**MARCH / APRIL 2023** 

## WOOD DALE







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404 N. Wood Dale Road | Wood Dale, Illinois | wooddale.com 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.

MARCH		
City Council Meeting	3/2/23	7:30 PM
Stormwater Subcommittee	3/8/23	6:30 PM
Committee of the Whole	3/9/23	7:30 PM
Board of Police & Fire Commissioners	3/13/23	7:00 PM
City Council Meeting	3/16/23	7:30 PM
Community Development Commission	3/20/23	7:00 PM
Committee of the Whole	3/23/23	7:30 PM
5th Thursday- No Meeting Scheduled	3/30/23	

APRIL		
Wood Dale for a Greener Tomorrow Committee	4/5/23	6:30 PM
City Council Meeting	4/6/23	7:30 PM
Board of Police & Fire Commissioners	4/10/23	7:00 PM
Police Pension Board	4/13/23	12:00 PM
Committee of the Whole	4/13/23	7:30 PM
Community Development Commission	4/17/23	7:00 PM
City Council Meeting	4/20/23	7:30 PM
Committee of the Whole	4/27/23	7:30 PM



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#### **MAYOR'S LETTER**

#### Dear Wood Dale Residents,

Spring is upon us, and with it comes another busy construction season for Wood Dale. The City is constantly changing and improving right before our eyes.

You might recall that last September, the City closed a section of roadway on the Elizabeth Bridge for repairs and improvement. During our regular inspection process, our engineers at HR Green identified that the Elizabeth Bridge, built roughly 50 years ago, needed to be replaced due to structural deterioration. They recommended that a steel plate be placed over the bridge section until a more permanent repair could be completed and a long-term strategy established.

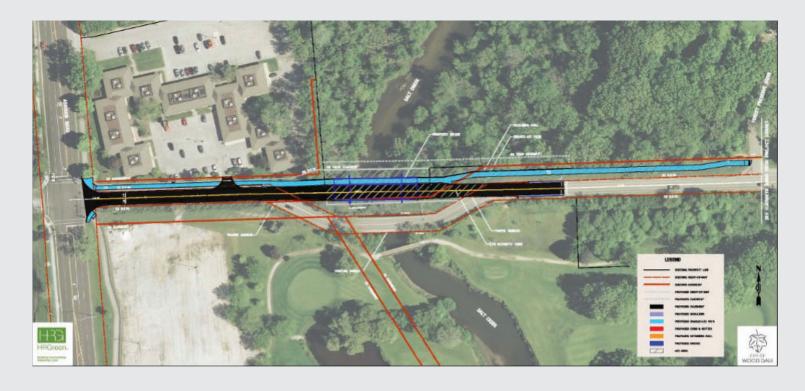
Since then, the City has worked closely with IDOT, who is currently reviewing the preliminary design plans. We aim to continue working with engineers, designers, the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County, and IDOT for an efficient strategy to build a bridge that will provide safe passage for many years to come. The scope of work includes the reconstruction of Elizabeth Drive and the removal and replacement of the

bridge carrying Elizabeth Drive over Salt Creek. The proposed roadway alignment will eliminate the existing curves in the road by straightening Elizabeth Drive. The roadway profile



will be raised to provide the required one-foot clear distance from the high-water surface elevation to the bottom of the low bridge beam for the new structure.

The City is also taking advantage of this construction project to add a multi-use path which is proposed along the north side of Elizabeth Drive from Addison Road to Forest Preserve Drive during this project. This multi-use path will provide safer access for cyclists and pedestrians traveling in Wood Dale and connect to the Salt Creek Greenway Trail and Salt Creek Park. While construction can be disruptive with road closures and changing traffic patterns, the City wants to ensure citizens that safety and communication are essential. We will continue to update citizens on the bridge's progress. The bridge is currently confirmed to be structurally sound for traffic



loads with no recommended restrictions. Scan the QR code to view the proposed Elizabeth Drive Bridge design plans.

We are proud to share that the City has been awarded STP-Bridge funding which covers 80% of the estimated \$3.77M total

project cost. The project is tentatively scheduled for construction in 2024.

The City's Capital Road Program will also recommence in early spring as the weather allows. This work will include the resurfacing of approximately two miles of roadway, as well as the reconstruction of Itasca Street and the installation of a new watermain along Maple Avenue in Ward 4. The Inflow and Infiltration program

to rehabilitate the sanitary sewers in Ward 4 will also resume in the spring. This work includes lining sanitary sewers and point repairs to fix collapsing sewer pipes. Below is a map indicating the streets scheduled to be resurfaced. Please scan the QR code

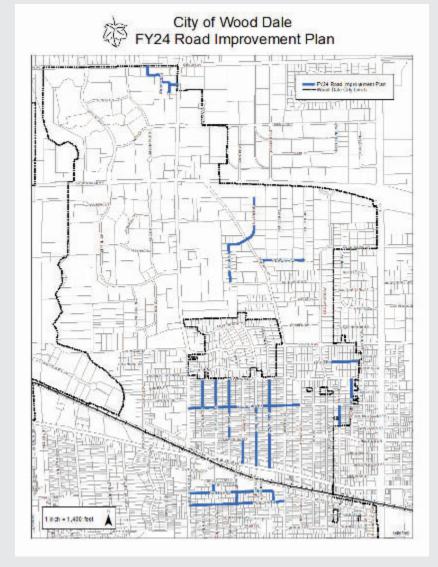


to see the complete list of roads scheduled to be resurfaced this year.

Let's also make sure to stay connected! Visit the City's website, and follow us on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook. The City also issues an electronic newsletter, the Wood Dale Mail, once a month, direct to your email, which provides up-to-date information on current programs and upcoming events. Visit wooddale.com to sign up for the electronic newsletter. We're excited to share what's happening!

> The City Council is always thinking long-term and working toward improving and changing the shape of the City for the better. Growth, safety, and development are always a part of the forefront of City planning. We're excited to see what the future holds for Wood Dale.

Sincerely, Nunzio Pulice Mayor of Wood Dale





## Welcome to WOOD DALE



#### READY FOR YOUR RIBBON CUTTING?

City Officials & Staff

The City of Wood Dale is dedicated to the prosperity of your business. Your success is important to us.

Announce Your Event to the Community

Are you ready to host a ribbon cutting to celebrate your grand opening or reopening? Let us help.

Grand Opening Materials We will help coordinate your event, invite City officials, staff, Chamber of Commernce Board members, and promote the event throughout the community to help market your business.

Please allow a minimum of 30 days to coordinate your event. All businesses must be in good standing with the City and have proper permits in order prior to opening.

Contact us to schedule your event. E-mail marketing@wooddale.com or call (630) 354-6333.

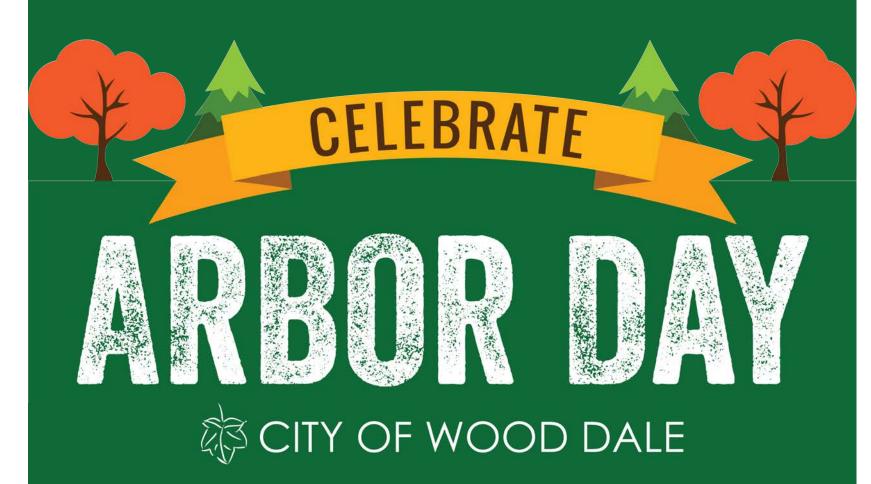












Plant a thee with us!

#### April 28 at 1 p.m.

Westview Elementary School 200 N Addison Road

Join the City of Wood Dale and Wood Dale School District 7 for a fun celebration and tree planting ceremony at Westview Elementary School in honor of Arbor Day.











Residents replacing their driveways are eligible for the City's costsavings program and can receive reimbursement for eligible portions of the total cost of the apron replacement.

All necessary City permits must be obtained for the project to receive reimbursement. Eligible projects will receive \$300 for apron replacement and \$50 per sidewalk square replaced under the program. Only sidewalk squares that directly touch the driveway qualify for reimbursement. Driveway apron material may be concrete, asphalt, or other materials as approved by the City. All applicable building codes and inspection fees apply.

To apply for reimbursement, please visit the Community Development Office located at City Hall. For questions, please call (630) 766-5133.





## **M** Senior/Disabled Grass Cutting

#### QUALIFIED DISCOUNT PROGRAM

#### SENIOR/DISABLED GRASS CUTTING

The City of Wood Dale has initiated a Senior/Disabled Grass Cutting Program with the purpose of assisting those who need grass cutting services and do not have the means of completing it on their own. The program will be limited based on available funds and will be on a first come first serve basis.

#### ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The City has obtained a private contractor to fulfill the grass cutting services specified in this program. The City will subsidize the cost per visit price of approximately \$15. Participants must be qualified to receive reduced water billing rates and garbage rates and must own the single-family property.

Services will begin on or about the last April 2023 continue to the last week of October 2023. Grass cutting will occur on a weekly basis unless conditions warrant an extension of time between visits at the City's discretion.

#### SERVICES INCLUDE

- · Spring Cleanup. This will include a standard spring cleanup of leaves, twigs, branches, debris, etc. that has accumulated on the property over the winter months. The contractor will be responsible to blow debris away from the house, out of landscaping beds, and remove from the property
- Cutting of grass. This will include standard lawn mowing of the property, regardless of size. The contractor shall utilize grass clipping collecting mowers and haul off all debris
- Edging of hardscape. This will include edging/weed whipping along any hardscape including but not limited to sidewalk, driveway, patio, etc. This does not include edging of landscaping beds, tree mulch rings, or other soft scape features
- Fall cleanup. This service will include a standard fall cleanup of leaves, twigs, branches, etc. that have accumulated on the property over the summer/fall months. The contractor will be responsible to blow debris away from the house, out of landscaping beds, and remove from the property. This will be done after grass cutting is complete and scheduled with the Public Works Department. It is anticipated that this work will be completed during the first two weeks of November.

This service DOES NOT include fertilizing, trimming of bushes, trees or other plants, watering or pulling of weeds.



#### TO PARTICIPATE:

Fill out the included application and return to The City of Wood Dale Public Works located at 790 N. Central Wood Dale, IL on or before March 13, 2023. Provide most recent tax bill showing proof of ownership. Agree to the Terms on the back of the application. For any questions, please do not hesitate to call Public Works at (630) 350-3530.



The principal flood problems in Wood Dale are in low-lying area caused by overflow of Salt Creek. As a result, storm drain outfalls become blocked and areas along small tributaries are flooded. The blocked sort runoff infiltrates the sanitary sewer system, creating severe overloads and subsequent basement backups.

#### What is a flood?

A Flood is defined in the Standard Flood Insurance Policy as a general and temporary condition of partial or completed inundation of normally dry land areas from overflow of inland or tidal waters or from the unusual and rapid accumulation or runoff of surface waters from any source.

#### What does a flood Map Tell You?

On all flood maps will find Flood Insurance Risk Zone Designations. These designations indicate the degree of the flood hazard in specific areas of a community. The definitions are:

Zone A - Special Flood Hazard Areas inundated by the 100 year flood; base flood elevations are not determined.

**Zone AE - Special Flood Hazard Areas** inundated by the 100 year flood; based flood elevations are not determined.

Zone X - Areas determined to be outside the 500 year floodplain.

These are the zones in which Wood Dale has been designated. If you have any question about what zone you are in, would like to see a flood zone map, or have questions about flooding and flood insurance, you can contact public works at, 630-350-3530. Also you can view the maps at, https://msc.fema.gov/portal.

#### Flood Insurance

What types of property may be insured against flood loss? Almost every walled or roofed building that is principally above ground and not entirely over water may be insured if it is in a participating community in the National Flood Insurance Program, of which Wood Dale is. Contents also may be insured under separate coverage.

#### How is flood insurance purchased?

After a community joins the NFIP, a policy may be purchased from any licenses property insurance agent.

#### What are the steps leading to the nurchase of flood insurance?

A property owner perceives a risk of flooding an decides to purchase flood insurance OR a lender making a mortgage informs the builder or potential buyer that the building is in a Special Flood Hazard

Area and that flood insurance must be purchased as required by the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973. Then the home owner would contact an insurance agent for purchase of a policy.

#### How does a policyholder file a claim for flood loss?

The home owner should immediately report flood loss to their insurance agent. The insured must file a "proof of loss" within a 60 day period after loss.

> For more information on NFIP, you can refer to these websites:

> > www.fema.gov.

www.wooddale.com.

www.dupageco.org.

www.dupageco.org.

#### CITY FLOOD SERVICES

As a public service, the City of Wood Dale can provide you with information of your property is in or out of the Special Flood Hazard Area (as shown on the current Flood Insurance Rate Map of the City), and information on flood insurance purchase requirements.

For information you can contact Public Works at 630-350-3530.

#### ADDISON TOWNSHIP HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

#### 2023 ELECTRONICS, TEXTILES, BOOKS & PAPER RECYCLING



2023 DROP OFF DATES (8:00 AM-12:00 PM) MAY 6th • AUGUST 5th • NOVEMBER 4th

#### \* Important Note -

All acceptable items are FREE of charge, excluding CRT, Flat Screens, Projection TVs & Monitors Under 21" screen = \$25/unit • 21" screen & over = \$35/unit

OPEN TO ALL DUPAGE COUNTY RESIDENTS.

This collection is sponsored by eWorks ESI, whose mission is to provide jobs for the developmentally disabled

#### **ELECTRONICS**

ACCEPTABLE: Computers, Laptops, Servers, Computer Monitors, Televisions, Printers, Facsimiles, Scanners, VCR & DVD Players, Video Game Consoles, Cable & Converter Boxes, Satellite Receivers, Electronic Keyboards, Mice,

Portable Music Players, Adapters, Power Supplies, Cell Phones, Modems, Tablets



Questions? dupageco.org/recycling

Coupon and tax deductible receipt provided at the time of drop off for any fees.

CASH OR CREDIT CARD ACCEPTED. NO CHECKS.

#### **UNACCEPTABLE:** Heavily soiled items

**TEXTILES & CLOTHING** ACCEPTABLE: Residents can donate unwanted clothing and textiles for reuse

and recycling. Accepted items can be in any condition and include:

· All Clothing · Bedding · Towels and Rags

**PAPER ITEMS** ACCEPTABLE: Cardboard, hard cover books, soft cover books, magazines and office paper

UNACCEPTABLE: Books with spiral binding (metal or plastic), books with plastic mixed into the book including CDs & DVDs, and books

ERI WeWorks

**Drop Off at the Highway Garage:** 

411 W. Potter, Wood Dale, IL 60191 (630) 766-2228

PLEASE NOTE: this program will not accept any items with residue of oil-based paints, motor oil, stains, paint thinners, varnishes or polyurethane, as these can spontaneously combust and catch fire. Reusable items will be resold, with proceeds benefiting RewearAble's mission to provide employment for people with developmental disabilities. Cloths collected will be processed by Illinois disabled school district participants and partnered adult agencies. Textiles that can't be reused will be recycled as industrial rags.

Thank you for your participation in the Recycle Programs! Don Holod, Highway Commissioner, Addison Township





#### Who is eligible for the program?

The Rear Yard Drainage Assistance Program is available to all Wood Dale residents and non-profit organizations. This includes single and multi-family homeowners, as well as townhome or condominium associations within City limits. Each property may take advantage of the program one time.

#### What are the reimbursement amounts?

Eligible projects will be reimbursed at 50% of the total project cost up to a maximum City-share of \$3,000.

#### What is the typical cost of a rear yard drainage project?

Projects typically range from \$1,500 to \$15,000 depending on the type and complexity of the project.

#### What types of projects are eligible?

The most common recommendation is installation of a rear yard drain connected to the City's storm sewer system, however other project types including dry wells, swales, and other green infrastructure improvements may be recommended. Connection of sump pump discharges to the City's storm sewer system are also eligible.

#### Are there any costs to participate?

There are no upfront costs for resident participation. The site visit performed by a stormwater engineer and associated report are paid for by the City. If a project is selected, the resident is required to pay the contractor in full and submit proof of payment to the City for reimbursement. Applicable permit fees apply.

#### Can the City recommend a contractor?

While the City does not recommend any individual contractor, a list of contractors registered with the City may be obtained from either the Community Development or Public Works Departments. These contractors have submitted their proper licenses and certificates of insurance and are in good standing with the City. Residents are encouraged to perform their own due diligence when selecting a contractor as well.

#### Am I required to obtain a building permit?

Yes, a Drainage Permit must be obtained from the Community Development Department. Standard inspection and permit fees apply.

#### How do I get started?

Contact the Wood Dale Public Works Department at 630-350-3530 and ask for more information or visit our website at: www.wooddale.com/services/rear-yard-drainage-program

2023 Street **Sweeping Schedule**  **April 12 May 17 May 24** June7

July 5 **August 9** September 13 **October 4** 

**November 1 November 15 November 29 December 13** 



#### Congratulations, Chief!

Chris Zito

New Chief of Police



Congratulations to Chris Zito, who was promoted to Chief of the Wood Dale Police Department on November 17, 2022. Chief Zito's promotion comes after the recent retirement of Chief Vesta.

Chief Zito began his career with the Wood Dale Police Department in 2003 and has served in various roles, including as a Patrol Officer, Taser instructor, and coordinator of the program. He was awarded Officer of the Year in 2007 and assigned as Officer in Charge of the afternoon shift in 2008. In 2018 he was assigned to the Detective Division, promoted to Sergeant in 2019, and was promoted to Deputy Chief of Patrol Operations in the summer of 2022.

Chief Zito achieved a master's degree in Business Administration from Roosevelt University. Throughout his career, he has been a member of the DuPage County Felony Investigative Assistance Team, Major Crimes Task Force, and Sexual Predator Enforcement Team, which are all multi-Jurisdictional teams.

During his time with the Department, Chief Zito has implemented several new technologies, such as electronic citations and a new county-wide reporting system. He looks forward to building relationships in the community and overseeing the Department. Please join us as we celebrate Chief Chris Zito and his continued work with the City of Wood Dale.



404 N. Wood Dale Road Wood Dale, IL 60191 www.wooddale.com/police

Non-Emergency: 630.766-2060

Chief of Police Chris Zito

**Deputy Chief** Chris Banaszynski



#### **WOOD DALE POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICE SATISFACTION SURVEY**

In a continuing effort to improve our service to the citizens of Wood Dale, we would like your help. Please take a few minutes to complete the Wood Dale Police Department Police Satisfaction Survey, by scanning the QR code. Your information will be kept confidential. We appreciate your assistance.







#### WOOD DALE POLICE DEPARTMENT



Each year, the Wood Dale Police Department takes numerous reports of residents who were scammed out of money, or there were attempted scams that could have resulted in a loss of substantial amounts of money.

Some of the most common types are:

- Someone promises you a job if you pay them first. Never pay anyone who promises to get you a job.
- ➤ Grandparent/relative scam –
  Someone calls you pretending to be a relative or grandchild, acting as if they are in some type of trouble, such as getting injured and needing you to pay money them immediately or getting in trouble with the law and need you to send a wire or prepaid money card to settle the debt. By the time you realize it is not a relative, the money is already gone, and the suspect has disappeared.
- ➤ Someone calls saying they are from a government agency, threatens you, and demands money This could be someone posing as the IRS or posing as a police department stating that you have a warrant out for your arrest, and you can settle the matter before they show up at your door to arrest you, by providing money or a credit card number. Please note that the government doesn't call to ask for money, nor do they take prepaid cards for payments.
- ➤ You get a call or email saying you won something, except there is a fee Never pay for a prize.
- ➤ A caller offers to help you get back some money you lost – No government agency or legitimate business will call and demand money to help you get your money back.



## Congratulations! **Ghris Banaszynski**Deputy Chief

Congratulations to Chris Banaszynski, who was promoted to Deputy Chief on October 5th, 2022. While working in a variety of roles, Deputy Chief Banaszynski has shown his passion for law enforcement and his dedication to the residents of the City of Wood Dale throughout his career. Chris began his career as a Community Service Officer with the Wood Dale Police Department in 1996. In 1997, Chris

became a 911 Dispatcher with the Police Department. In 1999, Chris became a sworn Police Officer with the Department, where he held roles such as a countywide Accident Reconstructionist, Taser Instructor, Officer in Charge, and Firearms Instructor.

In 2007 - 2011, Chris was selected as a Special Agent assigned to DUMEG (DuPage Metropolitan Enforcement Group). DUMEG is a task force comprised of local, county, state, and federal police agencies that pro-actively combat illicit drug trafficking within DuPage County.

In 2011, Chris was selected for an open detective position in the Investigations Division of the Wood Dale Police Department. As a detective, Chris spent the next ten years investigating crimes both in Wood Dale and throughout DuPage County. As a detective, Chris was a member of the DuPage County Felony Investigative Assistance Team, and the DuPage County Major Crimes Task Force.

In 2018, Chris was selected as the Wood Dale Police Department Officer of the Year. In 2021, Chris was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and was assigned to the Patrol Division as the supervisor of the afternoon shift. Congratulations to Deputy Chief Chris Banaszynski on his promotion!

- ➤ You get a check in the mail from someone who asks you to give them part of the money back Never give someone money in return for a check. Fake checks can look real and fool the bank; you'll have to pay back all the money.
- ➤ A caller tells you that there is a virus on your computer and instructs you to allow them remote access – Don't respond to phone calls requesting remote access to your computer – hang up.
- You get an email, text, or call asking you to verify your credit card, bank account, or Social Security number
   Never give that information to anyone who contacts you for that information.

▶ Someone says you can only pay by wiring money, or putting money on a gift card, or loading money on a cash reload card – Note that a legitimate company or government will not direct you to pay in this form.

Just remember the saying:
"If it sounds too good to be true,
it probably is."

For more information on scams and how to protect yourself, please scan this QR Code to view Identity Theft Information from the Illinois Attorney General.





### SOLICITOR INFORMATION



#### **Approved Solicitation Hours** (no solicitation on Sundays)

Monday-Saturday 9 a.m.-6 p.m. October-March 9 a.m.-8 p.m. April-September Residents must take proactive measures if they do not want any solicitors to visit their residence. Violators will be issued citations if the Police Department is contacted and finds these solicitors in violation of the posting. Violators may be reported to the Wood Dale Police Department at (630) 766-2060.

Residents may limit solicitation at their homes by posting a sign that reads "Only Solicitors Registered with the City of Wood Dale Invited."

## ONLY REGISTERED SOLICITORS WITH THE CITY OF WOOD DALE POLICE DEPARTMENT INVITED THIS NOTICE IS POSTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 1423 ADDITED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOOD DALE, ILLINOIS, SEPTEMBER 17, 1987 VIOLATORS WILL BE PROSECUTED

#### Residents may obtain a free "Registered Solicitation Only" sticker from

the City Clerk's office.

REGISTERED-ONLY SOLICITATION

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WOOD DALE CITY CODE

**NO SOLICITORS ALLOWED** 

VIOLATORS WILL BE PROSECUTED!

NO SOLICITATION

Residents may prevent solicitation by posting a "No Solicitors Allowed" sign. If this sign is posted, you are notifying solicitors that even registered solicitors should not come to the door. Residents may obtain a free "No Solicitation" sticker from the City Clerk's office.

#### **SOLICITOR REGISTRATION**

Solicitors are requested to register with the City of Wood Dale for approval. The Wood Dale Police Department will verify all solicitor applications and complete a background check in effort to prevent unsafe situations for Wood Dale residents. Once a solicitor is approved, they will receive an identification badge that should be worn at all times.

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Potential solicitors may register online at my.wooddale.com. Proof of valid ID, \$100 solicitor fee and \$50 deposit are required.





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Non-Emergency: 630.766.1147 Fax: 630.766.7156

Follow us on Social Media: facebook.com/WDFPD Instagram: @wooddalefire

#### **Great Job** Wood Dale!



This Holiday season we were able to "Keep the Wreath Red" by not having a holiday decoration fire in district. Great job at celebrating safely!

#### **CPR Saves Lives**

Over 20 million football fans watched Damar Hamlin suffer cardiac arrest on the football field on January 2nd. The rapid CPR Hamlin received on the playing field saved his life. While this was challenging to watch unfold, it is a great reminder that learning

CPR truly a lifesaving skill. The American Heart Association is continuously updating their CPR training to be both effective and user friendly. For information on how you can become a hero, visit https:// cpr.heart.org/en/ cpr-courses-and-kits/ hands-only-cpr.

2 STEPS





#### 2022 In Review

The Wood Dale Fire Protection District had another amazing year in 2022. In 2022 we:

RESPONDED TO

2,506

emergency service calls LOGGED

15,356

hours of firefighting & emergency medical training

**HOSTED** 

2 WEEKS

on live fire training hosted in Mohawk Manor

**COMPLETED A** 

3 YEAR

pre-plan project that pre-planned over 900 occupancies

We are excited to serve our community in every way possible in 2023 and beyond.

## SPRING CLEANING SAFET

#### A home fire occurs every 85 seconds in the United States.

Follow these Spring Cleaning tips to help protect your home and loved ones.

- Consider purging closets, junk drawers, toys, tools, and other unwanted items in your home. Sort garbage, recyclables, and donations to make space for a deep clean.
- Clutter can be dangerous especially when it becomes an obstacle for firefighters. Keep pathways in your home clear of clutter especially any obstructions from sleeping areas to exits.
- ◆ Clean out your garage. Properly dispose of rubbish, oily rags, old paint, and flammable chemicals
- Remove outdoor debris and dead vegetation from around home.
- Clean out your attic and crawl spaces. Make sure both are accessible in case of emergency. Do not store flammable materials in either space.

- ◆ Clean utility rooms. Do not store anything near or around appliances that create heat (furnaces, hot water heaters, clothing dryers).
- Gasoline and other fuels should be marked clearly, stored in approved containers and in a cool, dry place away from the house and out of the reach of children and pets. Never store gasoline containers in a basement or in the occupied space of a building. Keep them in a detached garage or an outdoor shed.
- Clean and inspect outdoor grills. Cold winter temperatures can cause cracks in hoses. Grease combined with water from melting snow can cause major hazards.



#### EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CENTER

Mrs. Elvia, Villalobos, Principal



Reading books with the librarians of the Wood Dale Public Library and Mr. Galarza.

our students.

**Celebrating Reading** at ECEC

> At The Early Childhood Education Center, one of the ways in which our students learn early literacy skills is by being exposed to books. The children also engage in fun activities which help develop a lifelong love of reading. One of the activities we do every year is our Reading Celebration.

Over the winter months, ECEC students were encouraged to read and keep track of how many books they read or how many books were read to them by their families at home. Families were

asked to log the books they read on a tracking sheet. In the classrooms, each newly "read" book by a student was celebrated by placing a picture on a bulletin board for everyone to see. Students also practiced counting the books by ones and tens. As a culminating activity, we invited a special early childhood musical guest to sing and act out familiar songs with

It is never too soon to start reading to your little ones. It is recommended that families read to their children every day, even if it is the same book. Have fun acting out the story with your children and then talking about their favorite parts and the different events from the story!

Please visit the Wood Dale Public Library if you would like more information about reading fun and exciting books. This library is full of resources for you and your family.

Wood Dale School District 7 543 N. Wood Dale Rd. Wood Dale, Illinois wd7.org

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#### **Board of Education**

Mr. Joe Petrella, Board President Mr. Todd Cox, Board Vice-President Mrs. Araceli Botello, Board Secretary Ms. Merilyn Daniels, Board Member Mr. David Woods, Board Member Ms. Mary Fletcher-Gomez, Board Member

Mrs. Aida Miljkovic, Board Member

#### 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

Mr. Steve Wilt Business Manager



#### **OAKBROOK SCHOOL**

Dr. Theresa Ulrich, Principal



#### Oakbrook School Students **Experience Enriching Opportunities**

The students at Oakbrook School have recently benefited from two enriching opportunities. Back in January Bernie's Book Bank delivered bags of books to students at school. Bernie's Book Bank is a non-profit organization that is committed to increasing book ownership and advancing literacy skills by delivering quality, ageappropriate books to children. The donated books represented high-interest and culturally relevant selections. Each student selected a bag of mystery books. Students were excited to receive books for free that they could take home and keep. It was fun watching the students' faces as they eagerly explored the titles contained in their selected bag. Additionally, this spring, students are being provided with a meaningful experience to develop their social and emotional skills through the Oakbrook Student Wellness Club. Ms. Kwilos, our first grade teacher, oversees the club. The club helps students learn strategies for keeping themselves well physically, mentally, and emotionally. One goal of the club is to expose students to perspectives beyond themselves. This year, the club committed to supporting DuPage County Animal Services (DCAS) which takes in



Students hold bags of donated books.

around 2,500 unwanted pets each year. Students solicited donations for the abandoned animals. The Homeless Pet Drive yielded donations of new or gently used blankets, towels, pet beds, collars and leashes, unopened containers of pet food, and pet toys. The drive was a huge success. The DCAS was grateful for the donations, and students enjoyed helping others. No doubt the experience provided an authentic lesson on giving and thinking of others. •

#### WESTVIEW SCHOOL

#### **Fenton High School Students Explore Teaching Profession in Westview Classrooms**

This January, Juniors and Seniors from Fenton High School began making weekly visits to Westview Elementary School as part of a new collaboration between Fenton School District 100 and Wood Dale School District 7. The Fenton students are participating in a career exploration program in which they are learning about the potential pathway of becoming a teacher!

Once each week the Fenton students arrive at Westview and report to an assigned 3rd, 4th, or 5th grade classroom. There the Westview staff and students greet them and quickly orient them to the lesson topic and learning goals. Then, under the direction of the Westview teachers and staff, the Fenton students might facilitate a small group discussion about a book they are reading, or lead a math activity that helps students practice math facts or fraction concepts. Westview already enjoys small class sizes, and the additional support by the Fenton students means the Westview students have additional opportunities to practice the



Students from Fenton High School are participating in a program in which they explore the potential path of becoming a teacher. Juniors and Seniors in High School are assisting in classrooms at Westview Elementary School and working with 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students with reading and math skills.

skills they are learning, along with the feedback needed to help them to develop mastery. The Fenton students get authentic, hands-on experience working with children on academic tasks, while learning

#### WOOD DALE SCHOOL DISTRICT 7

how to make learning fun and engaging.

Many of the Fenton students from the community of Wood Dale. are former Westview students themselves! In a few instances, they are now working side by side with their former teachers, and recalling what it was like to be a Westview Wildcat just a few short years ago! The high school students are helping children in both monolingual classrooms where instruction is in English, as well as our Dual Language classrooms in which instruction is provided in both Spanish and English.

In addition to providing guidance on effective teaching methods, the staff at both Fenton and Westview address other related issues like professionalism, behavior management, and grading/feedback so the Fenton students get a sense of the full scope of the role of a teacher.

Fenton began the program last year in Bensenville School District 2 and discussions to expand into Wood Dale School District 7 took place this fall, with the hopes to grow in the future. Each of the local districts are eager to collaborate in order to provide this practical field experience, with the hopes that some of the participants will choose to continue their studies in college, earn a bachelor's degree and a teaching license, and perhaps choose to become a teacher in the same community in which they attended school! •

#### WOOD DALE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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

#### **Exciting Student Events** at the Junior High

Our students just wrapped up their winter activities and are gearing up for a busy spring at the Wood Dale Junior High! In sports, the Panther boys basketball teams zoomed up and down the court thrilling fans with fast-paced action. The junior high had two different boys basketball teams coached by teachers from the school. The 8th grade team was coached by Mr. Tim Allaire and the 6th-7th grade team was coached by Ms. Nicole Martinez. Fan turn-out for the games was superb, and the players and faculty really appreciated the community support. Bump,

set, spike! The Panther volleyball teams are currently wrapping up their successful seasons at the junior high. This year, the theme has been teamwork and it has made a difference on the court. From high-flying spikes to great saves, the Panther volleyball players have given their all.

Sports are not the only game in town at the junior high, production of the spring musical is underway! This year, the junior



Wood Dale Panther Boys Basketball in Action!

high will be performing Alice in Wonderland. Show dates are April 27th and April 28th at the junior high at 7:00 pm. Many students participate as actors in the show, and there are also roles for students as stage crew. Members of the crew help move sets during the show, assist with costuming and even set up lighting. The director of the musical is Ms. Amy Gruben, who also is the school choir director and music teacher. The musical is a highlight of each year and is

sure to bring entertainment once again to the Wood Dale community. All are invited, and there is no cost for attending. In other exciting activities, the junior high band gave another wonderful performance at the Winter Band Concert in February. Led by Mr. Andrew Speiden, the band members continue to be excellent representatives of the fantastic music program at the Wood Dale Junior High. •

#### **Intervention Opportunities** for Growth

**Curriculum Director** Dr. Merri Beth Kudrna

Wood Dale School District 7 continues to help students narrow the learning gap created by the pandemic by developing intervention opportunities for growth. Students

are provided with interventions during and after the school day throughout the school year. We continue to use the majority of the financial resources provided by the federal government through the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) grant to fund these interventions for our students.

As a whole, the amount of unfinished learning needing to be addressed for students was higher in the area of math than in reading. Since the pandemic, students are growing in reading and math achievment and are demonstrating signs of learning loss recovery. After studying multiple points of data over the past year and a half, most professional development now being provided for District 7 teachers has been focused on enhancing their ability to effectively provide instruction in math. A teacher committee was formed to collaborate on the best plan to move our students forward in the area of math achievement.

Once again this summer, teachers will tutor small groups of students who are below grade level standards in reading and math. Lessons will be tailored to the academic and social-emotional learning needs of each student. Teachers will continue to employ the resources used during the school year with students who need to make academic growth lost during the pandemic. This allows these students to essentially participate in year-round school.

The academic ramifications of the pandemic have been a tremendous challenge for all of us and will likely linger for a number of years. As a district, we continue to address these effects on our students every day. We are committed to working together with families to offer our students the best education and services possible to catch them up as soon as we can. •

#### **JH Spring Musical** VIDERLANID April 27 & April 28 at 7pm WDJH Center for the Arts FREE ADMISSION

#### **EVENT CALENDAR**

#### MARCH 1

→ JH PTO Meeting 6:30pm

#### MARCH 3

 Teacher Professional Development —NO SCHOOL

#### MARCH 14

 OB/WV PTO Meeting @ WV 6:30pm

#### MARCH 16

School Board Meeting 7pm

#### MARCH 17

→ JH PTO Spring Dance 7pm

#### MARCH 24

 Multilingual Parent Advisory Committee Meeting 6-8pm

#### **MARCH 27-31**

SPRING BREAK

#### APRIL 3

Classes Resume

#### **APRIL 4**

 Election Day NO SCHOOL

#### **APRIL 7**

Good Friday NO SCHOOL

#### APRIL 20

 School Board Meeting 7pm



#### WOOD DALE SCHOOL DISTRICT 7

is now accepting applications for

**SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS & PARAPROFESSIONALS GRADES PRE K-8.** 

Please visit our website and apply online: www.WD7.org or call 630-595-9510.

Certification is required and must be registered with DuPage Office of Education.

#### 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:

The shortcomings of our 1950s building have been front and center these last two years while we worked together to identify the critical deficiencies and form a plan to both address those vital problems and modernize our school.

As you might already know, funding for that referendum plan was not approved by the voters. However, those vital problems still exist and continue to plague our school.

Mitigating indoor flooding was one major component of our plan. Fenton is moving forward with cash reserves to address the flooding issues. This project will install an underground water storage tank near our stadium to temporarily collect stormwater from the western side of our campus. This project will protect our building from further damage and improve stormwater drainage, which should also make our fields more reliably available in the future.

#### WHAT DOES THIS INVOLVE?

A new large underground tank will be built to collect water from several areas of our campus and slowly discharge it into public storm sewer systems.

This includes new, larger underground pipes being added in front of our building, in the back of the building, and around our auditorium to funnel water away from the building.



Significant construction will occur in and around our stadium, which will result in the need to make repairs. Instead of replacing our problematic grass field with another problematic grass field, we plan to install artificial turf that will improve the availability of our stadium in the future. Portions of the track also will be damaged and need replacing.

Fenton District 100 is working with the Village of Bensenville and DuPage County to ensure our project meets all stormwater regulations.

#### HOW WILL THIS AFFECT MY STUDENT?

A few components of summer school will be moved to a different part of our building while utility lines are replaced or moved. Next school year will still begin on time and the daily bell schedule will remain the same, but outdoor physical education activities will be relocated.

Athletics and extracurricular activities will see the biggest impact. As it stands right now, football, soccer, cross country, marching band, softball, and baseball will have their practices and/or games relocated elsewhere on campus or to an off-site location.

We are hard at work talking with our local park districts and nearby schools to make the appropriate arrangements. We are committed to maintaining every single academic and extracurricular program. Nothing will be canceled as a result of our construction.

#### **HOW WILL THIS PROJECT BE FUNDED?**

Fenton pledged to use at least \$10 million in cash reserves (savings account) for a portion of the referendum plan. This project will be funded entirely from that same money we set aside and will not result in any additional tax increase.



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Mission Statement Cultivate successful, passionate. empowered learners through rigor, relevance and relationships.

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#### WHAT'S THE PROJECT TIMELINE

JAN-FEB **Project** Design

MAR-MAY Acquire Permits from Village & County regulators JUN-JAN Construction

I am very excited about this project because it addresses the flooding issues, which currently continue to damage our building and grounds. This project will improve our campus and the learning environment for all of our students.



-- James Ongtengco, Superintendent

#### FENTON COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL



#### Fenton Music Student Performs in ILMEA Honors Choir

Congratulations to senior Aiden Torres for being selected to the Illinois Music Education Association (ILMEA) All-State Honors Choir! This is the top choral ensemble that took center stage at the statewide festival in January.

Earlier this school year Aiden was among several Fenton students who were selected for the ILMEA District 1 Festival, and his same audition was then advanced to the state level where he was chosen from a large pool of applicants from across Illinois.

Congratulations to Aiden, his family, and Choir Director Seredy Williams for all the hard work!

#### Fenton School Board **Good Governance Award**

Our Fenton Board of Education deserves a huge shout out for being one of only 33 school boards in all of Illinois to earn the 2022 School Board Governance Recognition. This is presented by the Illinois Association of School Boards, which is an association of peers established in December 1913 to help guide school boards in fulfilling their duties to taxpayers.

President Kit Tingpalpong, Vice President Juliet Rago, Secretary Leo Figueroa, board members

Sylvia Hayde, Cary Lewis, John Radzinski, and former board member Patty Jalowiec all work extremely hard to make important decisions for our school. We have a great school thanks to their many contributions and difficult discussions over the years. Congratulations!

#### **SPRING MUSICAL**

Fenton High School's Theater Department presents "Little Shop of Horrors" for its annual Spring Musical this April.

A nerdy florist seeks romance with the help of a giant man-eating plant who has a constant need to be fed. It's a fun high-energy



show that never takes itself too seriously and provides our students with great opportunities to show off their acting, singing and dancing skills.

Show dates are scheduled for April 20, 21 and 22. Senior Citizens are invited to a free seniors matinee show at 1 p.m. on April 22. Seniors can reserve a spot at the senior matinee by call (630) 860-8620.

As the show dates approach, please check the Fenton website (www.fenton100.org) for updates.

> Thursday, April 20 at 7 p.m. Friday, April 21 at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 22 1 p.m. AND 7 p.m.



#### FENTON COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL



#### Rising Freshmen Explore Fenton, Will Be Here Soon

Thank you to all our Rising Freshmen (8th Graders) for attending our Class of 2027 Welcome Night on Thursday, January 12. It was so exciting to see these Future Bison explore our hallways and picture themselves in our blue and orange jerseys. President Kit Tingpalpong, School Board Member Cary Lewis, Principal Bentsen, our teachers, and our Link Crew student volunteers are thrilled by the high level of participation and the great questions. We had nearly 200 students and their families in attendance.

Please watch for more information about the transition process. Fenton will announce summer programming opportunities in March or April. This will include credit bearing courses, fun non-credit bearing summer classes, our Advanced Placement (AP) Boot Camp, and various athletic summer camps.

Of course, summer registration is always in July. As new members of our Fenton Family, the registration process can be overwhelming. Please feel free to call our main office with any questions.



#### SAVE THE DATE Saturday, May 6

#### Fenton Cinco de Mayo Kermes

Fenton's newest fundraiser returns on Saturday, May 6. Mark your calendar for a day of food, music, face painting, and games.



This annual event was spearheaded by School Board Member Leo Figueroa, who will spend several nights helping prepare the many different dishes available for purchase. The menu typically includes Tacos, Gorditas, Tamales, Sopes, Tortas, Enchiladas, Fried Tilapia, Fresca, and more!

A soccer tournament and 5K race typically kicks off the Kermes at 10 am and a band closes out the Kermes in the evening. More details will be posted our website fenton100.org as the date gets closer.

This is a family-friendly event is co-sponsored by the Bensenville Park District and open to the public. Remember, all proceeds benefit Fenton students!



#### **GUARDE LA FECHA** Sábado 6 de mayo

#### Fenton Cinco de Mayo Kermes

La recaudación de fondos más reciente de Fenton regresa el sábado 6 de mayo. Marque su calendario para un día de comida, música, pintura de caras y juegos.

Este evento anual fue encabezado por el miembro de la Junta Escolar Leo Figueroa, quien pasará varias noches ayudando a preparar los diferentes platos disponibles para la compra. ¡El menú generalmente incluye tacos, gorditas, tamales, sopes, tortas, enchiladas, tilapia frita, fresca y más!

Un torneo de fútbol y una carrera de 5 km suelen dar inicio a la Kermes a las 10 a. m. y una banda cierra la Kermes por la noche. Se publicarán más detalles en nuestro sitio web fenton100.org a medida que se acerque la fecha.

Este es un evento familiar copatrocinado por el Distrito de Parques de Bensenville y abierto al público. ¡Recuerde, todos los ingresos benefician a los estudiantes de Fenton!



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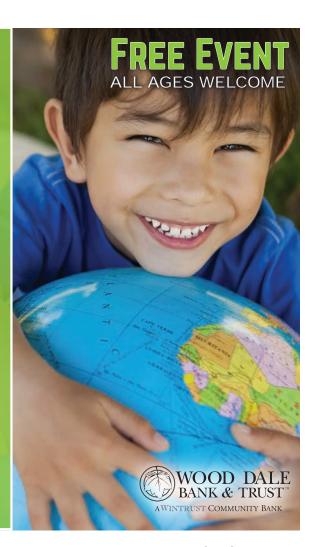


#### CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, APRIL 22ND | 11:00 - 1:00pm

THE WOODLANDS AT WHITE OAKS PARK, 111 SOUTH WOOD DALE ROAD, WOOD DALE, IL

- ♦ Live Raptor Show 11:30am-12:30pm Wings and Talons will present a live raptor show and discuss their characteristics, adaptations, ecology, and environmental impact.
- ♦ Used Fenton Gear Collection Have gently used Fenton gear? Bring it to the event! The BEAT team from Fenton High School will be collecting gently used Fenton gear.
- The first 100 quests will receive a free plant donated by Pizzo Native Plant Nursery.





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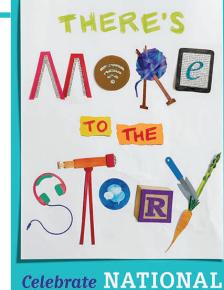
Monday-Thursday 10 am-9 pm Friday & Saturday 10 am-5 pm Sunday Closed

#### **National Library** Week 2023:

#### There's More to the Story

Celebrate National Library Week with the Library! Stop by during the week of April 24-29 to check out an item, attend a program, or sign up for a library card and be entered into a drawing for a \$20 Target gift card – one for adults and one for kids.

April 23-29 is National Library Week, an annual celebration highlighting the



LIBRARY WEEK

valuable role libraries, librarians, and library workers play in transforming communities and improving lives. The theme of this year, "There's More to the Story," emphasizes that libraries are so much more than books. Our Library of Things lends items like museum passes, hot spots, cooking gadgets, and electronic items. Programs such as book clubs, crafting classes, author visits, STEAM classes, and Battle of Books bring the community together and provide valuable educational opportunities. Thank you for supporting us as we keep adding to our story!



#### **Grant Projects Bring Innovative Programs and Services to the Library**

The library has been pursuing grant funding for projects that encourage literacy, promote lifelong learning, and provide a sense of community in a welcoming environment. We would like to highlight our most recent grant projects. One project has been completed, one will end at the end of this school year, and one has only just begun.

#### **PROJECT** NEXT NORMAL,

funded through the Institute of Library and Information Services (\$19,815), helped the library create a StoryWalk® and Nature Walk behind the library. The grant also provided landscaping to enhance the walks with native plant beds. Visitors follow a path and stop at stations along the way to interact with a children's story. The story changes every few months, so make sure to revisit often.

#### PROJECT NEXT GENERATION

(\$21,598) began in 2021 and will conclude at the end of this school year. Over the course of the federally funded project, 94 middle schoolers had the opportunity to learn advanced technology skills by enrolling in classes to learn Scratch and Python computer coding. In small groups, students attended class for 8 weeks, one hour per week. The library was able to hire coding experts to teach the classes and to provide Chromebooks for loan to the students.





Chromebooks for loan to the students. See page 32 for details about the upcoming coding classes.

Currently, the library is purchasing furniture, play equipment, and library check-out materials to enhance the early learning program thanks to a federal grant (\$225,000) secured by Representative Krishnamoorthi. Stay tuned as this grant project progresses.

Grants allow the library to offer unique programs and services at no additional cost to taxpayers. Committed to fiscal responsibility and to our mission, the library will continue to pursue grant funding at every opportunity.

#### **ADULT WORKSHOPS & EVENTS**

Registration is strongly encouraged for all Library programs unless otherwise noted. Register by calling 630-766-6762 or go to our website, www.wooddalelibrary.org/events. Programs may be modified, rescheduled, or canceled. We will be reaching out to registrants if changes are necessary. Please visit the Library website or call us at 630-766-6762 for up-to-date program information.

All library programs are of no charge unless otherwise noted with this symbol: \$



#### Take & Make Craft: **Burlap Bunny**

Online Program March 20 Learn to make an easy burlap bunny hanging. Pick up your craft kits, then

follow along at home with the YouTube video or instructions given.

#### **Cuisine Ouest: South & Central America**

In-Person Program Monday, March 20 at 7 pm Join Brian Michalski on his search for the most delectable dishes that Peru, Argentina, Brazil, Nicaragua, and other South and Central American countries have to offer. Attendees will learn about specialty dishes while receiving recipes, resources, and restaurant recommendations so that they can learn, cook, and dine globally at the local level. Registration is required.

#### **Wire-Wrapped Ring Workshop**

In-Person Program Friday, March 24 at 7 pm Friday, April 28 at 7 pm Discover the art of crafting



wire-wrapped jewelry. Wired Lotus guides you in making your own unique wire-wrapped beaded ring. Registration begins Wednesday, March 1 at 10 am. The cost is \$5. \$

#### **History of Chicagoland in Maps**

In-Person Program Sunday, March 26 at 2 pm Join Donald and Tanya Smith, of Greeley-Howard-Norlin-Smith Surveyors, as they discuss many interesting topics in the history of land surveying, including the construction of piers in downtown Chicago and the reversal of the Chicago River. They will bring antique and vintage maps, plats, and atlases from their unique historical archive. This event is sponsored by the Wood Dale Historical Society.

#### **Red Cross Blood Drive**

**In-Person Program** Thursday, March 30, 1-6 pm Did you know 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.

#### **Basket Cake Decorating**

**In-Person Program** Monday, April 3 at 7 pm Learn how to decorate basket cake, a wonderfully sweet addition to your spring table. Pastry chef Frannie Hargadon will guide you through the process and share helpful tips. All supplies for a small cake will be provided. Registration is required and starts March 1.

#### **Spring Flower Arrangement**



In-Person Program Tuesday, April 4 at 7 pm Welcome spring with a colorful arrangement of flowers. Peggy Garvin will guide you in the basics of floral arrangement and provide the supplies. The

cost is \$20. Registration starts on March 1 at 10 am. \$

#### Take & Bake: Mexican **Wedding Cookies**

Online Program Monday, April 17 Learn to make Mexican Wedding Cookies - buttery, nutty delights. While they are served in Mexico mostly at weddings, they are enjoyed in the US at any celebration. Come in to pick up a bag with supplies then follow along with our YouTube video or make on your own with the provided recipe. A nut-free option is available. One per family.

#### **Cooking with Chef Dave:** Cinco de Mavo

In-Person Program Thursday, April 20 at 7 pm Join Chef Dave Esau as he demonstrates easy Mexican dishes that are perfect for your Cinco de Mayo celebration and beyond. Samples and recipes will be provided. Registration is required.



#### Mother's **Day Teacup** Arrangement

In-Person Program • Friday, May 5 at 7 pm Create a beautiful flower

arrangement to decorate your home for Mother's Day. Peggy Garvin will guide you in the basics of floral arrangement and provide the supplies. The cost is \$20. Registration starts on March 1 at 10 am. \$



#### **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 Marcus movie package. Four individuals (2 adults and 2 teens) who guess the most winners correctly will win. Forms are available 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!

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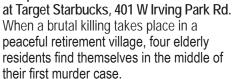
#### **BOOK CLUBS**

Join one of our book clubs and meet in person to talk about books! We have a variety of different clubs for all types of readers. Electronic versions of books may be available for download on the library apps Hoopla, Libby, or Axis 360, or pick up a print copy at the Book Club Kiosk. Register by calling 630-766-6762 or go to our website, www.wooddalelibrary.org/events.

#### **Book Club Express**

The Thursday Night **Murder Club** by Richard Osman

In-Person Program Wednesday, March 15 at 7 pm



The Things We Cannot Say by Kelly Rimmer

In-Person Program Wednesday, April 19 at 7 pm at U Gazdy Polish Restaurant, 270 W Irving Park Rd. This powerful novel follows a woman's



urgent search for answers to a family mystery that uncovers truths about herself that she never expected.

#### **Gus & Georgia's Book Club**

Little Women by Louisa May Alcott Tuesday, March 21

at 7 pm Join us for a discussion of Louisa May Alcott's

classic. This timeless novel about family devotion and high aspirations is a great read for everyone. Pick up a copy at the Library Book Club Kiosk.

#### Mystery Lovers' **Book Club**

The Windsor Knot by S.J. Bennett

**In-Person Program** Tuesday, April 4 at 7 pm

This highly original and

clever mystery features Queen Elizabeth Il as an amateur detective who solves crimes in secret and behind the scenes, in between her royal duties.

#### Klub Ksiażki – Polish **Book Discussion**

Dżentelmen w *Moskwie* by **Amor Towles** 

In-Person Program Tuesday, April 18 at 7 pm at the Art Gallery Kafé, 127 Front St.

Books will be read and discussed in the Polish language. Copies of books are available at the Wood Dale Public Library.

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#### **History Pages Book Discussion**

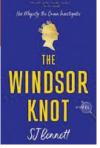
River of the Gods by Candice Millard

In-Person Program Wednesday, April 26 at 7 pm

This story of courage

and adventure brings to life the rivalry between two enemies - a decorated soldier and a young aristocratic officer - as they set out to find the mysterious headwaters of the Nile River.





#### There is still time to 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 or app. The more you read, listen to an audiobook or attend a library program, the more prizes you will earn.

Receive a sign-up prize for joining, 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 earns a raffle ticket for a Grand Prize at the end of the program.

Sign up today by visiting our website, coming to the Public Services Desk, or calling 630-766-6762. Happy reading!

We're excited to announce we are using a new interactive website, Beanstack, which makes it fun and easy to add titles. 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.



#### **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**

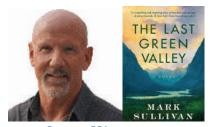
You can participate from home or at the Library.





#### 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.



#### **Mark Sullivan**

Tuesday, March 28 at 7 pm Bestselling author Mark Sullivan will join us virtually for a discussion of *The* Last Green Valley. This biographical novel follows the Martels, a family of German heritage living on a farm in Ukraine. When Stalin's forces attack this country in 1944, they reluctantly follow the Nazis they despise to escape from the Soviets and search for freedom.



#### **ZOOM PROGRAMS**

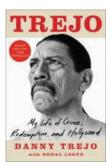
These events are made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering high-quality events.



#### The Weird & Wonderful World with 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!



#### **Danny Trejo Talks Tacos,** Hollywood, and Redemption

Tuesday, April 4 at 7 pm

Welcome Actor/Author/Restaurateur Danny Trejo, who has developed a prolific career in the entertainment industry with a hardearned and atypical road to success. From years of imprisonment to helping troubled youth battle addiction, to acting, producing, and now restaurant ventures, Trejo's name, face, and achievements are well recognized in Hollywood and beyond.



#### Secrets of the Puzzle Master: **An Evening with Will Shortz**

Tuesday, April 25 at 7 pm

Will Shortz, the editor of The New York Times crossword puzzle, and the world's only academically accredited puzzle master, discusses crossword puzzles. The author/editor of more than 500 puzzle books, Shortz is also the puzzle master for NPR's Weekend Edition Sunday and the founder and director of the American Crossword Puzzle Tournament, held annually for more than 40 years. Through his championing of puzzles Will has earned admiring fans from all over the world.

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See what your Wood Dale Library card can do! You have access to online library resources at home! Embark on a search for your family's history, read an e-book, or stream videos with the kids. These resources are available 24/7 on the library website with your Wood Dale Public Library card. Now, if you don't already have a library card, get an online card for digital access. Go to www.wooddalelibrary.org and follow the link to Get a Library Card Online. You must be 13 or older to register online.

**Questions?** Give us a call at (630) 766-6762 or email us at contact@wooddalelibrary.org.

#### **HOMEWORK HELP**

Use our online resources to research a wide variety of scholarly topics, at varying grade levels.

#### SWORLD BOOK ONLINE

#### **World Book for Kids**

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Primary Search®

#### **Primary Search**

For elementary school students, this resource includes encyclopedias specifically for kids, articles from children's magazines including Highlights and Junior Scholastic, and a large image collection.





#### **COMPUTER & JOB SKILLS**

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

#### **Excel Basics**

Zoom Program • Monday, March 27 at 7 pm Most business jobs require knowledge of Excel. Watch as we demonstrate how to create a basic spreadsheet, enter data, and practice simple calculations and formulas in this online class. You must be registered to receive a Zoom invitation by email on the day of the program.

#### **Excel Formulas & Functions**

**Zoom Program** 

Monday, April 24 at 7 pm

Watch as we demonstrate using formulas and functions in Excel including averages, minimum and maximum values, data analysis, and loan payment calculation in this online 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.





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.

#### Illinois Agriculture Display: DuPage County Farm Bureau April 24 - May 1

Do you wonder how food gets from the farm to your table? Discover interesting facts about Illinois agriculture with an interactive display that encourages you to look, touch and learn! Remember to pick up an activity kit with a magazine, word search, and craft to make at home.

#### **TODDLER TIME** Ages 0-4 years Wednesdays, March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 19 & 26, 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, March 23, 30, April 6, 13, 20 & 27, 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, March 23, 30, April 6, 13, 20 & 27, 4:15-4:45 pm

Join us for this interactive literature-based storytime. We will read books, and enjoy puppets, songs, activities, and more.

#### **POLISH STORYTIME** Ages 3-7 years Tuesdays March 14 & April 11, 6-6:30 pm Enjoy this fun storytime in Polish.

#### WOOD DALE PUBLIC LIBRARY

#### **YOUTH SERVICES EVENTS**

#### **STEAM LAB: COLORS**

Ages 7-11 years Wednesday, March 1, 4:30-5:15 pm Have you ever wondered what color or colors black is made of? Then join us as we have fun exploring colors through science and art.



#### LITTLE MAKERS: **SPRING ART** Ages 4-6 years

Monday, March 13, 4:30-5:15 pm Explore colors with us as we create spring-inspired art that you can take home.

#### WHO-WHOOO LIKES OWLS? Ages 7-10 years

Monday, March 27, 2-2:30 pm Have you read the "Owl Diaries" series, or do you just like owls? Join us and paint your own ceramic owl.

#### **ACTIVE PLAY** Ages 6-10 years Tuesday, March 28, 11-Noon

Warm up with Ms. Joy while playing fun and challenging group games and doing parachute activities.



**COLORING FUN** Ages 5-10 years Friday, March 31, 11 am-Noon Enjoy a morning of creative coloring and creating art with Ms. Joy.

#### **LOOM KNITTING** Ages 8-18 years

Tuesday, March 28, Wednesday, March 29 & Thursday, March 30, 2-3 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 last year? Join us to make more loom-knit projects!

#### **DROP-IN: ROBOT DAY** Ages 5-11 years Tuesday, April 4, 2-4 pm

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

#### **LITTLE MAKERS: BIRD EXPLORERS**

Ages 4-6 years

Wednesday, April 5, 4:30-5:15 pm Calling all young bird explorers! Join us as we learn about different birds and how they use their different beaks to eat and more!

#### **GROW INTO EARTH DAY @ White Oaks** Park District Ages 6-10 years

Monday, April 17, 4:15-5 pm We will have a growing storytime and plant seeds you can take home to grow your own

flowers. This program is offered in partnership with the Wood Dale Park District. Please register through the park district.

#### Family Nights! Ages 5-11 years w/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 ARTS AND CRAFTS NIGHT**

Tuesday, March 28 Make spring crafts as a family.



#### **FAMILY NIGHT: BE KIND** TO THE EARTH

Tuesday, April 18 Try out Earth Day crafts and activities as a family.

#### **FAMILY SPRING BINGO NIGHT**

Tuesday, April 25 Play spring BINGO as a family.



**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-book log. We have paper logs or you can log on to Beanstack, our online reading program app.



#### **YOUTH SERVICES EVENTS**

#### STEAM LAB: WEATHER SCIENCE

Ages 7-11 years Wednesday, April 19, 4:30-5:15 pm

Let's explore all types of weather with these engaging science experiments. We'll make a cloud in a jar, make it rain, snow, and even create a tornado!

#### **ENGINEERING THE IMPOSSIBLE: MAGICIAN SCOTT GREEN**

In-Person Program Thursday, May 4 at 7 pm Go behind the scenes with

magician Scott Green to learn how magicians use science, technology, engineering, and math to trick audiences' brains. You'll see magic tricks, learn how they were created and why they fool us, and then you'll be fooled all over again! Registration is required.

**TEENS** Ages 11-18 years

#### **WACKY WEDNESDAYS**

Wednesdays, March 8, 22, April 12 & 26, 2:30-4:30 pm Enjoy a craft or activity with your friends on early dismissal Wednesdays. When you have finished your craft, you are welcome to stay in the room and play board games or hang out.

#### **TEEN AFTERNOON MYSTERY**

Friday, April 7, 2-4 pm Help us solve the stolen bunny mystery!

NATIONAL **LIBRARY WEEK 2023** 

**APRIL 24-29** 



Children who attend a library program this week can choose a free book from our prize cart!

#### **LEARN TO CODE**

Learn coding at Your Library! Beginning March 20, students in Grades 4-8 can join our 8-week coding course. Students meet one hour per week from 4:30-5:30 pm in one of the following courses:

MONDAYS

1C0 Scratch: Platformer 1010 and Maze Games 1

**TUESDAYS** 

Roblox: Intro to Game Development

**WEDNESDAYS** 

**Python: Multiplayer Games** 

**THURSDAYS** 

Web Development: Introduction

Space is strictly limited and registration is required. To register, visit the library's website (www.wooddalelibrary.org) or call the library (630-766-6762). Registration opens on March 1.

**WINTER READING** There is still time to join the Winter Reading Challenge for kids! Earn badges online and earn a free paperback book for every five hours you read or listen to book.

Sign up today by visiting our website, coming to the Public Services Desk, or calling 630-766-6762.

Teens can choose the kids' or

adults' reading challenge.

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.





Games continue through March. 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

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

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books, along with a few surprises, and leave them to be picked up at the Public Services Desk.



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.

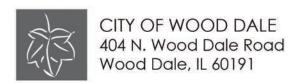
Pick up a paper bookmark log or use our Beanstack app to record every 50 books read. You can choose a paperback book to keep for every 50 books your read. Remember, children have six years to complete this program.

# -- MARCH 2023 SPECIAL EVENTS -

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## LOCAL PHONE NUMBERS

_	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
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	DuPage Co. Div. of Transportation: (630) 407-6920



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