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WOOD DALE

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



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WOOD DALE

SCHOOL DISTRICT 7

STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE

2024 Back to School Events



**EARLY CHILDHOOD
EDUCATION CENTER**
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- ★ **Parent Orientation:** Friday, August 23rd from 8am-3pm
- ★ **Family Home Visits:** Classroom teachers will set up home visits *before* school, starting on August 19th.
- ★ **Parent Information Night:** Thursday, September 5th @ 6pm & 7pm. This is an opportunity to learn how children learn through a language-rich play-based approach, how the Illinois Early Learning and Development Learning Standards are taught, and to find out what this program has to offer for children and their families.



OAKBROOK
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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- ★ **New Family Orientation & Tour:** Tuesday, August 13th @ 6:30pm
- ★ **Teacher Meet & Greet:** Friday, August 16th @ 2:30-3:30pm
Families are invited to come into school, see the classroom, drop off any school supplies, and briefly meet the teacher.
- ★ **Parent Information Night:** Thursday, August 29th @ 6-6:45pm & 7-7:45pm
Parents are invited into Oakbrook School for a presentation from your child's teacher, and to discuss expectations and curriculum for the upcoming school year.
- ★ **PTO Back to School Picnic:** Wednesday, September 11th from 4-7pm @ Oakbrook School



WESTVIEW
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE

- ★ **New Family Orientation and Tour:** Wednesday, August 7th @ 6:30pm
- ★ **Teacher Meet & Greet:** Friday, August 16th @ 2:00-3:00pm
Families are invited to come into school, see the classroom, drop off any school supplies, and briefly meet the teacher.
- ★ **"Bring Your Parents to School Night:"**
Each grade level will provide an hour-long interactive presentation for parents, involving students and their Chromebooks, within the first week of the start of the new school year. Each individual grade level's special night is noted below:
 - 3rd Grade: Thursday, August 22nd @ 6:30pm
 - 4th Grade: Wednesday, August 21st @ 6:30pm
 - 5th Grade: Tuesday, August 20th @ 6:30pm
- ★ **PTO Back to School Picnic:** Wednesday, September 11th from 4-7pm @ Oakbrook School



WOOD DALE
JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE

- ★ **New Panther & Family Orientation and Tour:** Tuesday, August 13th @ 4pm-7pm
- ★ **Back to School Family Night:**
 - 6th Grade: Tuesday, August 27th @ 6:30-7:30pm
 - 7th & 8th Grade: Wednesday, August 28th @ 6:30-7:30pm
- ★ **JH PTO Meeting:** Thursday, September 5th @ 6:30pm
- ★ **JH PTO Back to School Dance:** September 13th from 7-9pm

First Day of School Grades K-8 is Monday, August 19th

First Day of School for ECEC is Monday, August 26th



CITY OF WOOD DALE

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JULY

July 1	Streetscape & Economic Enhancement Committee	6:30 PM
July 4	City Hall CLOSED - Independence Day	
July 4	City Council Meeting - CANCELLED	
July 5	Sounds of Summer & Cruise Nights	5:00 PM - 9:00 PM
July 8	Brush Collection	
July 11	Police Pension Board	12:00 PM - 3:00 PM
July 11	Special Events Committee	6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
July 11	Committee of the Whole	7:30 PM - 8:30 PM
July 13	Move with the Mayor and Council	9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
July 15	Community Development Commission	7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
July 16	Board of Fire and Police Commissioners	5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
July 18	City Council Meeting	7:30 PM - 8:30 PM
July 25	Committee of the Whole - CANCELLED	
July 26	Sounds of Summer & Cruise Nights	5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

AUGUST

August 1	City Council Meeting	7:30 PM
August 5	Streetscape & Economic Enhancement Committee	6:30 PM
August 6	Police National Night Out	5:00 PM - 9:00 PM
August 7	Wood Dale for a Greener Tomorrow	6:30 PM
August 7	Stormwater Subcommittee	7:00 PM
August 8	Committee of the Whole	7:30 PM
August 10	Move with the Mayor and Council	9:00 AM
August 13	Board of Fire and Police Commissioners	6:00 PM
August 15	City Council Meeting	7:30 PM
August 16	Sounds of Summer & Cruise Nights	5:00 PM - 9:00 PM
August 19	Community Development Commission	7:00 PM
August 21	Citizen Involvement Committee	6:00 PM
August 22	Committee of the Whole - CANCELLED	
August 29	5th Thursday - No Meeting Scheduled	
August 30	Sounds of Summer & Cruise Nights	5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

City Hall Hours:

Monday-Friday, 8:30 AM-4:30 PM

Meetings take place at City Hall unless otherwise noted. All meetings are 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.



September 20-22

9 a.m. - Dusk

Open to all residents!
Participant signage may be picked up at City Hall.
To register, scan the QR Code or register in-person at City Hall, 404 N. Wood Dale Road

For questions, call (630) 787-3709.



SCAN ME

**REGISTRATION
OPENS AUGUST 1
& ENDS
SEPTEMBER 1**

MAYOR'S LETTER

Dear Wood Dale Residents,

Summer has finally arrived! This is one of my favorite seasons in Wood Dale because, along with the warmer weather and the longer days, the City offers a series of special events and residential programming. Including green initiatives!

It's also a season of business ribbon-cuttings and celebrations. The City has issued 278 Commercial Occupancy Certificates, increasing the number of businesses and offerings in Wood Dale.



In mid-May, City staff and elected officials were invited to C. Cretors and Company for their "Solar"bration event. They recently installed a series of solar panels onto their Wood Dale building in an effort to be greener. Cindy Cronin, of DuPage County Board District 1, and Kay McKeen, Executive

Director of SCARCE, including members of Wood Dale for a Greener Tomorrow Committee, joined us to recognize this investment into clean, green energy.



We appreciate C. Cretors and Company's reinvestment into Wood Dale. Not only is solar energy good for business, but it's also good for the community!

C. Cretors and Company can now look forward to:

- Decreased monthly utility bills.
- A secured return on their investment.
- And a lower carbon footprint.

C. Cretors and Company moved to Wood Dale in 2014 and are celebrating their decade-long time in Wood Dale by investing in their building. We couldn't be prouder to have them as part of our community.

Cretors invented the popcorn machine in 1885 and has evolved to become the leading manufacturer of Food Concession and Food Service Equipment. They have carried this family business from the World's Fair in Chicago to the present day, with several generations of the family still in leadership and ownership roles. And continue to find ways to be green and innovative.



MEET THE CITY COUNCIL



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Speaking of green, the City is proud to offer a series of green initiatives and programming for residents and the community.

Not only will the City host a Green Fair on September 28, but green initiatives are available throughout the year, from cooking oil recycling to a drug disposal program to tips on understanding and implementing green infrastructure. Wood Dale is always looking for ways to reduce our carbon footprint.

Learn about these additional green programs:

- Adopt a Drain Program
- Cooking Oil Recycling Program
- Rain Barrel Program
- American Flag Recycling, and more!



We are working on being green in our buildings and daily practices, too!

The City has also installed LED lighting at all pump house facilities, the Public Works Department, and most of City Hall, along with occupancy sensors. The City's new HVAC system at Public Works is a high-efficiency unit. In the last five years, the City has been awarded Earth and Water Quality Flags from School & Community Assistance for Recycling and Composting Education (S.C.A.R.C.E.). The City met specific requirements to achieve each flag.

Earth Flag:

- Host an employee training session
- Complete a Green Audit
- Sponsor a waste or energy reduction activity
- Implement a comprehensive recycling program
- Participate in a community event that benefits the environment

Water Quality Flag

- Host an employee training session
- Installation of a rain barrel at your building (we also have the rain barrel reimbursement program)
- Participate in two activities that improve water quality (We offer the Adopt a Drain program and naturalized basins)

The City appreciates everyone doing their part to keep Wood Dale a green, beautiful, welcoming community. Reach out to the City to learn more!

Be safe, and enjoy your summer!

Sincerely,

MAYOR

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**MOVE
WITH THE
MAYOR
& COUNCIL**



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Positive changes often start with one step forward!

Wood Dale is proud to partner with the National Move with the Mayor initiative, part of the *National Forum – For Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention*, to inspire Wood Dale to be more physically active.

We are providing accessible activities to the community. The program began on May 11. Activities start at 9 a.m. and range from simple movement to walking an average of 1 to 3 miles.

These are family-friendly events. All ages and strollers are welcome.

Tai Chi Returns on August 10!

Additionally, for any Wood Dale resident attending two or more *Move with the Mayor & Council* events, the City will support your registration for the School District 7 annual

Pura Vida 5k Run/Walk family event on September 28. It's a great way to get active, enjoy our community, and wrap up the summer with a fun celebration.

Let's move Wood Dale!

Locations and Schedule:

- July 13 - 9 a.m. Westview Elementary School, 200 N. Addison Rd
- **August 10 - 9 a.m. Tai Chi Day! Wood Dale Rd and Commercial St**
- September 28 - Pura Vida 5k with School District 7 (Registration Required)
Please check District 7's website for the start time of the 5k.



Upcoming Wood Dale Special Events

EVENT LOCATIONS

Cruise Night Car Shows

All take place at
Wood Dale Road and
Commercial Street.
From 5 to 9 p.m.

Sounds of Summer Concert Series

All take place at
Wood Dale Road and
Commercial Street.
From 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Summer Movie Series Films begin at dusk.

July 12 – The Woodlands,
111 S Wood Dale Rd
August 23 – Wood Dale
Road and Commercial Street

Move with the Mayor & City Council

July 13 – Westview
Elementary School, 200 N.
Addison Rd
August 10 – Tai Chi Day!
Wood Dale Rd and
Commercial St
Sept. 28 – Pura Vida 5k
School District 7
(Registration Required)

**JUL
05**
5 PM - 9 PM
Sounds of Summer
Concert and Cruise Night
- Local Band Night

**JUL
12**
8:30 PM - 10 PM
Summer Movie Series
Indiana Jones
at the Woodlands

**JUL
13**
9 AM - 10 AM
Move with the Mayor &
City Council



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**JUL
26**
5 PM - 9 PM
Sounds of Summer
Concert and Cruise
Night - Ginger Road
(Country)

**AUG
10**
9 AM - 10 AM
Move with the Mayor &
City Council

**AUG
16**
5 PM - 9 PM
Sounds of Summer
Concert and Cruise Night
- R Gang (R&B)

**AUG
23**
8 PM - 10 PM
Summer Movie Series
Super Mario Brothers
at the Wood Dale Rd and
Commercial St

**AUG
30**
5 PM - 9 PM
Sounds of Summer
Concert and Cruise Night
- Chicago Tribute
Anthology (CTA Covers)

**SEPT
6**
5 PM - 9 PM
Sounds of Summer
Concert and Cruise Night
- ARRA (Classic Rock)

**SEPT
28**
9 AM - 10 AM
Move with the Mayor &
City Council





Sounds of Summer &



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Local Band Night!
Bonnie N the Boy'z and The Shades
FRIDAY, JULY 5

Ginger Road(Country)
FRIDAY, JULY 26

R Gang (R&B)
FRIDAY, AUGUST 16

Chicago Tribute Anthology
FRIDAY, AUGUST 30

ARRA (Classic Rock)
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Pack a picnic and lawn chairs for evenings of outdoor music and car shows! All cars, trucks, motorcycles and vehicle clubs are welcome! Food available for purchase.

Outside coolers welcome.

Must be 21 or older to purchase or consume alcohol.

CARSHOWS BEGIN AT • 5:00 PM • CONCERTS BEGIN AT • 7:30 PM
EVENTS END AT • 9:00 PM

Events held at Commercial St. & Wood Dale Rd.



CITY OF WOOD DALE Hits DJ Service



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SUMMER

MOVIE SERIES WOOD DALE

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INDIANA JONES AND THE
DIAL OF DESTINY

FRIDAY, JULY 12 AT 8:30 PM
THE WOODLANDS AT WHITE OAKS

THE LITTLE MERMAID (2023)

FRIDAY, JULY 19 AT 8:30 PM (RESCHEDULED)
BEACH WATERPARK

SUPER MARIO BROTHERS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23 AT 8:00 PM
WOOD DALE RD & COMMERCIAL ST

CITIZENS' PUBLIC WORKS ACADEMY



THE INAUGURAL CITIZENS' PUBLIC WORKS ACADEMY WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!

The City of Wood Dale held the inaugural Citizens' Public Works Academy in spring 2024. The four-week program gave an in-depth overview of the Department's five divisions: Administration, Streets, Utilities, Vehicle Maintenance and Wastewater. Highlights of the Academy included: tours of department facilities not normally viewed by the public, including the inside of a water tower and the North Wastewater Treatment Plant, and jumping in and riding in some of the "big trucks" – including the bucket truck!

Interested in attending a future Citizens' Public Works Academy?
Be on the lookout for additional information in winter 2024 for a spring 2025 session.

WEEK ONE

The first week of the Citizens' Public Works Academy included information on the history of Public Works, an overview of City-owned infrastructures and City services, Geographic Information Services (GIS), and a broad overview of the five divisions of Public Works – Administration, Vehicle Maintenance, Streets, Water/Utilities and Wastewater.



WEEK TWO

Week two provided participants with a behind the scenes look at the North Wastewater Treatment Plant (269 W. Irving Park Rd). Along with an in-depth tour of the Treatment Plant. Participants were also able to learn about trench safety, see the televising truck in action and check out the inside of a water tower.



Have more questions? Contact the Public Works Department at (630) 350-3530.



WEEK THREE

Week three was a busy week! This week provided some “hands on” experience in three divisions - participants were able to tour the Richert Station and learn about water safety. The Streets Division provided an overview of some of the “big trucks” and offered rides in the bucket truck. The Vehicle Maintenance garage participants learned the in and outs of vehicle and equipment maintenance.



WEEK FOUR



In the final week of the program, we focused on “putting it all together” with an emphasis on Capital Improvement Projects and how the Public Works Department collaborates with each department in the city, including Special Events, Community Development, and the Finance and Police Departments.

The program ended with time to ask any remaining questions and check out any vehicles that they may have missed during week three.



STREET SWEEPING SCHEDULE

Week of April 8th, 2024

Week of May 13th, 2024

Week of June 17th, 2024

Week of July 15th, 2024

Week of August 12th, 2024

Week of September 9th, 2024

Week of October 14th, 2024

Week of October 28th, 2024

Week of November 11th, 2024

Week of November 25th, 2024

Week of December 9th, 2024

2024 BRUSH COLLECTION DATES

July 8 | September 9

October 7 | November 25

Please remember to place the brush out in small, neat piles to ensure collection.

Branches and limbs must be on the curb no later than 6:30 am on the Monday of each collection week. Please note, only one pass is made through each area and no callbacks are allowed. No material may be placed curbside prior to the Sunday before a scheduled pickup.



FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AT 630-350-3530.



CITY OF WOOD DALE

MOSQUITO ABATEMENT IN WOOD DALE

The City of Wood Dale contracts with Clarke Environmental to provide mosquito abatement services for the Wood Dale community. The contractor performs multiple city-wide sprayings each year as part of an integrated pest management plan that includes inspections, surveillance of mosquito populations, and treatments for both larval and adult mosquito control. The program does not eliminate all mosquitoes but controls the population to help prevent the spread of the West Nile Virus.

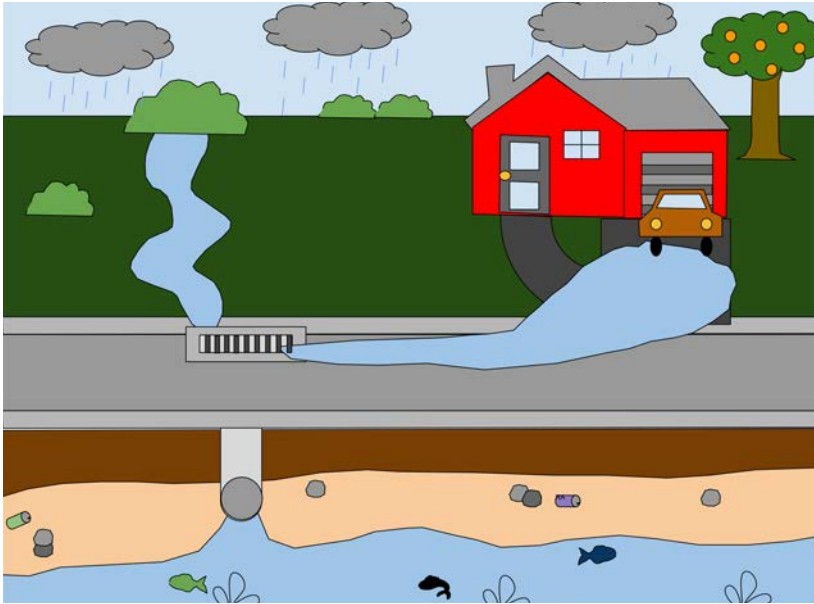


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Clarke Mosquito Control has a hotline established to answer all residents' questions and concerns at 1-800-942-2555. Citizens can also register with Clarke online for notifications at <https://www.clarkeportal.com/hotline>.

BE THE SOLUTION TO STORMWATER POLLUTION



As stormwater flows over driveways, lawns, and sidewalks, it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants. Stormwater can flow into a storm sewer system or directly to a lake, stream, river, or wetland. Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into the waterbodies we use for swimming, fishing, and drinking water. Polluted runoff is the nation's greatest threat to clean water.

By practicing healthy household habits, homeowners can keep common pollutants like pesticides, pet waste, grass clippings, and automotive fluids off the ground and out of stormwater. Adopt healthy household habits and protect lakes, streams, rivers and wetlands. Remember to share these habits with neighbors!

STORM DRAINS CONNECT TO WATERBODIES!

REMEMBER: ONLY RAIN DOWN THE DRAIN!

For more information, visit
www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater or www.epa.gov/nps

To report possible illegal discharges into the storm drain system,
please call the Public Works Department at (630) 350-3530.



HYDRANT FLUSHING

The City's Public Works Utilities Division flushes water main lines through the fire hydrants throughout the summer. This process has several benefits for the water distribution system. Some of these benefits include verification of proper hydrant operation, confirming the available flow to the hydrants, allowing for the delivery of the highest quality water to all areas of the City, and removing mineral and sediment buildup from the water main lines. Streets signs will be placed in various areas of the City to notify everyone of the work occurring. For more information or questions about the process, please contact the Public Works Department at 630-350-3530.

WOOD DALE POLICE

NIGHT OUT



Tuesday, August 6, 2024

5-7 p.m.

Police Department

404 N. Wood Dale Road

DJ, games, free ice cream,
bingo, bookmobile, police & fire
vehicles, moon jump and more!



7-9 p.m.

The Beach Water Park

161 W. Commercial

Free admission & prizes.
Plus coin toss, raffles and
family fun!



WOOD DALE PARK DISTRICT

Active Places. Friendly Faces.

Park in the lot directly south of City Hall or at The Beach Water Park.

For questions, please contact Sergeant Piecuch,

(630)787-3886, apiecuch@wooddale.com

or Meghan Spiewak, (630)787-3811, mspiewak@wooddale.com

Visit www.wooddale.com.



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Non-Emergency: 630-766-2060

Chief of Police
Chris Zito

Deputy Chief
Chris Banaszynski



Pictured left to right: Officer Singto, Officer Tucker, Officer Steinbach, Officer Perez

Welcome, Wood Dale Probationary Officers!

Please join us in congratulating the four probationary police officers sworn in by the Wood Dale Board of Fire & Police Commissioners on April 17th, 2024!

Below: Chief Zito (left) and Deputy Banaszynski (right) pose with each officer.

Officers Singto and Tucker are lateral transfers from large cities, each join Wood Dale with over 20 years of experience in law enforcement. After completing our in-house field training program, they will begin serving the City of Wood Dale.

Officers Steinbach and Perez are attending the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy (SLEA) at the College of DuPage for 16 weeks of training to become certified Police Officers in Illinois. They will return to the Wood Dale Police Department in August to begin our in-house field training program.

We are excited to welcome these officers to the Wood Dale community and wish them well in their training.





CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY



SCAN ME



A BEHIND THE SCENES LOOK AT WOOD DALE'S POLICE DEPARTMENT August 28 to October 23, 2024

9 WEEK COURSE
WEDNESDAY EVENINGS
6-9PM. 18 YEARS & OLDER
Class size is limited.

- LEARN ABOUT
- PATROL PROCEDURES
 - CRIMINAL LAW
 - TRAFFIC & DUI ENFORCEMENT
 - CRIME SCENE & EVIDENCE
 - FIREARMS AND TASER



APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE AT THE WOOD DALE POLICE DEPARTMENT OR SCAN THE QR CODE. THE DEADLINE TO APPLY IS AUGUST 1, 2024.

Contact Sergeant Alan Piecuch (630) 787-3886 or Meghan Spiewak (630) 787-3811.



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Non-Emergency: 630.766.1147
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A Lifetime Worth of Training

Earlier this Spring, the Wood Dale Fire Protection District hosted 2 weeks of live fire training in the Mohawk Manor area. This is the third year in a row we have been able to execute this type of realistic training in acquired structures. Our training team and firefighters worked for months to prepare for this, from filing permits with the EPA and preparing the homes for safe training. Over the course of 7 days, firefighters trained in fire suppression, ventilation, victim searches, overhaul, fire dynamics and behavior, and more. On the final day, BC Maderak and BC Hurst simulated 2 mock arson fires. These 2 fires were then used to train members of the DuPage County Fire Investigation Task Force. When it was all said and done, over 100 firefighters received the most realistic training available. Thank you to the: Bensenville FPD, Addison FPD, Itasca FPD, Villa Park FD, York Center FPD, Wood Dale Public Works, Wood Dale Police, and DuPage County Sheriffs all for helping and participating. Thank you to Jeffery Dublo and Lauren McDonald of TransWestern, who worked with our training team to make this happen, and for donating the structures that allowed for this amazing training. Also, thank you to Tim Olk and Jimmy Bolf for donating their time to take some amazing photographs of the training.



Celebrating Two Great Members



Trustee Ric Lindahl



Commissioner Jeffery Stanek

Recently the Wood Dale Fire Protection District had the opportunity to celebrate two of our amazing members. Trustee Ric Lindahl retired from his position after serving the district as a commissioner and then elected trustee for 29 years. Enjoy your retirement sir. Also, Jeffery Stanek was appointed to Commissioner. Commissioner Stanek served the WDFPD for 30 years, rising through the ranks from firefighter to Battalion Chief. He will now serve as a commissioner. Jeffery is one of 4 generations of the Stanek Family to serve The Wood Dale Fire Protection District.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CENTER

Mrs. Melissa Favata, Principal



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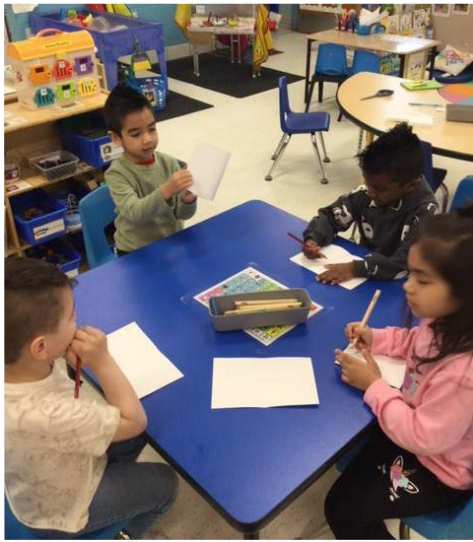
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MISSION STATEMENT

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
Mrs. Elvia Villalobos, Curriculum Director
Dr. Tim Arnold, Business Manager



The Role of Preschool Screening at ECEC

At ECEC, preschool screenings are held throughout the school year to ensure our high-quality program is made available to the entire Wood Dale community. During preschool screening our staff assess a child's overall development across various areas, including cognitive, motor, communication, and social skills. Through structured assessments and observations, our team of professionals will gain insights into each child's development to identify both strengths and areas requiring additional support.

UPCOMING SCREENING DATES AT ECEC

Thurs, August 1, 2024
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Fri, August 2, 2024
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Thurs, September 12, 2024
3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

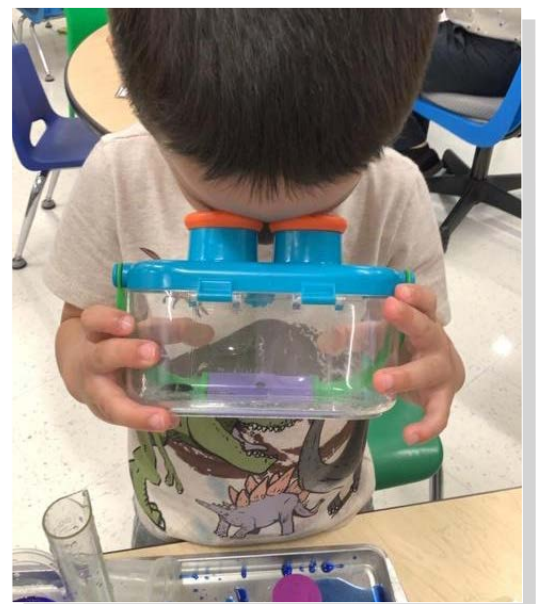
Thurs, October 3, 2024
3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Thurs, January 16, 2025
3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Preschool screening is a proactive measure aimed at ensuring that every child receives the support they need to succeed when they begin to attend school. When students who are not demonstrating the skills expected for their chronological age are provided with early intervention, it has been proven to have a positive impact on their future academic achievement.

All screenings at ECEC are by appointment only to ensure we are able to give ample time and attention to each student and their family. Please call Ms. Xiomara Herrera to schedule an appointment at 630-694-1174 or email her at xherrera@wdsd7.org.

At ECEC, we believe that every child deserves the opportunity to reach their full potential. Our preschool screening process reflects this belief, as we cultivate a nurturing and inclusive environment where every child feels supported and valued. •



OAKBROOK SCHOOL

Dr. Theresa Ulrich, Principal



Oakbrook School Celebrates Literacy

The spring months were filled with celebrations of literacy at Oakbrook School. In March, we honored Read Across America Day by planning special reading events. Surprise guest readers visited classrooms to read in English or Spanish. As well, grade level teams scheduled Drop-Everything-And-Read (DEAR) sessions where students stopped their activities at a scheduled time to grab a book and enjoy reading. In April, District 7 and the Wood Dale Public Library collaborated to co-host a Family Education Night. At the event was a Mario Brothers character, Mario himself. As students arrived at the library, they clustered around Mario with excitement, enjoying interactions with one of their favorite characters. Mario engaged the students with

singing, dancing, juggling, and just playing. While students were having fun with Mario, their parents were engaged in learning about all of the library resources available to them and their children. The event attracted more than 120 people. Also in April, Oakbrook and Westview Schools celebrated students as authors in their annual Young Authors Conference. Oakbrook students traveled to Westview where students from both schools were paired up. Each student read their own published writing to their assigned partner. This allowed students to read and celebrate their writing with an authentic audience. Finally, second grade classrooms held their annual Shark Tank presentations. This activity correlates with second grade



Students interacting with Mario

social sciences learning standards. The competition required students to develop creative “products” that might meet a consumer need. Judges selected a winning group based on product creativity, effectiveness of the group’s presentation, and initiative. This annual event provides students the opportunity to learn more about commerce in a fun way. •

WESTVIEW SCHOOL

Mr. Alan Buttimer, Principal



Westview students will enjoy playing in an enhanced outdoor area after a paving project is completed this summer. The local community is also invited to use the space after school hours and on the weekends!

Summer Paving Project to Enhance Play at Westview Elementary School

Summer marks an opportunity for completing projects at schools that cannot easily be accomplished while school is in session. This summer is no exception at Westview Elementary School where an outdoor space is being repaved with students in mind. The area west and south of Westview will continue to have both blacktop and grass field areas. However, after improving the grading for better drainage away from the building, the

outside area will be enhanced for use by students, as well as the local community! Two basketball hoop structures will be replaced and relocated to minimize interference with the playground where mud puddles often form. In addition, two Four Square grids will be painted onto the ground for a fun game that involves bouncing a playground ball into and out of your opponent's square. Finally, a two lane running track will be

painted onto the asphalt for use during physical education classes, as well as recess before school and during the midday lunch break.

We are excited about these enhancements to the outdoor space at Westview as well as the opportunities it provides for students to engage in play, experience a sense of belonging, and develop skills such as teamwork,

taking risks, enduring failure and building resilience. And don't forget, the Westview playground is always open after school hours and during the weekends for members of the local community to enjoy as well! With picnic tables, and lots of open space, it is a perfect spot for families to visit so children can burn off some energy, play with friends, and just be kids! •

WOOD DALE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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



Summer Construction and More at Wood Dale Junior High!

Wood Dale Junior High is ready for a makeover! Construction will begin at the junior high in early June to update both the main entrance and some office spaces to make the school safer and more accessible for students, parents, and staff. Planning for this project began more than a year ago and over the last couple months the final details have been put into place.



The Wood Dale Junior High is Ready for a Makeover

From paint colors to furniture choices, the new areas of the school will provide a safer and more attractive environment for years to come. The main entrance will be modified to relocate the office to the front of the school so visitors can check-in and receive assistance in a timely manner. The Principal's office will also be relocated near the front of the school to help manage operations and attend to any issues that may arise. The former office area will house the Assistant Principal's office and a brand new classroom. The new classroom will provide flexibility on how the space can be used in the future. Portions of the parking lot will be unavailable over the summer months, as construction crews will be working through early August. The work is scheduled to be completed in time for the start of school this fall.

Due to the construction, all junior high summer activities will be relocated to Westview School. Both the sports and band camps will take place in June and last for 9 days. The sports camp is led by Mr. Vince Esposito and Ms. Holly Ward, the junior high Physical Education teachers. During sports camp, students will have the opportunity to practice soccer, basketball, and volleyball. The District 7 Band teacher, Ms. Brianna Maciel, will host a band camp this summer as well. Students will have the opportunity to get a jump start on learning the band pieces for next school year. District 7 believes it is important to provide opportunities during the summer months to keep our students motivated and engaged in productive activities. •

Summer Reminders



*A message from
Dr. John Corbett,
Superintendent*



As your family is enjoying the slower pace of the summer months, the staff at District 7 is busy preparing to welcome your children back to school on Monday, August 19th.

To make the start of the school year go smoothly for your family, please make sure you have attended to the following tasks:

- Complete the online registration process for your child(ren).
- Pay the student fees for the 2024/25 school year.
- Inform the Registration Office at 630-694-1174 if your child is not returning to school in the fall.
- Schedule a doctor's appointment for your child to get his/her immunizations and/or physical if necessary.
- Contact the Transportation Office at 630-546-2859 regarding any requests to change your child's bus stop

The District 7 office is open all summer and our friendly staff is available to assist you M-F 8-3pm. The school offices are closed for the month of July and will reopen Thursday, August 1st. Families are encouraged to call or stop by to ask questions and take care of any school business over the summer months. **The sooner families take care of these matters, the more likely it is their children will start the school year without disruption.**

In early August, each school family will receive a mailing that will contain your child's teacher assignment, bus pass, food service information, and a calendar of back to school events, including orientations and open houses. Please continue to check the district website (wd7.org) over the summer months for updates and back to school events.

EVENTS CALENDAR

JULY 1ST

- ◆ Summer School Begins

AUGUST 1ST

- ◆ Last Day of Summer School
- ◆ EC Ages 3-5 Developmental Screenings 8am-4pm

AUGUST 2ND

- ◆ EC Ages 3-5 Developmental Screenings 8am-4pm

AUGUST 7TH

- ◆ WV New Family Orientation & Building Tour 6:30pm

AUGUST 13TH

- ◆ OB New Family Orientation & Building Tour 6:30-7:30pm
- ◆ JH Back to School Family Night 6th Gr and New Students 4-7pm

AUGUST 16TH

- ◆ WV Teacher Meet & Greet 2-3pm
- ◆ OB Teacher Meet & Greet 2:30-3:30pm

AUGUST 19TH

- ◆ Grades K-8 First Day of School

AUGUST 20TH

- ◆ WV 5th Grade Bring Your Parents to School Night 6:30pm

AUGUST 21ST

- ◆ WV 4th Grade Bring Your Parents to School Night 6:30pm

AUGUST 22ND

- ◆ WV 3rd Grade Bring Your Parents to School 6:30pm
- ◆ School Board Meeting 7pm

AUGUST 23RD

- ◆ EC Parent Orientation

AUGUST 26TH

- ◆ EC First Day of School

AUGUST 27TH

- ◆ JH 6th Grade Back to School Family Night 6:30pm-7:30pm

AUGUST 28TH

- ◆ JH 7th & 8th Grade Back to School Family Night 6:30pm-7:30pm

AUGUST 29TH

- ◆ OB Parent Information Night 6-6:45pm & 7-7:45pm

SEPTEMBER 3RD

- ◆ New Family Welcome Night @ OB Playground 5-7pm

SEPTEMBER 5TH

- ◆ EC Parent Information Night @ 6-7pm

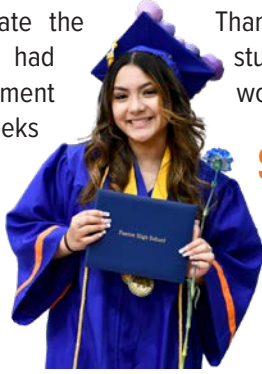
SEPTEMBER 11TH

- ◆ OB/WV Back to School Picnic @ OB 4-7pm

Dear Fenton School Community,

All of us at Fenton congratulate the Incredible Class of 2024! We had a remarkable Commencement Ceremony in May after several weeks of festivities, awards, and Prom.

More than \$2.9 million in scholarships and grants have been awarded to Fenton graduates who are choosing to continue their education at a college, university, or trade school.



Thank you to all of our teachers, students, and parents for your hard work and commitment to learning.

STEM Wing Construction

On May 22 we had the extreme honor of celebrating the start of construction for our new STEM Wing. This exciting investment is a major asset to our entire Bensenville and Wood Dale community.

This new STEM Wing will feature 12 state of the art science and technology classrooms that will empower our teachers to expand their curriculum and take their students' imagination to new heights, inspiring countless students for decades to come.



As School Board President Cary Lewis said at our groundbreaking event: Every student at Fenton High School will have science classes in this building, which also means every child in every neighborhood of Bensenville and Wood Dale will one day walk through this building and have the opportunity to be empowered.

New fences have been installed to keep the area safe and secure. The back parking lot next to our stadium remains closed to the public and will continue to be used primarily for construction.

Sam Bentsen, Ed.D.
Interim Superintendent



**Fenton Community High School
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While here, 42 of our recent graduates were members of the National Honor Society, 24 were recognized as Illinois State Scholars, and 54 earned the Seal of Biliteracy.

Over their four years at Fenton, our Class of 2024 volunteered for approximately 11,287 hours of Community Service – with several completing 50 or 100 hours more than the graduation requirement.

Thank you for all your hard work, perseverance, and the longstanding impact you've contributed to our community.

US News Best High School



I'm also proud to share that U.S. News & World Reports recognized Fenton High School as one of 2024's Best U.S. High Schools.

The U.S. News Best High Schools rankings include data on nearly 25,000 public high schools in 50 states and the District of Columbia. Nearly 18,000 schools were ranked on six factors based on their performance on state assessments and how well they prepare students for college.

Fenton Ranked above or near numerous other DuPage County high schools with similar demographics. They noted the following strengths:

90% Graduation Rate

College Curriculum

43% of students took at least 1 AP Exam





Bison Bowling

Izabel Krajecki advanced to the IHSA State Finals for Girls Bowling!



Boys Wrestling

Thomas Klos and Jovany Zuniga qualified for IHSA Wrestling State Finals.



Contest Play

Contest Drama's production of "The Life Span Of A Fact" qualified for the IHSA Drama State Finals. Nate Rodriguez, Lex Mikulski and Lita Aguilar were recognized with All-State Cast honors!

Fenton continues to produce athletic, co-curricular, and extracurricular programs that rival others throughout Illinois. Each time an individual or team qualify for the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Finals, Fenton throws a State Bound celebration with classmates and families before school the day of or day before traveling to the competition.

Fenton's staff and Board of Education are extremely proud of these dedicated students and coaches.



FCCLA

Izabel Krajecki brought home a gold medal and was awarded the "Most Outstanding" designation in the Children's Literature event of the state finals for Family Careers & Community Leaders of America (FCCLA).



Girls Wrestling

Sophia Sosa and Yamile Penalozza returned to the ISHA Girls Wrestling State Finals. Yami qualified for the 3rd straight year with a 35-1 record this season. Sophia was 33-3 and went to state for the second time.



Group Interpretation

Group Interpretation's "Every Brilliant Thing" qualified for the IHSA Drama State Finals. Sarah Guerrero Gorostieta, Alexa Calderon, and Alonso Romero were recognized with All-State Cast honors!



Speech

Alexa Calderon and Sarah Guerrero Gorostieta advanced to the IHSA State Finals and took 2nd place in their respective events!

Fenton Seniors Win Community Scholarships

Many Fenton students in the Class of 2024 have earned scholarships of all sizes and for a variety of accomplishments. Fenton is fortunate to have several local partners in the community that contribute their hard earned money toward scholarships for our graduates. Below is a list of graduated seniors who earned scholarships from our local community partners. Thank you to all of the donors.



Akbar and Salma Navsanwala Scholarship

- ◆ Zujeidi Mendoza-Garcia

Bensenville Chamber of Commerce Scholarship

- ◆ Zujeidi Mendoza-Garcia
- ◆ Gracen Haska

Bensenville Wood Dale Rotary Club / Bensenville Youth Coalition / Dr. Alf Logan Scholarships

- ◆ Dominika Wandachowicz
- ◆ Zujeidi Mendoza-Garcia
- ◆ Roza Grochal
- ◆ Miranda Otero
- ◆ Samantha Lang
- ◆ Izabel Krajecki
- ◆ Giselle Garcia
- ◆ Abby Hernandez

Chick Evans Scholarship

- ◆ Maxymilian Bis

Diane Kalousek Memorial Scholarship

- ◆ Sarah Guerrero Gorostieta

Fenton Education Association Scholarship

- ◆ Brandon Block
- ◆ Izabel Krajecki

Fenton High School American Legion Scholarship

- ◆ Jordan Brown

Fenton Students for Students Scholarship

- ◆ Alondra Guerrero

Fenton Music Booster Scholarship

- ◆ Sarah Guerrero Gorostieta
- ◆ Eric Ziehm
- ◆ Samantha Lang

Fenton NextGrad Scholarship

- ◆ David Aviles

Green Street Grille Business Education Excellence Scholarship

- ◆ Olivia Pasterska
- ◆ Delilah Paz

Joshua D. Schoon Memorial Scholarship

- ◆ Febe Reyes

Miller Family Scholarship for the Sciences

- ◆ Solomia Prokulevich
- ◆ Giselle Garcia
- ◆ Leonardo Cortez
- ◆ Edwin Baeza

Padres Unidos Scholarship

- ◆ Elmer Escobedo
- ◆ Arantza Jimenez
- ◆ Mauricio Martinez

Patrick Robert Curran Memorial Scholarship

- ◆ Brandon Block
- ◆ Jordan Brown
- ◆ John Contreras
- ◆ Angelica Kougias
- ◆ Izabel Krajecki
- ◆ Alexa Perez

Russell B Dahl Love for Laces Scholarship

- ◆ Eric Ziehm
- ◆ David Aviles

Wood Dale Lions Club Scholarship

- ◆ Anastazja Michalski
- ◆ Damian Micor
- ◆ Izabela Micor

The UPS Store Bensenville-Wood Dale Scholarship

- ◆ Sarah Guerrero Gorostieta
- ◆ Zofia Zaorski
- ◆ Arantza Jimenez
- ◆ Diego Rojas
- ◆ Abigail Villegas
- ◆ Brandon Block
- ◆ Elmer Escobedo
- ◆ Paloma Ochoa Segundo
- ◆ Neshاون Polk Bey



The following students were recognized in the Illinois State Scholar Program because of their outstanding academic achievements:

- ◆ Alejandro Aguilar Carrera
- ◆ Paola Aguilera
- ◆ Victoria Barnas
- ◆ Maxymilian Bis
- ◆ Brandon Block
- ◆ Alejandro Diaz
- ◆ Giselle Garcia
- ◆ Roza Grochal
- ◆ Gracen Yvonne Haska
- ◆ Abby Hernandez
- ◆ Viktor Hrushka
- ◆ Anastazja Michalski
- ◆ Damian Micor
- ◆ Izabela Micor
- ◆ Krish Patel
- ◆ Solomia Prokulevich
- ◆ Febe Reyes
- ◆ Diego Rojas
- ◆ Gabriel Salgado
- ◆ Samantha Sanchez
- ◆ David Severiano
- ◆ Bridget Toledo Guevara
- ◆ Lynette Wade
- ◆ Zofia Zaorski

Students are selected based on their standardized test scores and their cumulative GPA after their second semester of their junior year.





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Aspire to create positive memories and endless opportunities for the community.

FACILITY RENTALS

Book your next event at any of our facilities and enjoy our top-notch amenities and services. Contact us today to learn more and make your event unforgettable. wdparcs.org

FREE EVENT

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Sponsored by:
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Saturday, July 13, 11:00am-2:00pm

Unplug from technology and plug into play, adventure, family, and nature at our free community event at White Oaks Park, 111 S. Wood Dale Rd.

As part of a state-wide Unplug Illinois initiative, Wood Dale Park District encourages all to join us for games, entertainment by Miss Jaimie's Farm, and more!

BOUNCE BACK TO SCHOOL TWEEN NIGHT

Fri, Aug 9, 6:30-7:30pm
Recreation Complex
 Ages: 8-11 years
 Fee: \$10R / \$12NR

MORE INFO & REGISTRATION:
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wdparks.org



REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

*Meet the Teacher Open House
Friday, September 6 from 5:30-6:30pm*

YOUTH FALL SOCCER LEAGUE



IMPORTANT DATES:

Early Bird Deadline: July 29
Registration Deadline: August 12
Practices Begin: Week of August 26
Games Begin: September 7
Picture Day: TBD

\$70 R/ \$80 NR
Early Bird Registration
\$80 R/ \$90 NR
Regular Registration
\$27 - Uniforms**

Registration fee does not include uniform.

***New participants must purchase a jersey. Participants from Fall 2023 or Spring 2024 do NOT need to purchase a new jersey.*

Registration must be completed in-person at the Recreation Complex.



390 GOLF EXPERIENCE



SUMMER SPECIAL EVENTS

More info at 390golf.com

THURSDAY,
JULY 4

4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS VIEWING PARTY

7:00–11:00pm

\$300 per bay (up to 6 guests) OR \$50 per person (min 4 people)

Spectacular fireworks viewing party on the rooftop of the golf driving range, offering breathtaking views of the Village of Itasca firework show and an unforgettable experience featuring a live band with food and beverage specials.

Fee includes: Hitting Bay, Live Band, Food and Beverage Specials.

SUNDAY,
AUGUST 4

BACK TO SCHOOL FAMILY FUN NIGHT

6:00–9:00pm
\$25 per person

Join us for the first annual Back to School Event! We will have a fun night planned for the family with golf, games, kid-friendly activities, and pizza buffet. This fun filled night is a great experience for kids to unwind before school begins. All kids will get a free entry into a raffle.

Fee includes: Hitting Bay, Games, Activities, Pizza Buffet, and Cash Bar.



Cardboard Boat Regatta

Saturday, July 27, 10:00 - 11:30am

Ahoy! It's time to set sail at the Beach Waterpark for our first Cardboard Boat Regatta! Get your team together and prepare to construct and navigate a boat made of cardboard and duct tape. Various awards will be given such as Team Spirit, Innovative Construction, Most Humorous, and Best Sink.

Register and find more details at wdparks.org.
Pre-registration is required. Registration deadline is July 18

**This family-friendly event is for ages 8+. Children under 13 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.*



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LIBRARY HOURS

Mon-Thu 10am-9pm
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 Sun Closed

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

July 4 Independence Day

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Chris Renkosiak

HAVE YOU HEARD THE BUZZ ABOUT VR?



Librarians from the Wood Dale Public Library and the Bensenville Community Public Library have been working on an exciting new project!



Over the past six months, more than eighty students have participated in the Exploring Virtual Reality program. Students gained hands-on experience with state-of-the-art VR technology, including Pico and Meta Quest devices. They learned fundamental VR skills, experienced immersive virtual field trips, played exciting games, and even crafted their own virtual tours using 360° cameras. A group of teen mentors worked one-one-one with students as they discovered the exciting world of VR.

Stay tuned for upcoming VR programs for both children and adults!

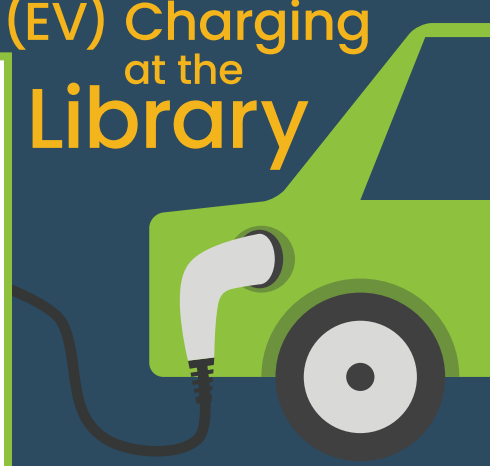
This program is made possible through the funding provided by the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds (CFDA 45.310). These funds are allocated to the Illinois State Library by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), and the Wood Dale Public Library received \$30,066 to fully fund this program's equipment, seasonal/temporary student workers, and training.

Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging at the Library

Have an electric car or know someone who does? The library now has 2 chargers available. Whether you're running errands, stopping by for a program, or just looking for a convenient place to rest while your car charges, we have you covered!

- Wood Dale Public Library Cardholders can receive a discount on charging when they connect their ChargePoint account to the Library
- How long it takes to charge depends on many factors (type of car, battery size, etc.). With free WiFi, ample programming, and nearly unlimited resources, the library is the perfect spot to settle in for a long or short charge.

Stop by or call for details



ADULT WORKSHOPS & EVENTS

Unless otherwise noted, all adult events are held in person at the Library, free of charge, and require registration. Please stop by, visit wooddalelibrary.org/events, or call us at (630) 766-6762 to register.

Registration opens Mon, July 1 at 10am for programs with this symbol  next to the title.

Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi Office Hours

First Wednesday of Every Month | 10am-1pm

Meet with Congressman Krishnamoorthi's staff. Stop by with any questions you may have about federal topics including social security, veterans' affairs, immigration, and taxes.



Wood Carving Meetup

Mondays, July 1, 15, Aug 5, 19 | 6:30-8:30pm

Discover the joys of wood carving and join the North Suburban Carvers for their regular club meeting at the Library.

Knitting for Beginners

First session: Tue, July 9 | 6-7:30pm

Second session: Tue, July 16 | 6-7:30pm

Learn the basics of knitting in this two-part class. We'll provide knitting needles and yarn.

Life of a Bee

Wed, July 10 | 6-7:45pm
Discover the amazing life of bees, see a live colony (safely through plexiglass), and receive a small sample of organic honey!



Grilling with Chef Dave

Thu, July 11 | 7-8:30pm

Chef Dave Esau returns to demonstrate proper and delicious grilling techniques. Recipes and samples will be provided.

New! Adult Crafting and Social Circle

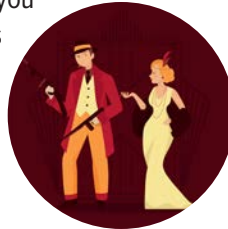
Fridays, July 12, Aug 9 | 11am-12:30pm

Join us for a monthly crafting circle where you can bring your materials, work on your project (needlework, crocheting, scrapbooking, quilting, knitting, etc.), and socialize with other crafty people.

1920s Murder Mystery Game

Fri, July 19 | 7-8:30pm

Imagine you're a guest at a 1920s New York City jazz club. Suddenly, a murder takes place, and you must search for clues to try and reveal the identity of the killer... Are you up for the challenge? Register by July 7.



Red Cross Blood Drive

Thu, July 25 | 1-6pm

Did you know one blood donation can potentially save up to three lives? Join our community and the Red Cross in making a difference by donating blood! You must register by going to redcrossblood.org and use the sponsor code: *WoodDaleLibrary*.

Exploring the Beers of the Midwest

Wed, July 31 | 7-8:30pm

Enjoy a relaxing evening with beer expert Scott Pointon as he discusses some Midwestern beers and offers tastings. No one under 21 may attend, and IDs will be checked at the door.



76th Emmy Awards Contest

Contest begins Thu, Aug 1 at 10am

Join us in predicting the winners of the 76th Emmy Awards! We will find out the winners of this year's nominees on Sun, Sep 15. The contest will be open to library patrons 11 years old and up (one entry per person). Forms will be available starting August 1 at wooddalelibrary.org and at the Public Service Desk. Two winners will receive a twenty-five-dollar gift card to Marcus Cinema. Entries must be received by Fri, Sep 6.

Around the World in 60 Minutes: A Virtual Reality Expedition

Thu, Aug 8 | 7-8pm

Make yourself comfortable in a swivel chair, put on a virtual reality headset, and join us on a tour of some of the world's most amazing places. Tonight we present the thrilling magic of virtual reality.



Can't make it to a program you've registered for?

No problem! Out of consideration for other patrons, please cancel your registration if you cannot make it. Please be sure to include your email address and phone number when registering so we can remind you ahead of events.



**Jewelry Making 101:
Pearl Ring Class** ✨

Fri, Aug 9 | 7-8:30pm

Enjoy making your own Pearl Ring, this class is for beginners. The cost for materials is \$5.00 (cash preferred).



Thursday Mix

Join us for a new mix of coffee, conversation, and engaging programming every other month on Thursday afternoons, aimed at adults over 55. Come between 1-2pm for light refreshments and conversation, then stay for a fun event starting at 2pm.

Kit Sergeant: Women Spies in WWII

Thu, Aug 8 | 1-3pm

In 1942, Winston Churchill's secret army began recruiting women spies to infiltrate occupied France and become part of the French Resistance. Learn about the adventures of some of these unimaginably brave women in this multimedia presentation by Kit Sergeant, author of *The Spark of Resistance*. Giveaways include stickers and bookmarks.



TAKE AND...

Take & Make: Watermelon Door Hanger ✨

Pick up beginning Mon, Jul 15 at 10am

Celebrate summer by creating a watermelon door hanger. Pick up your supplies at the Public Services Desk, then follow the instructions given. One per household.

COMPUTER CLASSES

Online Dating Workshop

Mon, Aug 26 | 7-8:30pm

Ready to meet someone right for you, but don't know where to start? Join us to learn all about today's most popular form of dating... online dating! We will discuss different online dating sites and apps, tips and tricks for creating an appealing profile, online and offline safety, and so much more!

ADULTING 101

Home Fire Safety Tue, July 16 | 7-8pm

Wood Dale Fire District's battalion chief will give an interactive presentation and discussion on fire safety and its implications for your home.

Automotive Basics Sat, Aug 10 | 10-11:30am

Learn automotive basics including changing a tire, checking oil levels, and assessing mechanical issues. Jamie from Wicked Wrench will give a live demo in the library's parking lot.



Save the Date

Fall Outdoor Container

Tue, Sep 10 | 7-8:30pm

Peggy Garvin will show you how to make a vibrant arrangement that will brighten up your outdoor space all season long.

Registration is required and opens Tue, Sep 3 at 10am. The cost for supplies is \$30 by cash or check, payable to Peggy Garvin.



Keep reading and completing activities for your chance to win big! Log all your reading and complete your bingo activities through August 31.

BOOK CLUBS

Joining one of our Book Clubs is a great way to get answers to questions, discover themes you may have missed, and make new friends. We have a variety of book clubs for all types of readers. Digital versions (eBooks and eAudiobooks) may be available for download through Hoopla, Libby, or Boundless. Pick up a print copy in the Library at the Book Club Kiosk. Registration is required at wooddalelibrary.org/events, by stopping by, or by calling (630) 766-6762.



Book Club Express

The Chocolatier by Jan Moran

Wed, July 17 | 7-8pm

Heartbroken over the mysterious death of her husband, Celina Savoia, a second-generation chocolatier, begins to suspect he had a dark, secret past. Meet the author on Zoom at 7 pm and stay for a book discussion at 7:30 pm. To accommodate the author's visit, this session of Book Club Express will take place at the Library.

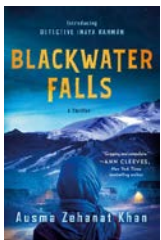


The Bean Trees by Barbara Kingsolver

Wed, Aug 14 | 7-8pm

At Wood Dale Target Starbucks
on Irving Park Road

When Taylor Greer hits the road she has no real destination, only to get as far from Kentucky as possible. By the time she ends up in Arizona, she has inherited a three-year-old Cherokee girl from a woman she met in a bar.

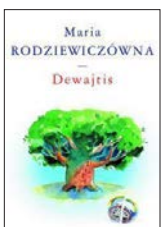


Mystery Lovers' Book Club

Blackwater Falls by Ausma Zehanat Khan

Tue, Aug 13 | 7-8pm

In his thought-provoking mystery, Muslim detective Inaya Rahman investigates the murder of a young Syrian immigrant.



Klub Książki - Polish Book Club

Tue, Aug 20 | 7-8pm

Art Gallery Kafe (127 Front St.)

Dewajtis autorstwa Marii Rodziewiczówny

Książki będą czytane i omawiane w języku polskim.

Dewajtis by Maria Rodziewiczówna

Books will be discussed in the Polish Language.

VIRTUAL AUTHOR VISIT

Meet at the Library to talk with the author or join from home.

Jan Moran:

The Chocolatier

Wed, July 17 | 7-7:30pm

Meet the author virtually 7-7:30 pm for an exclusive conversation. Then, join Book Club Express for a discussion of the book.

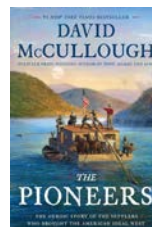


Not Your Mother's Book Club

Bride by Ali Hazelwood

Fri, Aug 23 | 11:30am-1:30pm

A dangerous alliance between a Vampire bride and an Alpha Werewolf becomes a love deep enough to sink your teeth into this new paranormal romance. Kids are welcome to free play!



History Pages Book Discussion

The Pioneers: The Heroic Story of the Settlers Who Brought the American Ideal West by

David McCullough

Wed, Aug 28 | 7-8pm

Drawn in great part from a rare and all-but-unknown collection of diaries and letters by key figures, *The Pioneers* is a uniquely American story of people whose ambition and courage led them to remarkable accomplishments.

YOUTH & TEEN WORKSHOPS & EVENTS

Unless otherwise noted, all youth and teen events are in person at the Library, free of charge, and require registration. Please stop by, visit wooddalelibrary.org/events, or call us at (630) 766-6762 to reserve your spot.

Early Learning

Let's have fun and learn together with storytime! It's a cool way for little ones to discover new words and skills. Kids get the scoop on everyday stuff, like shapes and colors, all while picking up motor, listening, and social skills. And guess what? Storytimes aren't just educational, they're a blast! We've got songs, movement, fingerplays, and more. Jump into your child's literacy journey with our free, Librarian-led storytimes. To make it extra awesome, we recommend parents and caregivers join in too. If your child is 0-3 years old, make sure to tag along—they need a caregiver by their side for all the fun!

Toddler Time

0-4 years with a caregiver
Wednesdays, July 10, 17, 24, 31
10:30-10:50am

Join us for this fun pre-reader storytime including books, songs, and activities. Stay and play after the storytime ends.

Sunshine, Stories, and Stretches!

3-7 years with a caregiver
Thursdays, July 11, 18, 25,
Aug 1 | 11-11:45am

Together we will read books, sing songs, and move our bodies while we explore balance, nature, and the world around us. Join us each week for a new topic and activity!



Animal Lovers Storytime

3-7 years
Toad: Mon, Jul 8 | 2-2:25pm
Turtle: Mon, Jul 15 | 2-2:25pm
Birds/Parrots: Mon, Jul 22 | 2-2:25pm
Insects: Mon, Jul 29 | 2-2:25pm

Join us for storytimes about toads, turtles, birds, and insects, featuring real live critters for children to meet! Stay and play after the storytime ends.

Polish Storytime

3-7 years
Tuesdays, July 9, Aug 13 | 6-6:30pm
 Enjoy this fun storytime in Polish. Stay and play when the storytime is finished.



Yoga Adventure Jr.

3-5 years
Tuesdays, July 9, 16, 23, 30 | 4:30-5pm
 Join us for a yoga adventure! We will experience a story through yoga poses and learn some relaxation strategies too. You may bring your own yoga mat/towel or use one of our mats.



Toddler Play

2-4 years with a caregiver
Tuesdays, July 16, 30, Aug 13 | 10:30-10:50am

Toddlers will play group games as they learn the social skills needed to play with others. Have fun while meeting other toddlers and their caregivers.

1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Early literacy is important for families who want to help their children get ready to learn in Kindergarten. Wood Dale Public 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.



Adventures in Art!

3-5 years with a caregiver

**Tuesdays, July 9, 23, Aug 6 | 11-11:45am
or 1-1:45pm**

Join us on an adventure in art! In this class, we will use our imagination and creativity to explore art together. Children will create a piece of art to display at home!

STEAM Tots

2-5 years with a caregiver

Water play: Mon, July 8 | 11-11:30am

Spin Art: Mon, Aug 5 | 11-11:30am

Let's learn and play with STEAM! In each session, we will explore different topics that relate to science, technology, engineering, art, or math geared toward the younger ones. Messy clothes are strongly recommended!

Countdown to Kindergarten

4-6 years and entering kindergarten

Fri, Aug 9 | 10-10:45am

Sat, Aug 10 | 10-10:45am

Kindergarten is almost here! Join us for stories, songs, and fun to support your child's transition to kindergarten. We'll meet new friends and make a craft together. This is a two-day program, please register for one or both days. The countdown starts now!

Friday Fun Day

3 years+ with a caregiver

Every Friday in July and August | 11am-4:30pm

Explore, discover, and imagine with our educational play stations. We rotate our toys weekly to ensure our future veterinarians, doctors, chefs, and store clerks never get bored!

Kids

Yoga Adventure

6-9 years old

Tuesdays, July 9, 16, 23, 30 | 6-6:45pm

Join us for a yoga adventure! We will experience a story through yoga poses and learn some relaxation strategies too. You may bring your own yoga mat/towel or use one of our mats.

Drop-in Robot Day

5-11 years old

Thu, July 11 | 3-4pm

Stop in any time between 3-4 pm to try out our robots! You are welcome to stay as long or as little as you want.



Crafternoon 6-11 years old

Fridays, July 12, 19, 26, Aug 2 | 3-4pm

Feeling crafty? Join us for an afternoon of crafts.

Loom Knitting 8-14 years old

Fridays, July 12, 19, 26, Aug 2 | 11am-12pm

Learn to make a scarf or a hat, work on your existing projects, or start something new.

STEAM Lab: Water Balloon

Math 6-11 years old

Thu, July 18 | 3:30-4pm

Let's learn and play with STEAM! In this session, we will practice our math skills using water balloons! Dress appropriately, you might get wet.

Slime-a-thon

5-11 years

Mon, July 22 | 11am-12pm

Ready to make some slime? Join us for a morning full of slime-making. We will try out our favorite slime recipes! Please dress for the mess.

Doodle Time! 6-14 years old

Thu, July 25 | 3-4pm

Try out our 3Doodler pens and create something to take home with you.

Tie Dye Fun! 8-11 years old

Thu, Aug 1 | 3-4pm

Discover the fun of tie dye! We will make tie-dye shirts, so please dress for the mess. Shirts will be provided, so please include your shirt size when you register.

Stuffed Animal Storytime

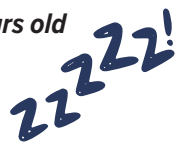
and Sleepover 4-11 years old

Fri, Aug 16 | 4-4:45pm

(Stuffed animal pick up:

Sat, Aug 17 | 10am-5pm)

Join us for a fun camping storytime and craft with your furry friend. Tuck them in for a night at the Library, and stop by on Saturday to pick them up. You will receive some pictures to remember their first library sleepover! You never know what mischief they may encounter overnight!



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 you read. Remember, children have six years to complete this program.

READ
500 BOOKS

before Junior High

Sign up today!



Teens & Tweens 11-14 years old

Are You Smarter than a Librarian?

Wed, July 10 | 3-4pm

Test your knowledge against the librarians! Each round will cover different topics, ranging from pop culture to history. If your side wins, you can get prizes and bragging rights!

Duct Tape Origami

Wed, Jul 17 | 3-4pm

Create wallets, jewelry, flowers, and keychains out of duct tape!



Locker Decoration Making

Wed, July 24 and Sat, Aug 10 | 3-4pm

Make some decorations for your locker! Choose a light chandelier, pencil holder, and magnets. Create one, two, or all three!

Teen Tie Dye

Wed, July 31 |

3-4pm

Create a colorful tie-dye t-shirt! (All supplies provided. Please dress for a mess.)”



DIY Funko

Wed, Aug 7 | 3-4pm

Design your very own Funko Pop! Paint and decorate a blank Pop to make your favorite characters or make a unique creation.

Family Entertainment Nights

Mr. Taps

Thu, July 11 | 6:30-7:15pm

Mr. Taps’ charismatic and high-energy performance is entertaining and engaging to watch! Dust off those dancing skills and learn some fancy footwork from this professional tap dancer.

Science Heroes: Adventures of the Lost Treasure

Thu, July 18 | 6:30-7:15pm

Embark on a treasure-hunting adventure deep within the jungle! We’ll help act out the tale as we use the events in the story to explore exciting science concepts like air pressure, energy transfer, and physical vs. chemical changes.

Northern Illinois Raptor Rehab and Education

Thu, July 25 | 6:30-7:30pm

Learn about raptors and their Illinois habitats. Northern Illinois Raptor will bring a red-tailed hawk, peregrine falcon, American kestrel, great-horned owl, barred owl, and two eastern screech owls.

Mike Mauthe Variety Show

Thu, Aug 1 | 6:30-7:15pm

Mike is a one-man variety sensation whose shows include juggling, magic, and more in his family friendly, funny show. Come for the “Wows,” stay for the laughs.



Keep reading and completing activities for your chance to win big! Log all your reading and complete your bingo activities through August 31.

— JULY 2024 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
DuPage Co. Div. of Transportation: (630) 407-6920

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	1 District 7 Summer School Begins	2	3 City Hall & Wood Dale Public Library CLOSED City Council Meeting CANCELLED 4th of July Fireworks Viewing Party 7-11 pm Wood Dale Park District 390 Golf Experience	4 City Council Meeting CANCELLED 4th of July Fireworks Viewing Party 7-11 pm Wood Dale Park District 390 Golf Experience	5 Sounds of Summer & Cruise Nights 5-9 pm Commercial St & Wood Dale Rd	6
7	8 Brush Collection	9	10	11 Committee of the Whole 7:30 pm City Hall	12 Grillin' & Chillin': Windy City RevUps 4-9 pm Wood Dale Park District Salt Creek Golf Club	13 Move with the Mayor & Council 9 am Westview Elementary Unplug Illinois 11 am-2 pm Wood Dale Park District White Oaks Park
14	15 Home Fire Safety 7-8 pm Wood Dale Public Library	16	17	18 City Council Meeting 7:30 pm City Hall	19	20
21	22	23 Home Fire Safety 7-8 pm Wood Dale Public Library	24 Fenton High School Board of Education Meeting 7 pm Fenton High School	25 Red Cross Blood Drive 1-6 pm Wood Dale Public Library Committee of the Whole CANCELLED	26 Grillin' & Chillin': Forget Hannah 4-9 pm Wood Dale Park District Salt Creek Golf Club Sounds of Summer & Cruise Nights 5-9 pm Commercial St & Wood Dale Rd	27 Cardboard Boat Regatta 10-11:30 am Wood Dale Park District
28	29	30	31 District 7 Summer School Ends	1 District 7 Summer School Ends	2	3

— AUGUST 2024 SPECIAL EVENTS —



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Back to School Family Fun Night 6-9 pm Wood Dale Park District 390 Golf Experience	5	National Night Out 5-9 pm Wood Dale Police Department & The Beach Water Park	7	Committee of the Whole 7:30 pm City Hall	Grillin' & Chillin': Cirrus Falcon 4-9 pm Wood Dale Park District Salt Creek Golf Club Bounce Back to School Tween Night 6:30–7:30pm Recreation Complex	10 Move with the Mayor & Council 9 am Commercial St & Wood Dale Rd
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
			Fenton High School First Day of School	City Council Meeting 7:30 pm City Hall	Sounds of Summer & Cruise Nights 5-9 pm Commercial St & Wood Dale Rd	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
District 7 Grades K-8 First Day of School				Committee of the Whole CANCELLED	Grillin' & Chillin': The Acoustiholics 4-9 pm Wood Dale Park District Salt Creek Golf Club	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
District 7 Early Childhood First Day of School			Fenton High School Board of Education Meeting 7 pm Fenton High School	5th Thursday - No Council Meeting Scheduled Fenton High School Open House 6 pm Fenton High School	Sounds of Summer & Cruise Nights 5-9 pm Commercial St & Wood Dale Rd Fenton High School 12:08 pm Early Release	