

NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2024

WOOD DALE

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



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CITY OF WOOD DALE

NOVEMBER

November 4	Streetscape & Economic Enhancement Committee	6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
November 6	Environmental and Sustainability Committee	6:30 PM - 7:00 PM
November 7	City Council Meeting	7:30 PM - 8:30 PM
November 9	City Veterans Day Ceremony	11:00 AM
November 11	City Hall Closed - Veterans Day	
November 11	VFW Veterans Day Ceremony	11:00 AM
November 12	Board of Fire and Police Commissioners	6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
November 13	Citizen Involvement Committee	6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
November 14	Committee of the Whole	7:30 PM - 8:30 PM
November 18	Community Development Commission	7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
November 21	City Council Meeting	7:30 PM - 8:30 PM
November 25	Brush Collection	
November 28	City Hall Closed - Thanksgiving Day	
November 28	Committee of the Whole - Cancelled	
November 29	City Hall Closed - Day After Thanksgiving	

DECEMBER

December 2	Streetscape & Economic Enhancement Committee	6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
December 5	City Council Meeting	7:30 PM - 8:30 PM
December 7	City Hall Tree Lighting	2:00 - 5:00 PM
December 10	Board of Fire and Police Commissioners	6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
December 12	Committee of the Whole	7:30 PM - 8:30 PM
December 16	Community Development Commission	7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
December 19	City Council Meeting	7:30 PM - 8:30 PM
December 24	City Hall Closed Half Day - Christmas Eve	12:30 PM - 4:30 PM
December 25	City Hall Closed - Christmas Day	8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
December 26	Committee of the Whole - CANCELLED	7:30 PM - 8:30 PM
December 31	City Hall Closed Half Day - New Year's Eve	12:30 PM - 4:30 PM
January 1	City Hall Closed - New Year's Day	

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

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.

City Hall Office Hours
Thanksgiving
Closed Thursday, November 28.
Closed Friday, November 29.

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**City Hall
Holiday Hours**

DECEMBER 24, 2024
8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

DECEMBER 25, 2024 - CLOSED

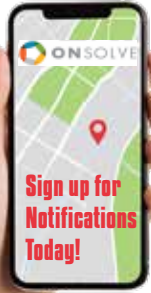
DECEMBER 31, 2024
8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

JANUARY 1, 2025 - CLOSED

MAYOR'S LETTER

Dear Wood Dale Residents,

As we approach the end of another year, I'd like to reflect on the many improvements made in the community.



One example includes the CodeRed initiative, the new community notification system. This high-speed telephone communication service alerts residents and businesses of emergencies, dangerous

weather conditions, City events, and other important information that requires attention. CodeRed replaces and improves our older alert system. See page 6 for more details and be sure to register!

Did you know the Wood Dale Police Department began a multi-year facility Improvement Project? The Police Department building is thirty-four years old and the workspace needs updating to utilize the space more efficiently. For example, the dispatch center, which is no longer in use, continues to use valuable departmental space that could be better utilized. Thus, a space-needs analysis and conceptual study was completed in 2021.

This rehab involves reconfiguring existing workspaces, allowing for a new interview room, employee wellness room, a more extensive training room, and lunchroom. Renovations include expanding the female locker room, as we now have seven female

police officers and seven female civilian police personnel. The building renovations are expected to cost an estimated 2.7 million dollars.



We look forward to providing the police department with an improved workspace that will promote efficiency for officers and civilians. We expect to host a ribbon cutting after the project's completion, which is proposed for spring 2025.

Additionally, this November, please join us as we honor and celebrate all veterans. Two veteran ceremonies are offered in Wood Dale at Veterans Memorial Park at 11 a.m. The first is scheduled for Saturday, November 9, and is co-hosted by the City, Park District, and

Police and Fire Departments to support the VFW and recognize veterans. On Monday, November 11, VFW Tioga 2149 leads a traditional ceremony supported by City staff and community representatives. We hope your schedule allows you to be present at these events, as our veterans have been there for us.

We hope you have enjoyed the Veterans Banners on Irving Park Road this year. If you want to submit a photo of a veteran for display in 2025, please see page seven for an application with details. The City's Veteran Banner Program is another way we share gratitude for the men and women who serve our community and country.

I'm proud to call Wood Dale home. Our small-town charm and economic prosperity make it a wonderful place to live, work, and thrive.

On behalf of the Wood Dale City Council, I wish you a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas, and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Sincerely,

MAYOR

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npulice@wooddale.com



MEET THE CITY COUNCIL

CLERK



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TREASURER



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WARD 1



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WARD 2



Alderman Michael Curiale
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SCARCE

PUMPKIN SMASH
GREEN YOUR HALLOWEEN

COMPOST YOUR PUMPKIN AT THIS LOCATION

WOOD DALE PUBLIC WORKS

The drop off dumpster will be located on the south end of 720 N Central Avenue, off Beinoris Drive in Wood Dale.

DON'T TRASH IT, SMASH IT!!

11/2/2024-11/7/2024

On-going

Find more locations near you:
SCARCE.ORG/PUMPKINS

***Remove candles and decorations.**



2024 SHAPE OF
WOOD DALE

Wednesday, November 6
7 pm
Wood Dale Jr. High
Auditorium
655 N. Wood Dale Road

Join representatives from Wood Dale taxing entities as they give project highlights and overviews on current initiatives. Ask questions and learn about the newest developments throughout your City.

PRESENTED BY



WARD 2

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WARD 4

Alderman Mike Susmarski
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VETERANS CEREMONY

November 9, 2024
11 a.m.

PLEASE JOIN VFW TIOGA #2149, THE CITY, PARK DISTRICT, FIRE DISTRICT, AND POLICE DEPARTMENT TO RECOGNIZE ALL AMERICAN VETERANS.

THE CEREMONY TAKES PLACE AT VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK
269 W. IRVING PARK ROAD

PLEASE DRESS FOR THE WEATHER, AS THE CEREMONY TAKES PLACE OUTDOORS

HONORING ALL WHO HAVE SERVED.



HONORING WHO ALL SERVED

VFW VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

Please join the **VFW Tioga #2149** for a Veterans Day ceremony on **November 11 at 11 a.m.**

Veterans Memorial Park,
269 W. Irving Park Road.

Please dress for the weather as the ceremony takes place outdoors.





CITY OF
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JOHN SMITH
NAVY
WOOD DALE VETERAN

Deadline: Second Wednesday of April

Date Received (for office use):

VETERAN BANNERS

The City of Wood Dale is pleased to present its Veteran Banner recognition program, honoring current and former Wood Dale residents who served in a branch of the United States military. By filling out this application, and submitting a high resolution digital photo, we will create a banner to be displayed on Irving Park or Wood Dale Roads, to honor a Wood Dale veteran.

Veterans banners will be displayed prior to Memorial Day and Veterans Day for a period of at least one year prior to being retired. Due to the limited number of banner locations, applications are on a first-come, first- served basis. There is no cost to participate in the program or have a banner created.

NAME

ADDRESS

PHONE

EMAIL

VETERAN NAME

BRANCH OF MILITARY/YEARS SERVED

Email the application and photo to marketing@wooddale.com. A high resolution photo could also be placed on a flash drive or disc and dropped off at City Hall, 404 N Wood Dale Road, Administration Department. Please call 630-766-4900 with any questions.



CITY OF WOOD DALE

SIGN UP TODAY FOR



ONSOLVE®



SCAN ME



THE NEW COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

The City of Wood Dale is proud to announce the launch of **CodeRED**, a high-speed telephone communication service that will alert residents and businesses of emergencies, dangerous weather conditions, boil orders, gas leaks, City events, and other important information that requires attention. This replaces and improves our older alert system. **CodeRED** can send emergency information to cell phones via text messages, email, and phone calls. The number on your caller ID will be 630-766-4900, which you can call back to hear the most recent message. This service is free to all residents and businesses within the City of Wood Dale. Your contact information will be kept confidential and used only for notification purposes. Please use your Wood Dale address to receive specific information about your neighborhood. Do you need help creating a **CodeRed** account? Please call 630-787-3711.



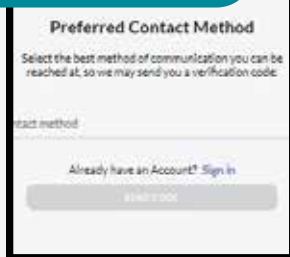
We're happy to help sign you up! Or scan the QR Code to register.

Let's get started!

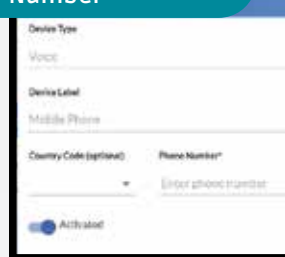
1 Create an Account



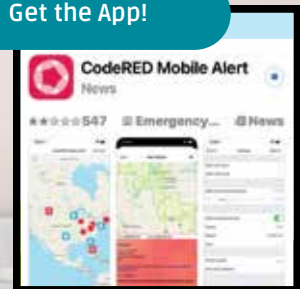
2 Submit Your Email Address



3 Add Your Cell Phone Number



4 Get the App!





Holiday Light RECYCLING

720 N. CENTRAL - WOOD DALE

DROP OFF YOUR USED LIGHTS

The City of Wood Dale encourages residents to recycle older, broken and unwanted holiday lights.

ACCEPTED NOW UNTIL JANUARY 30, 2025.



CITY OF
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ACCEPTED LIGHT TYPES

- MINI-LIGHTS
- STRING LIGHTS
- ROPE LIGHTS
- LED LIGHTS
- C7 LIGHTS
- C9 LIGHT
- EXTENSION CORDS ALSO ACCEPTED

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



WOOD DALE LIONS CLUB POINSETTIA PLANT SALE

The Wood Dale Lions Club is holding its annual *Poinsettia Plant Sale* just in time for this holiday season. They are offering beautiful poinsettia plants or Norfolk pines. Each foil-wrapped, 6½ inch plant is \$20.00, and each 6-inch pine is \$23.00. The delivery date is Friday, Dec. 6th. All proceeds directly support neighborhood programs, such as vision and hearing needs of community members, scouting, local youth sports teams, and other various community needs.

TO PLACE YOUR ORDER:

BY PHONE

C/O ART WOODS
630-886-5163

Please leave a message.

BY E-MAIL

artwoods@woodsdc.com

BY MAIL

Wood Dale Lions Club
P.O. BOX 14
Wood Dale, IL 60191

Please place your order by Saturday, November 23.

Thank You for your continued support!

Did You Know Cooking Oil Can Be Recycled?



Let's Keep Cooking Oil Out of The Sink

The City's Wood Dale for A Greener Tomorrow Committee is excited to partner with SCARCE to bring a cooking oil drop-off location to Wood Dale! The collected cooking oil is then recycled into biodiesel.

The drop-off location is on the south side of the Public Works building at 720 N Central Avenue. There is a bin where citizens may drop off oil containers.

Grease and cooking oil do not belong in residential drains. Even if hot water is running and grease is liquid when it goes down the drain, cooking oils and fats solidify when they reach cold pipes. Cities and homeowners spend thousands of dollars on resulting sewer clogs. Additionally, refuse containers are for solid waste only, so what's a person to do?

Recycle your used cooking oil and turn it into biodiesel! Save your vegetable cooking oil in a container and bring it to a cooking oil recycling location or special event. Sites only accept liquid, vegetable-based cooking oil – no animal fats (i.e., those solid at room temperature).

Thanks to a grant from the DuPage Foundation, SCARCE has been able to help communities establish permanent cooking oil collection sites. Contact the Wood Dale Public Works Department for more information at 630-350-3530.

**FINAL
BRUSH COLLECTION**

CITY OF
WOOD DALE

NOVEMBER 25

A photograph of a large stack of cut brush and sticks, piled high. The background is a grassy area with some yellow flowers.

**FINAL
YARD WASTE COLLECTION**

CITY OF
WOOD DALE

NOVEMBER 25-26

A photograph of a large pile of autumn leaves in various shades of orange, yellow, and red, next to a metal grate.

CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP
REFUSE COLLECTION DAYS

JANUARY 6 & JANUARY 7
JANUARY 13 & JANUARY 14

A graphic with a dark green background. It features a large green recycling symbol (three arrows forming a triangle) with a green Christmas tree in the center. Below the symbol, the text "CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP" and "REFUSE COLLECTION DAYS" is written in white and green. At the bottom, the dates "JANUARY 6 & JANUARY 7" and "JANUARY 13 & JANUARY 14" are listed in white.



Snow Operations Frequently Asked Questions

NOTE THAT PARKING ON STREETS 48 HOURS FOLLOWING A 2" OR GREATER SNOWFALL IS PROHIBITED.

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

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

WHY DO PLOWS PUSH SNOW ONTO MY DRIVEWAY?

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

WHAT ARE THE LINES IN THE STREETS BEFORE STORMS?

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

WHY DO PLOWS APPLY SO LITTLE SALT?

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

Please contact Public Works if you believe that your property has been damaged by a plow, or have questions regarding snow removal operations, at: 630-350-3530. After hours please contact the Police Department at 630-766-2060 for snow and ice control related issues.

WHY DO YOU WAIT SO LONG TO BEGIN SNOW REMOVAL?

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

WHY DO YOU SKIP IRVING PARK ROAD?

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

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

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

WHEN WILL MAIN SIDEWALKS BE PLOWED?

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



Senior/Disabled Snow Removal

Qualified Discount Program

The City of Wood Dale has initiated a Snow Removal Assistance Program to assist community members who need additional help with snow removal services and/or who do not have the means to complete it on their own. The program will be limited based on available funds and on a first-come, first-served basis for those who qualify.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The City has obtained a private contractor to fulfill the services specified in this program. The City will subsidize the cost per visit at 50% based on your property. Please note that pricing is the resident's share per service.

Snow removal services will be initiated when two inches of snow has fallen. The contractor will wait until the storm is complete to remove snow. It may take several hours before your property has been completed. If there is heavy accumulation and the contractor has to make repeated trips, it will result in further charges for those services.

SERVICES INCLUDE:

- Removal of snow from hardscape at the front or side of the corner property of the property.
- No salting or deicer will be used.

PRICING*:

- Corner lot with sidewalk - \$25.00
- Lot with sidewalk - \$20.00
- Lot with no sidewalk - \$15.00

*The listed pricing is from 2023 and is subject to change.

The application deadline for Winter 2024 is NOVEMBER 25, 2024.



 SCAN ME

TO PARTICIPATE:

Fill out the included application and return it to the City of Wood Dale Public Works located at 790 N. Central, on or before the last Monday in November. Provide the most recent tax bill showing proof of ownership. Agree to the Terms on the back of the application. For all questions, please do not hesitate to call Public Works at (630) 350-3530. Visit www.wooddale.com.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Tackle Your Interior Remodeling Project this Winter

With the winter months approaching, you may be considering some home improvements. As you plan, please remember to obtain necessary permits from the City of Wood Dale.

Why Permits Matter:

Building permits are essential for interior remodels to ensure that construction work meets safety standards and is carried out by licensed professionals. They also help protect property values and maintain the value in your investment.

How to Obtain a Permit:

To apply for a building permit, please submit your application through our online portal, at my.wooddale.com. Our staff is available to assist you in navigating the permit process and answering any questions you may have.

Help Us Keep Wood Dale Safe and Compliant:

Let's work together to ensure that all construction projects are conducted responsibly and in accordance with local regulations.



Please contact the Community Development Department at (630) 766-5133 or email permits@wooddale.com with any questions or for assistance with permit requests.



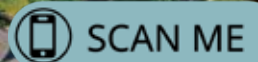
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Residential Rental Property Registration in Wood Dale

Did you know the City of Wood Dale requires all residential rental properties to be registered? Any rental residential properties, including apartments, condos, townhomes, or single-family residences, must be registered to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents of Wood Dale. Short-term rentals like Airbnb's and VRBO's must also be registered. This registration is completed on an annual basis.

The following items are required to obtain the residential rental certificate:

- **Registration:** complete the Rental Property Registration application through the City's convenient self-service portal at my.wooddale.com (or scan the QR Code).
- **Inspection:** annual inspections of rental properties are crucial for ensuring the safety of residents, preventing or correcting poor housing conditions, and upholding minimum property maintenance standards.
- **Certification:** upon a successful inspection, a Rental License Certificate will be issued to the property owner through the My Wood Dale portal.



For more detailed information on regulations and ordinances, please refer to the City of Wood Dale Municipal Code Chapter 6 Article XVI. Please contact the Community Development Department at (630) 766-5133 or email permits@wooddale.com with any questions or for assistance with permit requests. Let's work together to keep Wood Dale safe!

C.A.L.E.A. Conference

Since 2001, the Wood Dale Police Department has been a fully accredited agency by the National Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (C.A.L.E.A.).



C.A.L.E.A. was created in 1979 as a credentialing authority through the joint efforts of law enforcement’s significant executive associations. It is reserved for use by public safety agencies that have demonstrated excellence in leadership, resource management, and service delivery.

On July 27th, during the C.A.L.E.A. Summer Conference, Planning & Research Analyst Chrissie Sobanski and Chief of Police Chris Zito participated in a public review hearing facilitated by a panel of C.A.L.E.A. Commissioners. The Review Committee analyzed the Department’s remote assessments conducted in 2021, 2022, and 2023 and the onsite evaluation conducted earlier this year in Wood Dale. The Review Committee discussed the findings of our assessments over the past four years and asked questions about the areas of focus the City highlighted: Adjudication, Community Involvement, Evidence & Property, and Training.

We are happy to announce that after the review hearing, the Review Committee passed a motion recommending that the Wood Dale Police Department be recertified with C.A.L.E.A. for Advanced Law Enforcement Accreditation. Pictured is the Wood Dale Police Department accreditation award from C.A.L.E.A. Only 5% of law enforcement agencies in the United States and 4% in Illinois have accreditation from C.A.L.E.A.

This significant milestone is a testament to the Department’s dedication, professionalism, and unwavering commitment to excellence in law enforcement. The rigorous process of obtaining C.A.L.E.A. accreditation reflects the Department’s highest standards and pursuit of continuous improvement. This accomplishment enhances the credibility and effectiveness of the Wood Dale Department and also reinforces our unwavering dedication to providing exceptional service to our community.

Members of the Wood Dale Police Department understand that accreditation is not a one-time achievement, but an ongoing commitment to excellence. We are proud to be a C.A.L.E.A. accredited law enforcement agency, as it underscores our dedication to continually improving the way we keep the Wood Dale community and our department members safe.




**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**

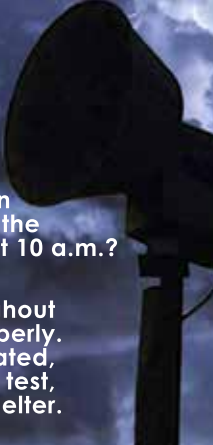




WEATHER-RELATED SIREN INFORMATION

Did you know that the State of Illinois issues an outdoor weather-related warning siren test in the community every first Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m.? Yes, they do!

This ensures that sirens throughout the community are working properly. If the sirens are activated, and it is not a monthly siren test, the public should seek shelter.





Suburban Law Enforcement Academy Graduation

The Wood Dale Police Department is excited to announce that Officer John Steinbach and Officer Jeremy Perez graduated from the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy (S.L.E.A.) on August 15th, 2024. With their newly acquired skills, Officer Steinbach and Officer Perez will return to Wood Dale to commence our in-house Field Training Program. During their training, Officer Steinbach and Officer Perez must demonstrate their abilities and commitment to serving the City of Wood Dale before they are released from training.

The Wood Dale Police Department, the City of Wood Dale, and the Wood Dale Public Library are collecting newly purchased and unwrapped toys for children in the community through Friday, December 6th, 2024. Monetary donations can also be made by scanning the QR Code. Please contact Meghan Spiewak at (630)787-3811 with questions.



Congratulations Officer Lyons and Officer Nicholas!

Every year, innocent victims are killed, and thousands are severely injured as a result of alcohol/drug-related crashes in Illinois. The Wood Dale Police Department recognizes the importance of DUI enforcement. Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists (AAIM) recognized the top two Wood Dale officers for 2023. They were recognized for their strong DUI enforcement. Congratulations to Officer Robyn Lyons and Officer Sean Nicholas for keeping Wood Dale streets and residents safe.





The Wood Dale Police Department will again be participating in the Adopt-A-Family Program which assists local families in need for the Thanksgiving holiday.

You can take part in this program by filling out the below form; a suggested list of items based on either a 4 or 6 person family is provided. Please return the form below to the Wood Dale Police Department either in person or mail to: 404 N. Wood Dale Rd., Wood Dale, IL 60191.

- The last day to sign up for the Adopt-A-Family is November 1st.
- Please drop off baskets (or boxes) by **November 8th** at the Police Department Community Room between 9:00am and 4:30 pm.
- Reminder: City Hall will be closed on Veterans Day, November 11th 2024.

Additional forms are available at the Police Department Records window. For additional information, please contact Meghan Spiewak at 630-787-3811 or Mspiewak@WoodDale.com.

Suggested Shopping List
(feel free to add what you wish)

Please pack items into a box or basket prior to dropping off at the Police Department. **Feel free to be creative and decorate your basket if you wish, or add any holiday items (napkins, paper plates, etc.)!** However, please do not include any alcohol. Only non-perishable food items please. **Thank you in advance for your participation.**

4 PERSON FAMILY

- ★ \$25 Gift Card to any Grocery Store for ham/turkey
- ★ 1 Box of stuffing
- ★ 1 Box of mashed potatoes
- ★ 4 Cans vegetables
- ★ 2 Cans sweet potatoes/yams
- ★ 1 Box muffin/biscuit mix
- ★ 1 Dessert (brownie mix, cake mix, etc.)
- ★ 2 Cans fruit (cranberry sauce, pie filling)

6 PERSON FAMILY

- ★ \$25 Gift Card to any Grocery Store for ham/turkey
- ★ 1 Box of stuffing
- ★ 1 Box of mashed potatoes
- ★ 8 Cans vegetables
- ★ 2 Cans sweet potatoes/yams
- ★ 1 Box muffin/biscuit mix
- ★ 2 Dessert (brownie mix, cake mix, etc.)
- ★ 4 Cans fruit (cranberry sauce, pie filling)



WOOD DALE POLICE DEPT

THANKSGIVING ADOPT-A-FAMILY

PROGRAM REGISTRATION

How many families would you like to sponsor?

_____ 4 Person Families _____ 6 Person Families

Name: _____

Organization:
(if applicable) _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____



589 N. Wood Dale Road
Wood Dale, IL 60191 • wdfd.org

Non-Emergency: 630.766.1147
Fax: 630.766.7156

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

*Happy Holidays from the Board Members & the staff
of the Wood Dale Fire Protection District*

FIRE SAFETY WEEK RECAP

The Wood Dale Fire Protection District had some great interactions this year during Fire Safety Week. Our Public and Life Safety Education Team worked hard to make it to Oakbrook Elementary School, Child's Voice, The Wood Dale Park District Preschool, Action Behavioral Center, and host a field trip to Station 69 for the Westview Elementary School 3rd graders. By the end of Fire Safety Week, our members educated over 380 children from our community. Thank you to everyone who was able to participate.



KEEP THE WREATH RED



Wood Dale Fire Protection District will hang a holiday wreath decorated with red light bulbs at both of their fire houses. "Keep the Wreath Red" program is a visual reminder to residents of the importance of fire safety and prevention, particularly during the holiday season. If a fire should occur during the holiday season as a result of holiday decorations, one red light bulb will be changed to a white one. Let's be safe this holiday season and "Keep the Wreath Red".

Santa Stop

Sunday, December 8

Join the Wood Dale Fire Protection District to help feed our community in exchange for a personal visit from Santa!

How to help?

Contact Megan Warfield: 630-766-1147.



Happy Thanksgiving!



While roasted turkey is the more traditional preparation for Thanksgiving, turkey frying is becoming increasingly popular for its ability to produce a juicy and tasty bird!

Unfortunately, this cooking method is not without risk, accounting for a significant number of home fires and injuries every year.

Turkey frying can be a safe cooking method if done properly and necessary safety precautions are followed. Here are some important things to consider when frying a turkey.

We hope everyone has a safe holiday and a delicious meal with family and friends!

What you'll need to fry a turkey:

- **Goggles & Hand Protection:** Keep in mind that even an experienced turkey fryer can experience oil overheating or splash back. Always wear appropriate hand and eye protection and stand a comfortable distance away from the fryer when adding or removing the turkey.
- **Fire Extinguisher:** Your Fire Extinguisher should be kept outside near the turkey fryer in the event of fire. Ensure that your fire extinguisher is rated for oil fires (Class B), is fully charged, and understand how to use it.

Where to place the turkey fryer:

- **Turkey Fryers should ONLY be used outside:** This may seem odd, but this does happen. Turkey Fryer's, like grills, should only be used outside.

- **Find a place away from structures:** When selecting the perfect place for your turkey fryer, you should keep in mind that you want this to be away from structures such as sheds, fences, etc., and out from under eaves, porch roofs, or overhanging tree branches, or on wooden decks. Piles of leaves or other highly combustible materials should be well away from the location of your turkey fryer as well. Essentially, you want to eliminate any potential ignition opportunities in the event of a flare up.

- **Your turkey fryer should be placed on a flat, level surface:** When in use, your turkey fryer holds a significant amount of scolding hot oil, making a tip or spill hazard very real. For this reason, you want to reduce any likelihood of that happening.

Water can cause the hot oil to bubble up and spill over, making it incredibly important to start with a completely thawed. Once thawed, pat down the turkey completely to remove any surface moisture that may still be present.

If a fire does start, never use water to put it out: Oil and water do not mix. Use a fire extinguisher rated for oil fires (Class B) & move to safety and call 9-1-1.



EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CENTER

Mrs. Melissa Favata, Principal



Building a Strong Preschool Community

At ECEC, we believe parental and family involvement is at the heart of a successful early childhood experience. Creating a supportive family network benefits everyone, especially our students. To help foster these connections, we are pleased to introduce a new initiative called "Coffee Chats."

Coffee Chats are informal meet-ups held at ECEC or online, where parents can enjoy a cup of coffee, some light refreshments, and the opportunity to connect with fellow parents. These gatherings provide the opportunity for parents to meet one another and learn something new that will help them be more effective parents of preschool aged children.

Each Coffee Chat session will focus on a topic of interest, chosen based on feedback from our parent community. Some of the upcoming topics include:

Routines at Home: Learning how to establish effective routines at home with StarNet specialist Gina Musielski

Basic Household Safety: Discuss essential safety tips, including how to childproof your home and teach children about personal safety. Held in collaboration with the Wood Dale Fire Department.

Preparing for Kindergarten: How to help your child make a smooth transition to kindergarten and what to expect with Dr. Theresa Ulrich, Principal of Oakbrook Elementary.

Coffee Chats provide a space for parents to connect with others who understand the unique joys and challenges of raising preschoolers. It is a place to share stories, offer and receive advice, and build friendships that can last well beyond the preschool years. •



EC students learning to engage in group activities.



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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.

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OAKBROOK SCHOOL

Dr. Theresa Ulrich, Principal



Students participating at the August 8 Playdate.

Bringing Back Student Play and Kindness

This year District 7 and Oakbrook School are focused on reducing student exposure to social media. According to research, exposure to social media before the age of 16 can prove harmful to students. Engaging with social media at young ages negatively impacts children’s abilities to develop meaningful and safe relationships with others. This year Oakbrook School plans to provide opportunities for families to engage with their children in ways that do not require the use of technology. Our first activity was held prior to school starting and involved our Early Childhood Education Center and Oakbrook School principals joining together to host a playdate for students from both schools. Families gathered together to allow children to meet new friends and play at the Oakbrook School playground! We had a great turnout, and the event reminded families that ensuring opportunities for their child to play with other children is a great way for students to grow socially and physically.

We also began the school year with staff using consistent expectations and procedures across the building. Students are learning expressions inspired by the book, “A Bug & A Wish”. The book suggests sentence starters for students to use when they are bothered or upset, for example, “It bugs me when...” or “I wish...” Additionally, staff conducted Rules Rotations Stations for students the first week of school. Each classroom rotated to different parts of the school to hear adults explain the rules and procedures to follow for each area of the building, such as the bathroom, office, or hallway. We are hopeful that our efforts to reintroduce natural play, and teach students the importance of making good choices and demonstrating appropriate behavior, will set them on the path of becoming responsible young citizens. •

WESTVIEW SCHOOL

Mr. Alan Buttimer, Principal



Older Students Provide Leadership for Newest Westview Wildcats

Transitioning to a new school can be challenging for children of all ages. After observing this trend with second grade students at Oakbrook School moving up to 3rd grade at Westview, staff members considered ideas to efficiently help children become accustomed to the procedures, routines, and traditions associated with being a Westview Wildcat. Beginning this fall, we turned to those with the most expertise on the subject—our 5th grade students who have been here the longest!

After generating questions in small groups and full classes, our 3rd graders scripted a plan for conducting interviews with the 5th graders. Teachers facilitated the drafting of questions based on the various spaces throughout the school, such as the library, playground, cafeteria, Art Studio, Music Room, and of course the gym! Then, students worked in teams to determine what they really wanted to know about those spaces. After practicing other relevant skills such as taking notes when a person is answering, the 3rd grade students traveled to a 5th grade classroom to conduct their interviews. Fifth grade students had the opportunity to tell 3rd grade students about school traditions such as monthly Character Cafe celebrations, all-school assemblies in the gym, as well as how we celebrate holidays throughout the year.

We have been thrilled to provide students with the opportunity to drive this authentic learning opportunity based on their own curiosity in order to become oriented with a new school community. And, in just a few short years, those 3rd graders will be the positive role models, answering the questions of younger students transitioning to Westview! •



Westview has launched a new annual project at the start of the school year in which 3rd grade students interview 5th grade students in order to learn about school routines, procedures, and traditions.



WOOD DALE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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

Advisory Matters at the Junior High!

At the junior high, there is a daily class you may not know about. Most people are familiar with math, language arts, and physical education but what is this mystery class? It is called advisory! Advisory is the first class of the day for all junior high students, and lasts for a little over 30 minutes. The purpose of advisory class is to provide students with a consistent environment to get off to a great start every morning. Advisory class sizes are smaller than other classes, which allows students a better opportunity to make a closer connection to their advisory teacher. Each week, the advisory teacher checks in with individual students in their class to monitor their performance in areas such as academics and social emotional status. If the advisory teacher notices any issues, or dips in performance, they will then consult with other teachers, the social worker, administration, and if necessary parents to develop a plan to assist the student in getting back on track.

During advisory, other important topics that impact adolescents such as peer relationships, bullying, social media use, and internet safety are discussed. During these lessons, real life examples are presented to students and they are then provided time to collaborate in small



Advisory Instruction at the Junior High in Action

groups to come up with solutions to these situations. Students from 8th grade advisory classes are paired up with 6th grade classes to provide mentoring designed to assist the 6th graders in adjusting to the junior high. Advisory class time is also used to hold whole school assemblies and celebrations throughout the school year. Assemblies are held for end of trimester celebrations or to address and discuss other topics that are of interest to junior high

students. Assistant Principal, Ms. DiFiglio, along with a team of five teachers work together to generate topics and create lessons for advisory classes. This committee strives to create interesting and informative lessons that lead to student reflection and conversation. The goal of advisory is to arm our students with information that will assist them in making better decisions when they are faced with difficult real life situations. •

Fall Band Concert
November 7 @ 7pm
Center for the Arts

We're Hiring!
2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

**Substitute Teachers
& Paraprofessionals
(Grades Pre K-8)**

Wood Dale School District 7 is now accepting applications.
Please visit our website & apply online:
www.WD7.org or call **630-595-9510**.

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District 7 Board of Education Takes a Stand on Social Media



A message from
Dr. John Corbett, Superintendent

In the spring of 2024 the Wood Dale Board of Education held discussions regarding the dangers the use of social media platforms present to elementary aged students. As a result of these discussions the Board of Education wrote and adopted a statement recommending **parents not allow their children to use social media**. Please see the statement below that has been included in the District 7 Parent/Student Handbook.



District 7 strongly recommends families delay their child's use of social media platforms until they enter high school. The Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA) has established 13 as the minimum age for children to begin to use most social media sites. However, the US Surgeon General, Dr. Vivek Murthy, stated he believes 13 is too young for children to be on social media platforms because at 13 children are still "developing their identity."

In June of 2023, Dr. Murthy issued an advisory about social media's impact on youth mental health. It notes that while social media can provide benefits for some children and youth, there is a growing body of research about potential harms social media use poses. Children and adolescents on social media are commonly exposed to extreme, inappropriate, and harmful content and frequent social media use can contribute to poor mental health, including depression and anxiety. The advisory outlines action steps that families can take to mitigate the risk of harm and make social media safer and healthier for children and youth. (The complete advisory is available online.)

While it is beyond the scope of the district's authority to decide when parents allow their children to begin to use social media, we strongly recommend against the use of social media until high school. Should disciplinary situations arise at school involving student use of social media, please expect district staff to discuss the recommendation of parents removing their child from social media as part of the resolution.

It is the intention of District 7 to support families in this goal of their children not using social media. Additionally, we are focusing on encouraging families to reduce overall screen time for our students. The administration and staff will be presenting information and options for students and families regarding this important issue throughout the school year. Personal interaction with other children is much healthier than using social media. We are committed to getting that message out to our families and supporting them in finding ways for our students to make more personal connections with one another. •

EVENTS CALENDAR

OCTOBER 31

- ◆ Half-Day Inservice – Students attend in the AM only

NOVEMBER 1

- ◆ JH PTO Halloween Dance 7-9pm

NOVEMBER 5

- ◆ Election Day – No School

NOVEMBER 7

- ◆ Fall Band Concert @ Center for the Arts 7pm

NOVEMBER 12

- ◆ OB/WV PTO Meeting @ WV 6:30pm

NOVEMBER 14

- ◆ JH PTO Meeting @ 6:30pm

NOVEMBER 21

- ◆ School Board Meeting @ 7pm

NOVEMBER 25

- ◆ Parent/Teacher Conferences All Schools – No School

NOVEMBER 26

- ◆ Parent/Teacher Conferences EC/OB & WV – No School

NOVEMBER 27–29

- ◆ Thanksgiving – No School

DECEMBER 10

- ◆ WV Winter Music Program @ Center for the Arts 6:30pm

DECEMBER 12

- ◆ OB Holiday Music Program @ Center for the Arts 6 pm

DECEMBER 13

- ◆ EC Holiday Program 6 pm & 6:45 pm

DECEMBER 18

- ◆ Winter Choral Concert @ Center for the Arts 7 pm

DECEMBER 19

- ◆ School Board Meeting 7pm

DECEMBER 23–JANUARY 3

- ◆ Winter Break – No School

JANUARY 6

- ◆ Teacher Professional Development – No School

JANUARY 7

- ◆ Classes Resume

Dear Fenton School Community,

The 2024-2025 School Year is off to a great start and we have plenty of exciting highlights to cover:



Homecoming

Congratulations to our Homecoming Royalty and all the winners from our Homecoming Assembly competitions. Thank you to Mrs. Casterton, her team of Class Council Advisors, and Assistant Principal Julia Bray for all the awesome Disco Fever themed activities.

We also had visits from the Alumni Class of 2004, 1984, 1977, and 1964. We value our school's rich history and all the relationships we maintain that promote our legacy and often lead toward opportunities for current students.



Day of Service

Community Service is a unique and cherished graduation requirement at Fenton High School. Volunteering one's time and energy to improve their community creates common ground, builds empathy, and unites us as neighbors.

In late September about 60 students participated in Fenton's Day of Service by volunteering with projects at Fisher Farm, Blackhawk Middle School, Redmond Park, and a few needs here at Fenton.

Thank you to our community partners for welcoming our students into these real world experiences.



Stadium Reopening

Our water mitigation project wrapped up this summer and our stadium reopened for classes, student activities, and athletic competitions.

Girls Flag Football became an official IHSA sport this year, which means our team came into existence with one of the best home fields around!

The new turf and stadium layout brought our Boys Soccer team back to Fenton's campus for the first time in decades, and our students enjoyed watching the Bison go 7-3-1 through Homecoming.



We celebrated this new community asset during our first football game on September 6. What made it even more exciting was the 43-8 final score in favor of the Bison!

Thank you to the attending representatives from the Fenton School Board, Village of Bensenville (including Village President Frank DeSimone), City of Wood Dale, Bensenville Park District, Wood Dale Park District, Bensenville School District 2, Wood Dale School District 7, and from the Bensenville Community Public Library.

Band & Choir Holiday Concert

Our annual band & choir concert takes place Sunday, December 15 at 2 p.m. in the Fenton Auditorium. This incredible show is a must-see event that is free and open to the public.

Sam Bentsen, Ed.D.
Interim Superintendent



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Fenton Students Earn 5s on AP Exams

Congratulations to the 19 remarkable Fenton students and alums who earned 5 out of 5 points on their Advanced Placement (AP) exams last spring. A high score, especially a 5, means the students earned college credit while still in high school.

The Fenton Board of Education recognized each student during its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, September 25.

Ten of the top scores are from returning students who have more opportunities to earn college credit. One student even earned a 5 on multiple exams! Each returning student received a congratulatory yard signs and Take 5 candy bars.

New 9/11 Scholarship Honors Local Supporter

Fenton is honored to establish a new annual college scholarship in partnership with the fire protection districts in Bensenville and Wood Dale. It's called the "Travis Hall for Heroes Scholarship."

Travis Hall is 18 years old from Leyden Township and he's provided dinner for first responders all over the area every September 11th for the last 14 years, including in Wood Dale and Bensenville the last few years. Travis recruits restaurants to donate food and he also fundraises to purchase and deliver other food himself.

On September 11 this year, Bensenville Fire Chief Doug Halverson announced the new Travis Hall for Heroes Scholarship to benefit Fenton High School students who are pursuing fire science, EMS, or other related fields in college or trade schools.

This new scholarship is a great partnership featuring the Bensenville Firefighters Association, Wood Dale Fire Department, Bensenville Professional Association of Firefighters Local 2968 and the Wood Dale Professional Association of Firefighters Local 3594 each donating \$250 to the Fenton Foundation for a collective \$1,000 scholarship.

Fenton School Board Member Leo Figueroa is president of the Fenton Foundation and he joined with police and fire personnel in celebrating this new scholarship.





Coach Farrell Named Chicago Bears High School Coach of the Week

Congratulations to Fenton Football Coach Mark Farrell on being named the Chicago Bears and Athletico High School Coach of the Week during Week 4 of the NFL season. At that point, the Mighty Bison were 3-0 on the season, their best start since 2014. By the end of Homecoming, Fenton was 4-1.

Coach Farrell returns as head coach after 13 years away from the sideline. His confidence, expectations, attention to detail, and strong team structure have made a big difference to our students.

This nomination was reviewed and selected by a committee of internal Chicago Bears staff and executives, as well as a few representatives from Athletico Physical Therapy. They will make a \$2,000 donation to the Fenton football program.

Coach Farrell will be recognized at the December 22nd Bears game against the Lions, along with all the other Coach of the Week recipients.



Incubator Receives First Donation Toward Prize Money

Thank you to the Bensenville Youth Coalition for donating \$500 toward Fenton's new INCubator program. The check was delivered to Mr. Garcia's 3rd period Entrepreneurship Class on Thursday, October 3.



Students who are approved to take the full year Entrepreneurship class (also known as INCubator) have the opportunity to



create and fully develop their own product or service and incorporate it into a real-world business they own. Guided by real-world entrepreneurs and local industry-leading mentors, students experience the full range of business operations, including ideation, research, marketing, accounting, human resources, as well as the legal aspects of running a business.



The course culminates in **Pitch Week**, where student teams present their innovative ideas to actual investors, with the

chance to secure funding to bring their business plans to life. This process not only sparks creativity but also equips students with practical skills and experience to pursue entrepreneurial ventures in the real world.

To become a mentor or to donate money to Pitch Week, contact Michelle Papanicolaou by sending an email to papanicolaou@fenton100.org.



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

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For more information about these events, please visit wdparks.org



Pizza Pop-By From the Grinch

Tuesday, December 10
4:30– 6:30pm

FEATURING PIZZA FROM 

- Registration Deadline: December 3
- Fee: \$25 per household (includes one 16" thin crust cheese pizza from Parlay Sports Bar, goodie bag, and meet/greet with the Grinch)
- Open to Wood Dale Residents



Trolley & Treats with Santa

Friday, December 13 4:45 – 9:00pm
Recreation Complex

Pre-registration is required for specific time slots, and space is limited.



NOON YEAR'S EVE EVE PARTY

Sunday, December 29
10:30am – 12:00pm

Why wait until midnight to have fun? Come to Wood Dale Park District to party the morning away with crafts, fun activities, and dancing. The party will end with a traditional balloon drop.

Ages: 1.5-5 years with adult
Fee: \$15R per child w/ 1 adult \$7 additional child
\$19NR w/ 1 adult
Code: 44577AW
Location: Recreation Complex

Registration Deadline: December 18



Mother-Son Dance

**LET'S
Glow
CRAZY**

Thursday, November 21
6:30 - 8:00 pm
 Ages 3 - 13 with Adult 18+
 Registration deadline
 November 14
 Location: Salt Creek Golf Club

**Host your
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Call (630) 361-0214 to book now!
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Holiday SPECIAL

For ever \$50 gift certificate purchased between Nov 1 - Dec 31, you receive a certificate for 9 holes of golf for one individual walking.



390 Golf will be closed on Mondays starting November 4.

Breakfast with the Grinch

Sunday, December 15
 10:00am - 1:00pm

Adult: \$26.99
 Child: \$14.99 {12 and under}
 Free {Ages 3 and under}

Registration Deadline: December 7
 Register at 390golf.com

Come have breakfast with the Grinch! Enjoy a breakfast buffet and take pictures with the Grinch. Discounted golf bays available upon request.

390 GOLF EXPERIENCE *PARLAY GOLF SPORTS BAR*

Holiday SPECIAL

Purchase \$100 Gift card between Nov 1 - Dec 31 and receive a voucher for a free one-hour bay for up to six people (some restrictions apply).



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Mon-Thu 10am-9pm
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Sun Closed

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Thanksgiving: Wed, Nov 27: Library closes at 5pm; Thu, Nov 28; Fri, Nov 29
Staff Training: Fri, Dec 13
Christmas: Tue, Dec 24 and Wed, Dec 25
New Year's: Tue, Dec 31 and Wed, Jan 1

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Regular Library Board Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month at 7pm at the Library unless otherwise noted. Please visit wooddalelibrary.org for more information.

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Holiday Open House

Thu, Dec 5 | 6-8pm

Ring in the holidays at the Library with a night of music, crafts, treats, puppet plays, and merriment for all ages. We've been coordinating with the North Pole to ensure Santa will be back in Wood Dale, making an extra stop for children. To make sure everyone has a chance to meet with him, please register for one of 4 sessions with Santa that evening—he may be bringing a special present for everyone, and the elves need to know how many gifts to prepare! Space is limited! To register for a time with Santa on December 5, please visit wooddalelibrary.org, stop by, or call us at (630) 766-6762.

If all the spaces in our parking lot are full, please park at the School District 7 or Park District lots across Wood Dale Road.

New this year: Bring an unwrapped, new toy for the Toys for Tots drive and you'll be entered into a drawing for a family game night gift basket (valued at \$75).

HOLIDAY PHOTO AT THE LIBRARY

November 9–December 12
during open hours | last session available 1 hour before closing

Get the matching holiday outfits and smiles ready! Take the perfect family photo just in time for sending holiday cards. We'll provide a photo scene backdrop, ring light, and phone or camera tripod. No advanced reservation is needed.

ADULT WORKSHOPS & EVENTS

Unless otherwise noted, all adult events are held in person at the Library, free of charge, and require registration. To register, please stop by, visit wooddalelibrary.org/events, or call us at (630) 766-6762 to register. Registration opens Fri, Nov 1 at 10am for programs with this symbol ✨ next to the title. **Wood Dale Public Library cardholder-only registration opens November 1 for Wood Dale Public Library cardholders and November 8 for everyone else.**



Monarch Wayfinding Station



Jeffrey Martinez of Wood Dale's own Scout Troop 65 partnered with the Library to build a Monarch Wayfinding Station for his Eagle Scout project, a designated garden area designed to attract and support migrating monarch butterflies. The station includes a variety of native, pollinator-friendly plants such as milkweed, coneflowers, and goldenrod, all essential for the monarch butterfly's lifecycle. By providing both nectar sources and safe spaces for butterflies to lay their eggs, this project contributes to the conservation of the monarch population, which has been in decline due to habitat loss and environmental changes. The station also includes educational signage, offering visitors information about the importance of pollinators and how they can help preserve these vital species, and two benches, perfect for reading by the flowers.

By creating a dedicated space for pollinators at the Library, Jeffrey has not only beautified the grounds but also contributed to a larger conservation effort, educating the community on the importance of preserving habitats that support pollinator species. A very special thank you goes to Jeffrey, his friends and family, and Troop 65! To learn more about Troop 65, please reach out to Steven Fisher at (630) 229-5141.



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, Nov 4, 11,
Dec 9, 16 | 6:30-8:30pm*

Discover the joys of wood carving and join the North Suburban Carvers for their regular club meeting at the Library. No registration required.



Adult Crafting and Social Circle

Fridays, Nov 8, Dec 6 | 11am-12:30pm

Join us for a monthly crafting circle where you can bring your materials, spend time working on your needlework, crocheting, quilting, knitting, etc., and socialize with other crafty people.

Southern Holiday Appetizers

Tue, Nov 12 | 7-8pm

Welcome Chef Tony of Aunt Tina's Kitchen as he presents three of his favorite southern holiday treats: bacon wrapped dates, sausage balls, and deviled eggs. Samples and recipes included.

Wine Down with Lynfred Winery ✨

Fri, Nov 15 | 7-8:30pm

Indulge in a variety of Lynfred wines and expand your palate. Join us for an evening of wine tasting and education. Registration is required, and IDs will be checked at the door. Wood Dale Public Library cardholders only.



Red Cross Blood Drive

Fri, Nov 22 | 11am-4pm

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*.



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.



Making the Holidays Beautiful with Peggy Garvin

Registration for the following programs opens at 10am on Fri, Nov 1. Supply costs for each program are noted in the description and is payable at the time of the event with cash or a check made out to Peggy Garvin.

Thanksgiving Centerpiece *

Mon, Nov 25 | 7-8:30pm

Create a colorful flower arrangement for your Thanksgiving table with Peggy Garvin. The program cost is \$30.

Holiday Outdoor Planter *

Fri, Dec 6 | 7-8:30pm
Thu, Dec 12 | 7-8:30

Celebrate the season by making an outdoor planter with Peggy Garvin. The program cost is \$30.

Holiday Swag *

Wed, Dec 11 | 7-8:30pm

Design and make your own festive outdoor holiday swag. The program cost is \$25.

Holiday Centerpiece *

Thu, Dec 19 | 7-8:30pm

Create a holiday centerpiece, the perfect complement to any holiday meal. The program cost is \$25.



Holiday Cupcake Decorating *

Mon, Dec 2 | 7-8pm

Pastry chef Frannie Hargadon will guide you through the process and share helpful tips. Supplies for two cupcakes provided. Adult registrations only.

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 1-1:30pm for light refreshments and conversation, then stay for a fun event starting at 1:30pm.

Holiday Cookie Decorating

Thu, Dec 12 | 1-3pm

Join Julie Norris from The Mrs. Mahoopagee Royal Icing Academy for a festive holiday cookie decorating class. All supplies are provided; just bring your creativity!

Soap Making 101 with Soapy Roads of Lombard *

Mon, Dec 16 | 6-8pm

Soapy Roads of Lombard will provide a 101 program to natural soap-making, which includes a "make your own melt & pour soap bar" and an educational soap presentation. You'll get to take your created soap home to keep or gift! Wood Dale Public Library cardholders only.



TAKE AND...

Please note, due to their continued popularity, programs under the "Take and..." section require registration with a Wood Dale Public Library card and are limited to one per household. If space is available, registration without a Wood Dale Public Library card will open on November 8.

Take & Make: Gingerbread House *

Pick up your reserved kit beginning Mon, Dec 9 at 10am

Make an adorable gingerbread house decoration for the holidays. Pick up your supplies, then follow along with the instructions provided.

Take & Bake: Walnut Pie *

Pick up your reserved kit beginning Mon, Dec 9 at 10am

Learn to make this old-fashioned country holiday favorite with us. Pick up supplies (except perishables), then follow along with the provided recipe.



Want a first look at news and upcoming programs?

Visit wooddalelibrary.org to sign up for eNewsletters for exclusive and early information about programs, services, and resources.

BOOK CLUBS

ADULTING 101

Medicare 101

Thu, Nov 7 | 6:30-8pm

Whether you're navigating Medicare for yourself or a loved one, learn the ins and outs of Medicare, including what it does and doesn't cover, from insurance expert and radio and podcast host, Bill Miksch. Light refreshments will be served.

Retirement 101

Thu, Nov 14 | 6:30-8pm

After learning all about Medicare the week before, insurance and financial planning experts demystify the retirement planning process, including budgeting, financial planning, and more. Light refreshments will be served..

Gift Wrapping Workshop ✪

Tue, Dec 10 | 7-8pm

Professional gift wrapper Hilary Vincent will teach you gift wrapping skills in this fun hands-on workshop, including bow-making techniques, hard-to-wrap gifts, and more. Please bring a gift to wrap. Wood Dale Public Library cardholders only.



COMPUTER CLASSES

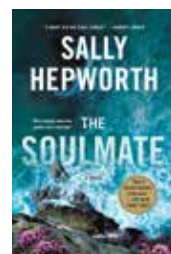
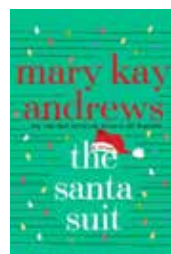
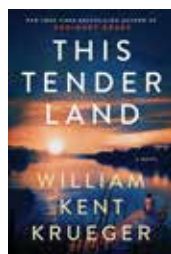
Microsoft Word Basics

Mon, Nov 18 | 6:30-7:30pm

Join us as we demonstrate basic text formatting and editing, copying and pasting, inserting images, checking your document for spelling and grammar errors, and saving and printing.



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

At Wood Dale Target Starbucks
on Irving Park Road

This Tender Land
by William Kent Krueger

Wed, Nov 20 | 7-8pm

Discuss this novel about four orphans on a life-changing odyssey during the Great Depression.

The Santa Suit by Mary Kay Andrews

Wed, Dec 18 | 7-8pm

After purchasing an old farmhouse, newly divorced Ivy Perkins discovers an old Santa suit with a note in the pocket, which sets her off on a life-changing mission.

Mystery Lovers' Book Club

Dead and Gondola by Anne Claire

Tue, Dec 3 | 7-8pm

Join us for a discussion of *Dead and Gondola* by Ann Claire. In this cozy mystery, a bookshop visitor gets murdered, and the owners use the skills learned from Christie novels to solve the crime.

Klub Książki - Polish Book Club

Tue, Dec 17 | 7-9pm

Art Gallery Kafe (127 Front St.)

Duma i Upzedzenie autorstwa

Jane Austen. Książki będą czytane i omawiane w języku polskim.

Duma i Upzedzenie by Jane Austen

Books will be discussed in the Polish language.

Not Your Mother's Book Club

The Soulmate by Sally Hapworth

Thu, Dec 12 | 6-7pm

When an old acquaintance dies, it dredges up demons of the past that threaten to unravel a seemingly perfect marriage. Children are welcome to play while we discuss or they may join a youth program in the next room!

MYSTERY AUTHOR EVA JURCZYK

Thu, Nov 21 | 7-8pm

Author and librarian Eva Jurczyk will join us for a discussion of her suspenseful mystery, *That Night in the Library*.



YOUTH & TEEN WORKSHOPS & EVENTS

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

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. For the most beneficial early learning experience, we encourage parents and caregivers to participate in storytimes with their children. Children ages 0-3 need to have a caregiver with them at all times.

STEAM Tots

3-5 years with a caregiver
Mondays, Nov 4, 18, Dec 2, 16 |
11:30am-12pm

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!

Yoga Adventure Jr.

3-5 years
Mondays, Nov 11, 25,
Dec 9, 23 | 10:30-11am

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 of our mats.



Polish Storytime

3-7 years
Tuesdays, Nov 12, Dec 10 | 6-6:30pm
 Enjoy this fun storytime in Polish. Stay and play when the storytime is finished.

Toddler Time

0-4 years with a caregiver
Wednesdays, Nov 13, 20, Dec 11, 18 |
10:30-11am

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



Preschool Storytime

3-6 years with a caregiver
Thursdays, Nov 14, 21, Dec 12, 19 |
11-11:45am

Join us for a Storytime for preschool age children and their caregivers! We will read books, sing songs, and work on fundamentals for early literacy. We'll meet new friends and make a craft. Join us each week for a new topic and activity!

Supported Storytime

3-7 years with a caregiver
Saturdays, Nov 23, Dec 21 | 11-11:30am

This accessible Storytime is designed for children with developmental disabilities with their caregiver. We will learn, play and connect through stories, and music. Storytime includes visual and sensory support. Stay after and play with our sensory toys and meet with other parents and families from the community.

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.



Sensory Saturday!

3-7 years with a caregiver
Saturdays, Nov 23, Dec 21
11:30am-12:30pm

Experience an accessible play time designed to provide an inclusive and supportive environment for children with disabilities and their families! We will have several sensory stations to explore and enjoy together.

Adventures in Art!

3-5 years with a caregiver
Tuesdays, Nov 12, 26, Dec 10 | 11-11:45am
 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! Presented by a bilingual (English/Spanish) speaker.

Kids & Families

Family Nights

Thursdays | 6-7:30pm
Game Nights: Nov 7
STEAM Nights: Nov 21

Stop by to play games or try out STEAM activities as a family. You are welcome to stay as long or as little as you would like.

Crafternoon

6-11 years
Tuesdays | 4:30-5:15pm
Dino Art: Nov 12
Holiday Crafts: Dec 17

Are you feeling crafty? Each session we will make a craft or piece of art that you'll take home.

T-Rexplorers

All Ages
Wed, Nov 13 |
6:30-7:30pm

Get a glimpse of what it's like to go on a Paleontological dig and see authentic dinosaur fossils from species like Triceratops and T-Rex. Arrive 15 minutes early to meet "Ranger" in the parking lot! Stay late to explore the fossils.



Yoga Adventure

6-9 years old
Thursdays, Nov 14, Dec 12 | 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.

STEAM Lab

6-11 years
Tuesdays | 4:30-5:15pm
Dino Explorers: Nov 19
Holiday Fun: Dec 3

Let's learn and play with all things STEAM! In each session we will explore different topics that relate to science, technology, engineering, art, or math.

Let's Build

5-12 years old
Mon, Nov 25 | 1-3pm

Put on your hard hats and get ready to build with us! Stay as long or as little as you want as we build with different materials. No registration required.



Holiday Fun in the Youth Department

Turkey Day Crafts!

6-11 years old
Tue, Nov 26 | 3:30-4:30pm

Thanksgiving is right around the corner, join us as we make turkey themed crafts to celebrate!

DYO (Decorate your own) Gingerbread Houses

6-12 years old
Tue, Dec 19 | 6-7pm

Tis the season for gingerbread houses. Join us as we decorate our own gingerbread houses for the holidays! Registration opens Friday, November 1 at 10am.

Grinchmas Party!

5-10 years old
Mon, Dec 23 | 2-2:45pm

Merry Grinchmas! Join us for grinchy crafts, games, and other activities inspired by the Grinch himself. Registration opens Friday, November 1 at 10am.

Noon Year's Eve Party

5-8 years old
Mon, Dec 30 | 11:30am-12:15pm

Countdown to noon with us! Children who are too young to stay up until midnight can celebrate the coming of the new year with us. Enjoy crafts, a story and then countdown to noon!

Doodle Time

6-14 years old

Thu, Dec 26 | 1-3pm

Try out our 3Doodler pens and make a creation to take home!

Loom Knitting

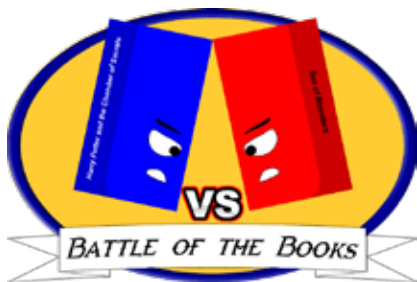
8-14 years old

Mon, Nov 25, Tue, Nov 26, and Wed,

Nov 27 | 2-3pm

Mon, Dec 30 | 2-3pm

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



Battle of the Books

Third Grade Kickoff Party

Mon, Dec 16 | 4:15-5:15pm

Fourth & Fifth Grade

Kickoff Party

Wed, Dec 18 | 4:30-5:30pm

Join your BOB team mates to make your t-shirts, pick up flash cards and enjoy some tasty treats.

Teens & Tweens

Wacky Wednesday

11-14 years old

Wednesdays, Nov 13, Dec 11 | 2:30-4pm

Enjoy a craft, activity, and snack with your friends on early dismissal Wednesdays.

Teen Board Games

11-16 years old

Sat, Nov 9 | 1-2pm

Play some board games with friends!



Thanksgiving Cupcake Decorating

11-16 years old

Mon, Nov 25 |

4-4:45pm

Decorate some tasty treats ahead of the Thanksgiving holiday.



Teen Winter UV Resin Craft

11-16 years old

Tue, Dec 17 | 6-7pm

Make some festive UV resin keychains or jewelry!



Teen Paper Snowflakes

Sat, Dec 21 | 1-2pm

Drop in to learn how to make snowflakes out of paper bags. Make a big snowflake or a small one to hang in your room!



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.

— NOVEMBER 2024 SPECIAL EVENTS —

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	28	29	30	District 7 Half-Day Inservice Students <i>attend in the AM only</i>	1	2
3	Fenton NO SCHOOL 4	Election Day - District 7 & Fenton NO SCHOOL 5	6	Fall Student Council Blood Drive 7 am-1:30 pm Fenton High School City Council Meeting 7:30 pm City Hall	Picture Retakes for Fresh/Soph/Jr Fenton High School 8	City Veterans Ceremony 11 am Veterans Memorial Park 9
10	Veterans Day - City Hall CLOSED 11 VFW Veteran Ceremony 11 am Veterans Memorial Park	12	13	Vocal Solo & Ensemble Contest 6 pm Fenton High School Committee of the Whole 7:30 pm City Hall	15	16
17	18	19	Fenton Board of Education Meeting 7 pm Fenton High School 20	Mother-Son Dance: Let's Glow 6:30-8 pm Wood Dale Park District Salt Creek Golf Club District 7 School Board Meeting 7 pm City Council Meeting 7:30 pm City Hall 21	Blood Drive 11 am-4 pm Wood Dale Public Library 22	23
24	Parent/Teacher Conferences District 7 All Schools NO SCHOOL 25	District 7 Parent/ Teacher Conferences EC/OB & WV NO SCHOOL 26	27	Thanksgiving Day City Hall CLOSED Committee of the Whole CANCELLED 28	City Hall CLOSED 29	30
Thanksgiving Break — District 7 & Fenton High School NO SCHOOL						

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

— DECEMBER 2024 SPECIAL EVENTS —



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8	9	10 Pizza Pop-By from the Grinch 4:30-6:30 pm Wood Dale Park District	11	12 Committee of the Whole 7:30 pm City Hall	13 Library CLOSED for Staff Training Holiday Assembly Fenton High School Trolley & Treats with Santa 4:45-9 pm Wood Dale Park District Recreation Complex	14
15 Breakfast with the Grinch 10 am-1 pm Wood Dale Park District 390 Golf Experience FHS Music Holiday Concert 2 pm Fenton High School	16	17	18 Fenton Final Exam Day 1 Fenton Board of Education Meeting 7 pm Fenton High School	19 Fenton Final Exam Day 2 District 7 School Board Meeting 7 pm City Council Meeting 7:30 pm City Hall	20 Fenton Final Exam Day 3	21
22	23	24 Christmas Eve - City Hall CLOSING AT 12:30 PM	25 Christmas Day - City Hall CLOSED	26 Committee of the Whole CANCELLED	27	28
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