Library In-Person Event</i>	25 Board of Education Meeting 7 pm <i>Fenton High School</i> Talent Show Auditions <i>Fenton High School</i>	26 Red Cross Blood Drive 1-6 pm <i>Wood Dale Public Library</i> By Appointment	27	28
29	30	31				

FEBRUARY 2023 SPECIAL EVENTS



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5	6	7 Mystery Lovers' Book Club 7 pm Wood Dale Public Library In-Person Event	8 NHS Winter Community Service Deadline Fenton High School	9 City Council Meeting 7:30 pm City Hall NIU Jazz Festival Fenton High School	10 11	4 18
12	13	14	15 Virtual Author Visit: B.A. Shapiro 7 pm Wood Dale Public Library Online Event	16 School Board Meeting 7 pm WD School District 7 City Council Meeting 7:30 pm City Hall	17 24	25
19	20 CITY HALL CLOSED NO SCHOOL President's Day District 7 & Fenton High School	21 28 NO SCHOOL Election Day School District 7 Talent Show Dress Rehearsal Fenton High School	22 Board of Education Meeting 7 pm Fenton High School	23 Winter Band Concert 7 pm WDJH Center for the Arts	24 HALF DAY - School Improvement Day WD School District 7	
26	27					