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MEMORIAL DAY

PARADE & CEREMONY

MONDAY, MAY 30 • 11 A.M.

**ADDISON ROAD &
VETERANS MEMORIAL**





CITY OF WOOD DALE

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

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

IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH

Thu.	3	7:30 p.m. - City Council Meeting
Mon.	7	6:30 p.m. - Streetscape & Economic Enhancement Committee
Thu.	10	7:30 p.m. - Committee of the Whole
Mon.	14	7 p.m. - Board of Police & Fire Commissioners
Tu.	15	6:30 p.m. - Park District/City Joint Projects Committee
Thu.	17	7:30 p.m. - City Council Meeting
Mon.	21	7 p.m. - Community Development Commission
Mon.	24	7:30 p.m. - Committee of the Whole

APRIL

Mon.	4	6:30 p.m. - Streetscape & Economic Enhancement Committee
Wed.	6	6:30 p.m. - Stormwater Subcommittee
Thu.	7	7:30 p.m. - City Council Meeting
Mon.	11	7 p.m. - Board of Police & Fire Commissioners
Thu.	14	12 p.m. - Police Pension Board
Thu.	14	7:30 p.m. - Committee of the Whole
Mon.	18	7 p.m. - Community Development Commission
Tu.	19	6:30 p.m. - Park District/City Joint Projects Committee
Thu.	21	7:30 p.m. - City Council Meeting
Thu.	28	7:30 p.m. - Committee of the Whole

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



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MAYOR'S LETTER

Dear Wood Dale Residents,

The Public Works Facility Improvements Project

As the spring season gets closer every day, new interest in Wood Dale, new construction, and exciting new developments in the City grow. We're excited about this season and the sound changes that come with it.

On February 3, 2022, the City hosted a groundbreaking event at the site of the Public Works Facility Improvements Project (790 Central Ave). The event was well attended by members of the City Council, staff, consultants, and representatives from the various taxing bodies and included a tour of the facility.

This project addresses longstanding needs for the Public Works Department, including improved amenities, additional indoor parking for vehicles and equipment, new material storage bins and salt dome, and bringing the Public Works Administration, Streets, and Utilities Division under one roof. The project has been in various planning stages for several years, and space needs were evaluated for present and future operations.

While several concepts were considered, the City was fortunate enough to have the opportunity to acquire the parcel directly next door to their current facility. The property consists of an existing office building and a large yard area. Renovating the two existing facilities and constructing a new vehicle storage building and ancillary structures on the yard storage area allow the City to recognize cost savings of as much as \$9-12 million dollars compared to building a new facility from the ground-up.

Phase I of the existing office building renovations have commenced in February 2022, with completion anticipated in June 2022. Phase II involves the rehabilitation of the existing Public Works Facility, construction of the new vehicle storage building, and site renovations and is expected to commence in Spring 2022 with completion in early 2023. As both facilities lie within the existing TIF district, the use of TIF funding is appropriate, **and no alternative revenue sources will be necessary, saving the taxpayers from further expenses.**

We're also pleased to share that special events planning is underway for the 2022 season, including summer concerts and movies in the Park. We're also excited to share that after a two-year pandemic pause, Prairie Fest is returning. Mark your calendars for July 28 through July 31, 2022!

As always, the City Council is dedicated to meeting the needs of residents and thoughtfully improving Wood Dale. We're excited to see what the future holds for the City.

Sincerely,

Nunzio Pulice
Mayor of Wood Dale



FREEDOM

Memorial Pavers



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*Installed twice per year prior to
Veterans Day and Memorial Day.*

4" x 8" - \$50 | 8" x 8" - \$100

Please see application on page 11.

FOOD DRIVE

APRIL 1-29

Collecting canned or dry
food items and facial tissue.

DROP OFF LOCATIONS

Wood Dale City Hall
404 N. Wood Dale Road

Wood Dale Library
520 N. Wood Dale Road

DONATIONS BENEFIT
WOOD DALE
FOOD PANTRY
Community Church
206 N. Wood Dale Road



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

As we move toward longer days and warmer weather, many of us may be thinking of home repair projects or renovations. The Community Development Department is available to assist with the permitting process to ensure your project is done safely and accurately.

What work requires a building permit?

A permit is required for any alteration or repair of a current building or new build. Examples of work that would require a building permit are; new window installation, building a deck, water heater replacement, and driveway replacement. While most projects require a permit, the following projects are exempt and do not require a permit:

- Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, countertops;
- Non-fixed and movable fixtures, cases, racks, counters, and partitions not over five feet nine inches (5'9") in height which do not contain electrical devices;
- Prefabricated swimming pools which are capable of holding less than twenty-four inches (24") of water, do not exceed five thousand (5,000) gallons, and are installed entirely above ground;
- One-story detached accessory structures used as playhouses provided the floor area does not exceed one hundred twenty (120) square feet; and
- Swings and other playground equipment.

The City's website offers a guide on how to apply for a permit through the self-service portal, my.wooddale.com. The website also provides information about simple, same-day permits, such as roof, siding, water heater, window, and furnace replacement. Please note permit applications are only being accepted through the self-service portal at this time.

For more information on the permitting process, please contact the Community Development Department at (630) 766-5133 or email at permits@wooddale.com.



my.wooddale.com



JOHN SMITH
NAVY

WOOD DALE VETERAN

VETERAN BANNERS

The City of Wood Dale is pleased to present its new 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.

Banners will be displayed prior to Memorial Day and Veterans Day. Your banner will be displayed for a period of at least one year prior to being retired at a Wood Dale City Council meeting. Duration of display is variable depending on waiting list. 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

Deadlines: Memorial Day, April 4 | Veterans Day, October 3
Date Received (for office use):



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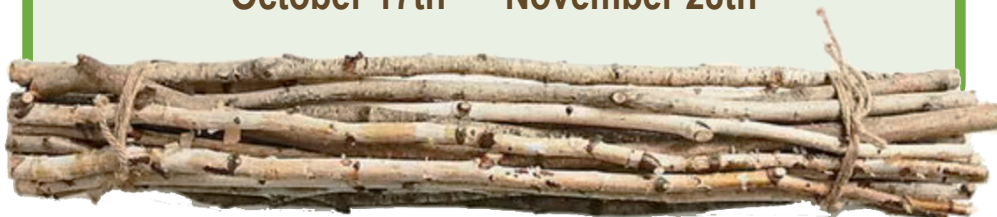


ESSENTIAL STEPS FOR SPRING TREE CARE

- 1. Any sidewalks or surfaces that surround a tree near where you are using a de-icing salt should be thoroughly thawed and then irrigated out.** Salt can damage the roots of the tree.
- 2. Remove dead plant material such as dead leaves, dead branches, and old mulch from around the tree.**
- 3. Edge planting beds in preparation for new mulch.** The mulch should not be any deeper than 3 to 4 inches and 2 to 3 inches away from the trunk to allow the tree's base to be exposed. This will ensure that moisture escapes reducing the growth of fungi and minimizing decay.
- 4. Inspect and check trees and shrubs.**
 - If one area of the tree looks sparse, this could signify that your tree is under stress. This can be caused by insects, disease, drought, or even soil compaction.
 - Yellowing leaves could occur from excess water from the winter and spring or indicate poor soil drainage.
 - Decaying wood that is cracking or breaking could signify insects and disease.

BRUSH COLLECTION DATES:

April 4th May 9th July 11th September 12th
October 17th November 28th



TREE CITY USA®

The City was recently notified by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources that it was awarded the Illinois Tree City USA status for the seventeenth year in a row and the Growth Award for its seventh straight year. The Tree City USA status is awarded by the Arbor Day Foundation and provides a framework to organizations to maintain and grow their tree population and health. The Growth Award builds upon this framework and is awarded to organizations that exceed the Tree City USA qualifications.

SALT CREEK CLEAN-UP EVENT

The Wood Dale Stormwater Subcommittee is pleased to host the 2022 Salt Creek Clean-up Event. This event is scheduled for May 21st, 2022, from 9 am–12 pm. Everyone is encouraged to join the effort to clean up litter and debris from the banks of Salt Creek within Wood Dale's borders. This is an excellent opportunity for students and scouts to gain community service hours. This event is in conjunction with the Conservation Foundation's annual River Sweep event.

For more information and to sign up, please reach out to Patrick Hastings at Phastings@wooddale.com or call (630) 787-3765.

SAVE
the
DATE

SAT. MAY 21st, 2022
9:00 AM - NOON

DuPage County
RIVER SWEEP
2022

CHANGE
Flows

Find out how you can make a positive change by helping to clean-up and restore our local waterways.

For details go to
theconservationfoundation.org/sweep

1972-2022 CELEBRATING 50 YEARS of MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Adolescent students at work.

Cleanup crews in Lombard.

Boy Scout Troop 80 manages restoration

Sponsored by:

LOCAL FLOOD INFORMATION

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

WHAT IS A FLOOD?

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

WHAT DOES A FLOOD MAP TELL YOU?

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

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

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

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

These are the zones in which Wood Dale has been designated. If you have any question about what zone you are in, would like to see a flood zone map, or have questions about flooding and flood insurance, you can contact public works at, (630) 787-3764. Also you can view the maps at, <https://msc.fema.gov/portal>.

FLOOD INSURANCE

What types of property may be insured against flood loss?

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

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

What are the steps leading to the purchase of flood insurance?

A property owner perceives a risk of flooding an decides to purchase flood insurance OR a lender making a mortgage informs the builder or potential buyer that the building is in a Special Flood Hazard Area and that flood insurance must be purchased as required by the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973. Then the home owner would contact an insurance agent for purchase of a policy.

How does a policyholder file a flood loss claim?

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

FOR MORE INFORMATION REFER TO THESE WEBSITES:

fema.gov, wooddale.com, dupageco.org, ready.gov

As a public service, the City of Wood Dale can provide you with information as to whether your property is in or out of the Special Flood Hazard Area (as shown on the current Flood Insurance Rate Map of the City), and information on flood insurance purchase. For information, please contact Public Works at (630) 787-3764.

SANDBAG LOCATIONS DURING A FLOODING EVENT



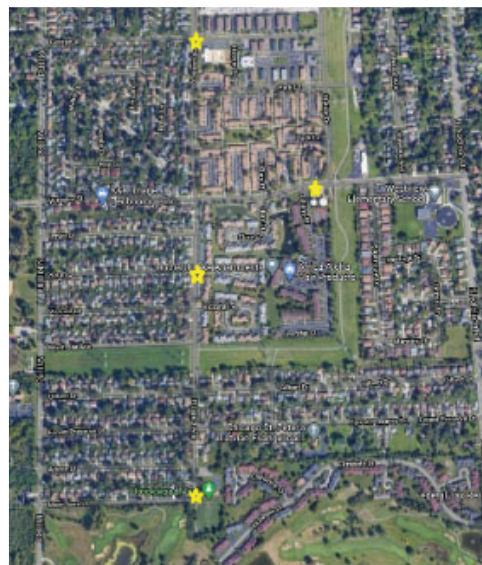
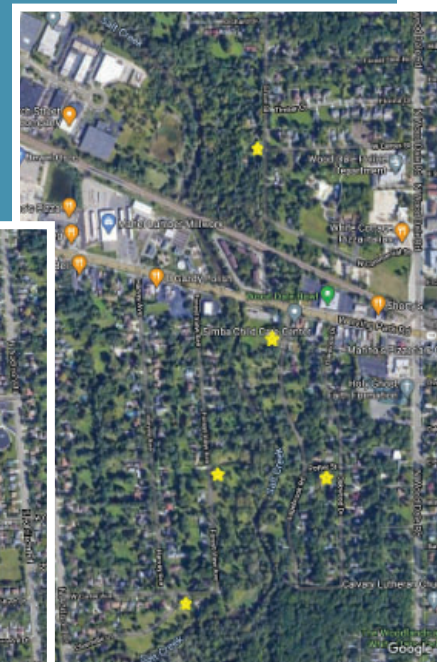
Certain locations around the City have been designated for sandbag staging in flood-prone areas. These sandbags are available for residents to mitigate flood damages to their properties. Below is a list and map of the designated locations for sandbag placement. Also, there will always be sandbags available on the south side of the Public Works building located at 720 N Central Avenue. For any questions, please call Public Works at 630-350-3530 or visit www.wooddale.com/residents/flood-procedures.

STAGING AREAS

- Carter Ave and Charmille Lane – Southeast Corner
- Across the street from 232 Forest View Ave (east side of the road)
- Potter Street (between Edgebrook and Oakwood)
- 408 Grove Street (on the parkway)

ADDITIONAL SANDBAG LOCATIONS FOR FLASH FLOODING EVENTS:

- Dead end on South Cedar Avenue
- South Cedar Avenue and Spring Oaks Drive
- Deerpath Road and South Central Avenue
- George Street and Prospect Avenue
- Potter Street and Station Drive
- Prospect Ave and Sarah Drive





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REAR YARD DRAINAGE PROGRAM

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who is eligible for the program?

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

What are the reimbursement amounts?

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

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

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

What types of projects are eligible?

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

Are there any costs to participate?

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

Can the City recommend a contractor?

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

Am I required to obtain a building permit?

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

How do I get started?

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

ADDISON TOWNSHIP HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

2022 ELECTRONICS, TEXTILES, BOOKS & PAPER RECYCLING



2022 DROP OFF DATES (8:00 AM-12:00 PM) MAY 7th • AUGUST 6th • NOVEMBER 5th

* Important Note —

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

OPEN TO ALL DUPAGE COUNTY RESIDENTS.

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

ELECTRONICS

ACCEPTABLE: Computers, Laptops, Servers, Computer Monitors, Televisions, Printers, Facsimiles, Scanners, VCR & DVD Players, Video Game Consoles, Cable & Converter Boxes, Satellite Receivers, Electronic Keyboards, Mice, Portable Music Players, Adapters, Power Supplies, Cell Phones, Modems, Tablets



Questions? dupageco.org/recycling

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

CASH OR CREDIT CARD ACCEPTED. NO CHECKS.

TEXTILES & CLOTHING

ACCEPTABLE: Residents can donate unwanted clothing and textiles for reuse and recycling. Accepted items can be in any condition and include:

- All Clothing • Bedding • Towels and Rags

UNACCEPTABLE: Heavily soiled items

NEW FOR 2022! PAPER ITEMS

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

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

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



ERI



eWorks
Electronics Services Inc.

Drop Off at the Highway Garage:
411 W. Potter, Wood Dale, IL 60191
(630) 766-2228

Thank you for your participation in the Recycle Programs!

Don Holod, Highway Commissioner, Addison Township

REFUSE REMINDERS

Refuse containers **MUST** be placed at the curb by 7 am the day of pickup.

Containers can be placed beginning at 6 pm the evening before pickup and removed by 8 pm after collection.

When not awaiting pickup, please store out of sight, or at the rear of your premises.



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Veterans Memorial Park Brick Order Form

The City of Wood Dale orders bricks twice a year (for Memorial Day and Veterans Day installation) to be placed at the Wood Dale Veterans Memorial Park. **Bricks may be purchased by anyone, for anyone, and it is not required that the recipient be a veteran.**

**The Memorial Day brick order deadline is the last Friday in March.
The Veterans Day brick order deadline is the first Friday in October.**

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

I want to order _____ 4" x 8" brick(s) @ \$50 each. Three Line Limit (13 characters per line)

I want to order _____ 8" x 8" brick(s) @ \$100 each. Five Line Limit (13 characters per line)

I have enclosed \$_____ for _____Brick(s).

Make check payable to *City of Wood Dale* and deliver /mail form and payment to Wood Dale City Hall. *Credit cards are not accepted.* For additional information, contact City Hall at (630) 766-4900.

Wood Dale City Hall
Attn: Administration – Brick Order Form
404 N. Wood Dale Rd.
Wood Dale, IL 60191

Please indicate which section you prefer your brick to be placed:

- | | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Open | <input type="checkbox"/> Army | <input type="checkbox"/> Navy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Air Force | <input type="checkbox"/> Marines | <input type="checkbox"/> Coast Guard |

_____ 4" x 8"

_____ 8" x 8"

If ordering more than one brick, please use a separate sheet indicating inscription.

WOOD DALE POLICE DEPARTMENT



404 N. Wood Dale Road

Wood Dale, IL 60191

www.wooddale.com/police

Non-Emergency 630.766-2060

Chief of Police

Greg Vesta

Deputy Chief of Investigations

Bill Frese



The City Updates the City Code for Parking Over Sidewalks

City Council has approved an amendment to City Code section 15.1303 regarding parking a vehicle that extends over a sidewalk.

Previously, no vehicle could extend over a sidewalk at any time during the day. To accommodate residents who have vehicles that may need to utilize this space to park their vehicles overnight, and also to acknowledge that pedestrians need to have safe passage on sidewalks during the day, the new ordinance that allows for this parking from 9:00 pm until 6:00 am every night.

During the day, vehicles parked over the sidewalk will continue to be in violation. We ask that residents be considerate of their neighbors who utilize the sidewalks and ensure that if you are parked over the sidewalk in the overnight hours, the vehicle is moved promptly in the morning.

Please call 630-766-2060 with questions or concerns.

Solicitors in Wood Dale – What You Should Know

The City and Police Department frequently receives inquiries from residents with questions about solicitors throughout the year. Please know that the courts have ruled that municipalities cannot put broad prohibitions against all types of soliciting but can enact reasonable restrictions that govern these activities.

In 2016, the City Council approved some additional changes and new registration procedures for solicitors. These new restrictions require solicitors who want to be “approved” by the City to undergo a background check and carry photo identification provided by the City, designating them as approved solicitors.

In addition, the City Council reduced soliciting hours during the months with shorter days (October-March) to between the hours of 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. During the summer months (April to September), solicitors can solicit from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm.



Residents can prevent solicitors from coming to their door in two ways. The first is to post a sign saying “NO SOLICITORS ALLOWED.” If this sign is posted, you are letting solicitors know that even if they are registered with the City, you do not want anyone coming to your door to sell commercial items or services. Violators will be issued citations for these infractions if the Police Department is contacted and finds these solicitors in violation of the posting.

The other option is to post a sign saying, “ONLY SOLICITORS REGISTERED WITH THE CITY OF WOOD DALE ARE INVITED.” If this sign is posted, you permit those who have pre-registered with the City to come to your residence. Suppose any other commercial solicitor comes to your door that has not registered with the City. In that case, violators will be issued citations for these infractions if the Police Department is contacted and finds these solicitors in violation of the posting.

Stickers are available to residents free of charge at the City Clerk’s office and can be picked up during business hours. Residents can also create signs indicating their preference regarding solicitors. **WITHOUT ONE OF THESE SIGNS OR STICKERS BEING POSTED, THE POLICE DEPARTMENT CAN NOT ENFORCE ANY INFRACTIONS AGAINST SOLICITORS.** It is not against the law for solicitors to go to your door if you do not take an active step to indicate your preference for solicitations.

While these local ordinances provide us with guidance regarding commercial, for-profit soliciting, there are no restrictions on free speech activities such as political candidates/committees religious organizations going door-to-door to share their solicitation of political support or religious message. In addition, these ordinances do not apply to not-for-profit groups or those under 17 years of age selling items for their local sports or community organization.

Stickers can be picked up at the City Clerk’s Office, which is located on the second floor of City Hall. Office hours are Monday through Friday, from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.



Officer and Civilian of the Year Awards

Each year the Wood Dale Police Department recognizes individuals who go above and beyond for the department and the city. These individuals display leadership and encourage cooperation amongst their peers. Several nominations were presented for both awards on each of the three shifts. After a great deal of discussion, the following individuals were selected: Officer Alex Johnston and Community Service Officer Joe Giametta. These individuals stood out in 2021 in their respective department roles and deserve the recognition.



OFFICER ALEX JOHNSTON

Officer Alex Johnston has been with the department since 2012. He started as a Patrol Officer and was then assigned as an undercover agent at DuMEG for three years. During that time, he received the prestigious Illinois State Police Director Award in 2021 for his outstanding work on narcotics investigations in DuPage County. He has also been trained as a firearms instructor, Glock and rifle armorer, Juvenile officer, tactical shock and trauma instructor and radar/Lidar instructor. Alex has a very strong work ethic and works diligently to see every task completed from start to finish. He never hesitates to assist co-workers in any situation and is willing to share the expertise and knowledge he gained while at DuMEG. He also interacts well with the public and treats all individuals he encounters with respect.



**COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER
JOE GIAMETTA**

Community Service Officer Joe Giametta has been with the department since 2019 and has proven to be an excellent addition. He consistently has an excellent attitude and is willing to assist with any task. He enjoys interacting with the community and has participated in numerous Wood Dale events including, Wood Dale Police Night Out, community concerts, Toys for Tots and Halloween Trunk or Treat. He has also become very proficient in addressing property maintenance issues and working with the homeowners to get them resolved.



DEPUTY CHIEF RYAN O'NEIL



SERGEANT MIKE PETERS



MANAGER CRAIG CELIA

Police Retirements

CONGRATULATIONS to Deputy Chief Ryan O'Neil, Sergeant Mike Peters, and Manager Craig Celia on their retirements from the Wood Dale Police Department.

Deputy Chief Ryan O'Neil has been with the department since 2002. He started as a Patrol Officer, was promoted to Sergeant in 2017, and was named Deputy Chief of Operations in 2019. After serving as an undercover agent and supervisor with DuMEG, he served as Wood Dale's K9 unit with his partner Laika for 7.5 years. Ryan has been an integral part of the department and has been an ambassador in the community for his entire career. Whenever Ryan received a gift card, he always paid it forward to someone he met on a police call or that he ran into and felt needed it more than himself. When asked for his final thoughts, he responded, "Best memory was being blessed with the opportunities to participate in numerous events with

the community including K-9 demos, Police Night Out, Shop with a Cop, Cops, and Bobbers, etc. over the years." Ryan will miss the opportunity to build meaningful partnerships with the citizens and businesses in town, along with his fellow co-workers.

Sergeant Mike Peters started with Wood Dale in 1997 as a patrol officer and then became an undercover agent with DuMEG. After returning from that assignment, he served several years in the Investigations Division as a Detective before being promoted to Sergeant in 2011. During that time, he was very involved with managing the department traffic grants and acting as liaison to homeowner associations; he completed his career as the dayshift Watch Commander. His favorite memory came early in his career. While on a call, he observed a group of kids playing baseball in front of the building. After handling the call, he joined the kids for a quick pick-up ball game. That moment made him realize he had made the right choice to become a police officer. He has met residents

and formed strong relationships in the Wood Dale throughout his career. He also will miss working with his fellow officers.

Support Services Manager Craig Celia started with Wood Dale in 2001 as a Telecommunicator in our former Dispatch Center. He was promoted to Supervisor in 2005 and then to Manager of Support Services shortly after. Craig has been instrumental in many facets of the department, including Emergency Management Operations, managing all digital evidence, radio systems, and numerous other programs. Craig is southern bound to a warmer state and will be looking to spend more time with his new little granddaughter. When asked about his final thoughts, Craig shared, "I will definitely miss working with a team of the most extraordinary professionals I have ever known for over 20 years. Additionally, I will miss how close-knit our working family has become and not being part of that any longer." His smile and great sense of humor will be missed.

We will greatly miss all three, and we wish them the very best on the next step of their life journeys!



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

Non-Emergency: 630.766.1147
Fax 630.766.7156

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Instagram: @wooddalefire



We are happy to announce that on January 17th, Fire Chief James Burke was sworn in as the fulltime Fire Chief of the Wood Dale Fire Protection District. Chief Burke started his fire service career 41 years ago with Wood Dale, and we're proud to say he'll be staying with us until the end of his career. Chief Burke has overseen many success for the WDFD, including gaining additional funding for the district through the Federal "Ground Emergency Medical Transport" program.



SPRING FIRE SAFETY TIPS

It's easy to associate at-home fire protection with the colder months with the use of space heaters, fireplaces, decorative candles, and tangled strings of holiday lights. But, just because we're less inclined to turn the heat on doesn't mean we shouldn't still be vigilant when it comes to protecting ourselves and our property from fire hazards. As you transition from sweaters to shorts, deep fryers to grills, and indoor holiday parties to backyard barbecues, keep an eye on these areas:



GRILLS Fire is unavoidable when it comes to preparing the perfect kabob or rack of ribs on the grill, which means you've got some inherent risks right from the get-go. In fact, the NFPA reports that an average of 8,900 home fires are caused by grilling each year. Here are some fire safety tips for the grill:

- ▶ While the meat is marinating, be sure to check each potentially problematic point of the grill including the propane tank, the hose, and all connecting points.
- ▶ Charcoal should be soaked with charcoal starter fluid
- ▶ Make sure the grill is clean. Failing to clean the grill before and after use is a contributing factor in nearly 20% of all grill structure fires.
- ▶ Make sure the grill is set up in an open, outdoor area with nothing flammable (plants, paper products, etc.) nearby.



OUTDOOR FIRE PITS The necessary safety precautions for an outdoor fire pit (s'mores, anybody?) are much the same as for a grill, plus a few others:

- ▶ Never leave young children unattended near a fire in the pit.
- ▶ Fill a bucket with water and set it next to the pit before you even begin building the fire.
- ▶ Avoid throwing leaves, pinecones, pine needles and paper into the fire. They catch fire quickly and can result in dangerous floating embers.
- ▶ Unless there's an emergency, avoid dumping the entire bucket of water on the fire to put it out. Instead, spread the pieces of fuel as far apart as possible and gently sprinkle water over them until there are no more glowing embers. This prevents the scatter of embers and a thick cloud of smoke.
- ▶ Toast your marshmallows over the embers rather than the flames. This not only gives them that perfect golden crust, but prevents them from catching on fire.

2021: A RECORD YEAR

While 2021 presented many challenges for our residents and the world as a whole, we are proud of our ability to serve. In 2021, the Wood Dale Fire Department responded to a record 2,718 emergency incidents. In addition to emergency response our members logged an amazing 12,752 hours of firefighter, emergency medical, officer, and specialty team training.

2,718

Emergency Incident Responses

12,752

Hours of Training



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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.

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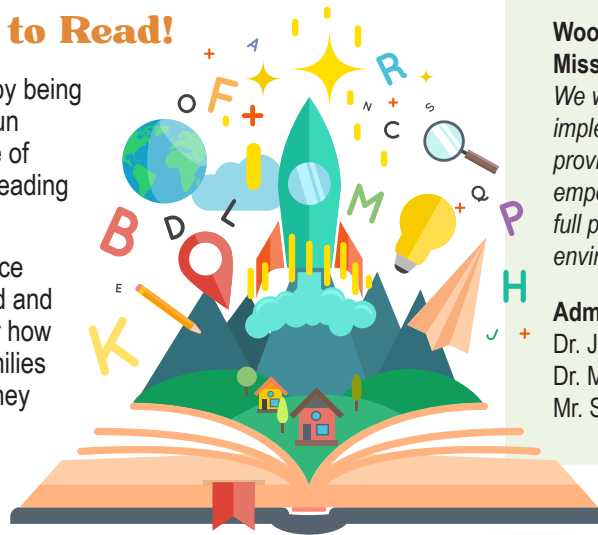
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Dr. Merri Beth Kudrna Curriculum Director
Mr. Steve Wilt Business Manager

Preschool Students Love to Read!

At ECEC, our students learn early literacy skills by being exposed to books. The children also engage in fun activities designed to help develop a lifelong love of reading. One of our activities every year is our Reading Kick-Off and Celebration.

ECEC's Reading Kick-Off started in January. Since that time students have been encouraged to read and keep track of how many books they have read or how many books have been read to them by their families at home. Families were asked to log the books they read on a tracking sheet. In the classroom, each newly "read" book by a student was celebrated by placing a balloon cut-out on a bulletin board for everyone to see. This year, we provided a list of Eric Carle books, including "The Very Hungry Caterpillar". This is a popular children's book translated into many languages! For more titles and selections of books written by this author, families were encouraged to visit the Wood Dale Public Library.

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



Embracing Extracurricular Programs Throughout Pandemic

While the last few years have been challenging for all families, we know our students thrive when their learning opportunities extend beyond the four walls of the classroom. At Westview School, students at 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades have an opportunity to participate in our Art Club. This club is sponsored by our Art Teacher and provides children an opportunity to explore media and techniques not typically used within the grade level curriculum. Due to high demand, students are invited to participate in this club as part of a group that meets for several weeks while completing a project. In order to provide an opportunity for other students to participate, another group of children are then invited to participate for the next several weeks. Students participate during their recess and/or lunch period throughout the school year.

Children who enjoy music have an opportunity to join both the Beginning Band and Chorus starting in 4th grade. The chorus is sponsored by the General Music Teacher and students focus on developing their vocal technique and learn repertoire that has a greater complexity and level of difficulty that will complement the grade level curriculum. At various events throughout the year, the chorus has an opportunity to perform for a live audience such as the District 7 Winter Choral Concert, Spring Open House, and more. Our District 7 Band Director provides small group lessons organized by instrument during each week, in addition to full ensemble rehearsals which we have recently resumed. These students also perform at concerts during the year, and get to observe future opportunities that await, when they enjoy performances by older students at Wood Dale Junior High.



WESTVIEW SCHOOL
Al Buttmer, Principal

Students from Westview continue to enjoy learning opportunities beyond the academic curriculum.

Students in 5th grade also have the opportunity to develop leadership skills through participation in the Westview Gazette, our school newspaper, as well as the Safety Patrol, which includes respectfully raising, lowering, and storing the American flag each day.

New this year, students have had the opportunity to participate in our free after school sports program. Led by our Physical Education teacher, children sign up for eight classes over a four week session, expanding their physical skills in addition to learning about teamwork, sportsmanship, and increasing stamina to improve over time. Since September, children have enjoyed Running Club, Soccer, Ultimate Frisbee and Floor Hockey with more planned this spring.

While we are proud of the excellent academic instruction provided to our students, we are also pleased to be providing a range of extracurricular activities which enhance the overall well-being of children now, and offer potential recreational opportunities for a lifetime.

OAKBROOK SCHOOL

Tim Shermak, Principal



Our Students Continue to Shine at Oakbrook!

How do we celebrate all the ways our students are achieving within our District 7 schools? At Oakbrook, the answer is our Shining Star program. Sponsored by our WV/OB PTO, this tradition continues to be valued by students, families, and teachers. Throughout the school year, classroom teachers nominate between 4-5 students to be their "Shining Stars." The teacher's nomination description is included in Mr. Shermak's daily morning announcements. Students identified as Shining Stars are provided with a small prize and their picture is taken and included on the bulletin board in the main hallway. Students can be nominated to be Shining Stars for various reasons. Anything from achieving a personal goal in the classroom to showing exceptional growth academically or simply being a good role model and citizen at Oakbrook School.

Due to the pandemic, and the need to limit visitors in our building, we were unable to invite the families to join us in person to celebrate these students this year. Instead of the usual breakfast celebration, our PTO provided our Shining Stars with a special lunchtime treat and students were invited to eat lunch with Mr. Shermak in the conference room.

We are fortunate to have such wonderful students at Oakbrook Elementary and enjoy celebrating all of their successes! Thank you to all our families for supporting our students and staff at home. We certainly appreciate it!



Students from the Oakbrook Green Team meet with local parents to learn about the composting process.



The junior high main hallway decoration helps celebrate our diversity.

WOOD DALE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Joe Krause, Principal | Gina DiFiglio, Assistant Principal



At the Wood Dale Junior High, students and staff have been celebrating diversity in a wide variety of ways. As part of the advisory program, students created flags to show their family heritage. These flags were put on student lockers to celebrate the various cultures of our students. The staff has been pitching in by creating bulletin boards that celebrate holidays and customs from around the world. Some of these bulletin boards included Polish Independence Day and El Dia De Los Muertos. These are important days to members of our community and many students commented on how happy they were to see their cultures represented in the school. Celebrating culture also includes our dual language program. Students in this program learn to read, speak, and write the Spanish language as part of their regular studies. The dual language program in District 7 is offered from Kindergarten thru 8th grade with our first group of students that

participated in the program graduating this school year. The main hallway of the school now has flags from all the countries of the world represented. Many students have commented on how proud they are to see the country their parents were born in represented in the hallway. The junior high is also working to make sure all relevant signage in the school is translated into both Spanish and Polish. This will help some of our parents to better navigate our school and feel comfortable. Some other long-term projects include exploring more opportunities for Spanish language learning for our students and having students create art and posters to be displayed in the hallway to celebrate their own heritage. The students of the Wood Dale Junior High have a great deal to be proud of, including the fabulous diversity which makes the school and Wood Dale a special place.

Intervention Program to Address Learning Loss



From the Curriculum Director
Dr. Merri Beth Kudrna

As part of District 7's proactive approach to assisting students with unfinished learning due to the pandemic, we invested a portion of our ESSER 3 funding from the Federal Government in hiring additional kindergarten through 8th grade Spanish and English intervention teachers and an instructional coaches focused on the Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) and unfinished learning programs.

The intervention teachers work within the classrooms to provide small group instruction to assist students with reading and/or math. The instruction is targeted to address learning that was interrupted due to the pandemic. Each student in the intervention program has a reading and/or math plan that is specific to their

academic goals. The goals are assessed weekly or bi-weekly to monitor progress. Classroom teachers and intervention teachers meet at least every 8 weeks to review and revise each student's goal. All student plans are entered into Otus, an online system available to parents, teachers, and students to review all student achievement and behavior data.

The instructional coach works with the intervention teachers to support them with unfinished learning and the MTSS process. The coach models lessons for teachers, ensures that policies and

procedures for the MTSS program are followed, reviews student data to suggest program improvements, and consults with district leaders to make changes that will result in students achieving their academic goals.

Current data indicates students are making progress and these interventions are working. The district set a goal for our MTSS program: by the 8 week intervention reporting period 70% of the intervention students' will have met or exceeded their individual student goal. At the November Board of Education meeting, it was reported that 95% of students met or exceeded their reading goal and 96% of students met or exceeded their math goal during the first 8 week intervention period. These are desirable results and we are hopeful these interventions will continue to provide students with the support they need to be successful!



MARCH—APRIL 2022 CALENDAR

MARCH 4

- ♦ Teacher Professional Development —NO SCHOOL

MARCH 8

- ♦ OB/WV PTO Meeting 6:30pm

MARCH 15

- ♦ Election Day Local Holiday — NO SCHOOL

MARCH 17

- ♦ Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee Meeting @ JH 6-7:30pm
- ♦ School Board Meeting 7pm

MARCH 28—APRIL 1

- ♦ Spring Break

APRIL 4

- ♦ Classes Resume

APRIL 12

- ♦ OB/WV PTO Meeting @ WV 6:30pm

APRIL 15

- ♦ Good Friday Holiday — NO SCHOOL

APRIL 21

- ♦ School Board Meeting 7pm





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Dear Fenton Families and valued community partners,

Everyone who reads this letter has a huge opportunity to dramatically improve the futures of our children and our children's children, but that opportunity comes with big decisions.

I'll get right to the point: our Board of Education is deliberating on some very meaningful construction options, and come June you might see a question on the ballot. Please get informed, ask questions, and help move our school forward.

Make no mistake, our students at Fenton High School are successful. Our staff is highly qualified and passionate. But our learning spaces are far too old and antiquated. A majority of our building was originally constructed in the 1950s and based around learning models from the 1950s. Other portions were built in the 1970s – still almost 50 years ago.

This building served our community well for many years. Alumni often visit and relive nostalgic memories. However, Fenton alums should also come home to see progress and evolution.

Our students should race past “successful” and become innovative leaders who set the bar high above their peers at other DuPage high schools. Our students and teachers need facilities that can accommodate 21st Century Learning. Many, many of our students are capable of higher goals and greater challenges, but instead have to watch other schools achieve it. Our kids deserve better. Bensenville and Wood Dale deserve to be on the cutting edge.

This is not wishful thinking. Since 2019 Fenton's administration has carefully evaluated and audited the state of our facility, how it's used, and the many Band Aids we slap onto problems that are too big to be solved without large investments.



We have a huge opportunity to address both issues at the same time: keeping pace with the new era of education and resolving critical deficiencies in our physical building.

I can't underscore this enough: Fenton High School belongs to you, the residents of Bensenville and Wood Dale. My professional opinion is to accept this bold challenge and build a brighter future for our kids. The decision, however, is ultimately yours.

All requested money would only go toward construction expenses, and the accrued debt would be paid off over 20 years or more.

The community was invited to a wide array of public meetings throughout October, November, December, and January to review our potential options. Phone surveys, though sometimes inconvenient, connected with others in our community to collect feedback.

Whatever happens will be a result of community-wide collaboration.

You can read more on our Community Engagement webpage: fenton100.org/district/community_engagement

We appreciate your support.

James Ongtengco
Superintendent



Victor Vazquez Qualifies for State, Again

For the second year in a row, Victor Vazquez qualified for the IHSA Cross Country Finals in Peoria. Out of 236 of the best runners in Illinois, Victor finished in 15th place. All runners in the top 25 are considered "All-State Runners." Victor is still just a junior and has one more year to compete at Fenton!



Dylan Thompson Qualifies for State

Junior Dylan Thompson qualified the IHSA Bowling state finals. His average score at Sectionals was 220, with 267 as his highest scoring game.



Next Stop, Washington U

Congratulations to Karim Zaggoti for earning a prestigious QuestBridge Scholarship to attend his choice school of Washington University in St. Louis. This four-year scholarship covers tuition, room and board, books, supplies, travel, and living expenses.

The QuestBridge National College Match is an equity program that connects high-achieving high school seniors from economically disadvantaged backgrounds with full four-year scholarships to the nation's top colleges.

According to a Questbridge news release, this year's 1,674 recipients combined for an average GPA of 3.93, and 92% of the students are in the top 10% of their graduating class.

SPRING MUSICAL



Thursday, April 21
at 7 p.m.

Friday, April 22
at 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 23
1 p.m. AND 7 p.m.

Fenton High School's Theater Department presents "Urinetown" for its annual Spring Musical this April.

"Urinetown" is an unconventional musical comedy, filled with great music that reflects musical styles from "The King and I" to "Hamilton!" It's a fun high-energy show that never takes itself too seriously and provides our students with great opportunities to show off their acting, singing and dancing skills.

Show dates are scheduled for April 21, 22 and 23. Senior Citizens are invited to a free seniors matinee show at 1 p.m. on April 22. Seniors can reserve a spot at the senior matinee by call (630) 860-8620.

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



Athletic Training Room Donation

Student athletes at Fenton High School are receiving pregame and postgame treatment on new equipment in the athletic training room thanks to a \$12,000 donation from the Chicago Bears and Bears Care.

Staley the Bear even stopped by to greet our student athletes and show them how to use the new equipment. Fenton's Billy the Bison joined Staley to get their ankles taped and stretched by trainers.

Jerry Vondruska, Fenton's Athletic Trainer, said the previous equipment was very worn down and he was looking for upgrades that would be easier to clean and maintain.

"We are very grateful to the Bears for providing us with sturdier and more durable equipment," Mr. Vondruska said.

Gustavo Silva, Chicago Bears Manager of Youth Football & Community Programs, joined Staley to congratulate several student athletes and coaches who visited the training room before or during afternoon practices.

"The Chicago Bears and Bears Care are pleased to donate the athletic training equipment that will support the health and safety of all student athletes at Fenton High School," Mr. Silva said. "We thank our partner Athletico Physical Therapy for their assistance in identifying and sourcing the donated athletic training equipment. We commend the coaches, training staff, and administration at Fenton for their commitment to providing the best high school athletics experience possible to all student athletes."

Athletic Director Todd Becker said Fenton made the best of the prior equipment but it was beyond its life expectancy and definitely in need of replacement. He said the Bears donation accelerated the process and eased budgetary stresses.

"The Bears have generously helped us to modernize our training room to provide better care for all of our student athletes, not just our football players," said Mark Kos, Fenton's Assistant Athletic Director. "This was truly above and beyond."

Fenton Superintendent James Ongtengco thanked the Bears for their continued generosity, also referencing the Gatorade Training Camp and Nike 11-On Tournament the Bears brought to Fenton over the summer.

"Fenton is able to provide once-in-a-lifetime opportunities to our football players and others throughout the region thanks to the Bears, and now we can provide top-notch care that ensures all our students are able and ready to give it their all every time the whistle blows," Mr. Ongtengco said.



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Mission Statement: Serving the community with quality recreational experiences that provide a fun and healthy lifestyle.

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

2022-2023 REGISTRATION DATES

PRIORITY:

March 14-21
(current students & their siblings)

RESIDENT:

March 22-29

NON-RESIDENT:

Begins March 30

Rainbow Playschool

2022/2023 SCHOOL YEAR

Follow the rainbow to a quality, well-rounded early childhood program that will build your child's self confidence in a fun, nurturing, and safe environment. The Rainbow Playschool has classes for terrific two's, energetic three's and fabulous four-year olds. Classes are filled with wonderful stories, joyful music, ageappropriate art exciting games in our full-sized gym, plus activities designed to expose your child to important concepts including letters, numbers, shapes and colors. The Rainbow Playschool strives to encourage the social, emotional, physical, and cognitive development of young children through play, to build a life-long love for learning.

For registration and payment information, please visit
www.wdparks.org/programs/rainbow-playschool

CLASS	DAYS	DATES	TIME	FEE	CODE
Two-Year-Old	Tue/Thu	9/13/22 - 5/11/23	9:30 - 11:30am	\$126 R / \$136 NR	6000AAA2
Three-Year-Old	M/W/F	9/12/22 - 5/12/23	9:00 - 11:30am	\$153 R / \$163 NR	6001AAA3
Four-Year-Old	M/W/F	9/12/22 - 5/12/23	9:00 - 11:30am	\$172 R / \$182 NR	6002AAA4
Learning Ladders	Tue/Thu	9/13/22 - 5/11/23	9:00 - 12:30pm	\$135 R / \$140 NR	6852AL

YOUTH SPRING SOCCER LEAGUE

The Wood Dale Park District belongs to the Mid-Suburban Soccer League with Glendale Heights Parks and Recreation Department, Medinah, Addison, Itasca, Roselle, and Bensenville Park Districts. This league promotes an atmosphere of fun, teamwork, and good sportsmanship while learning and improving. Games will be held on Saturdays in Wood Dale or at the away Park District fields. It is the responsibility of the parent to arrange transportation for their child to each practice and game. Teams will be announced by March 25.

With the nature of COVID-19 guidelines and restrictions, the Youth Soccer League may have modifications made to ensure the safety of all players, parents, coaches, officials, and spectators.

Please contact Kristina Sromek, Program Supervisor, at ksromek@wdparks.org or 630-948-0282 with any questions or concerns.

6U	Grades Pre 4-K	44300
8U	Grades 1-2	44301
10U	Grades 3-4	44302
12U	Grades 5-6	44303
14U	Grades 7-8	44304



DEADLINES

Early Bird: March 14
Registration: March 21

PRACTICES & GAMES

2-3 hours/week; 7 series games
Practices Begin: March 28
Games Begin: April 11

REGISTRATION FEES

\$60 R / \$70 NR (Early Bird Registration)
\$70 R / \$80 NR*

*Registration fee does not include uniform

For more information, including equipment fees, please visit www.wdparks.org/programs/athletics/youth-soccer.



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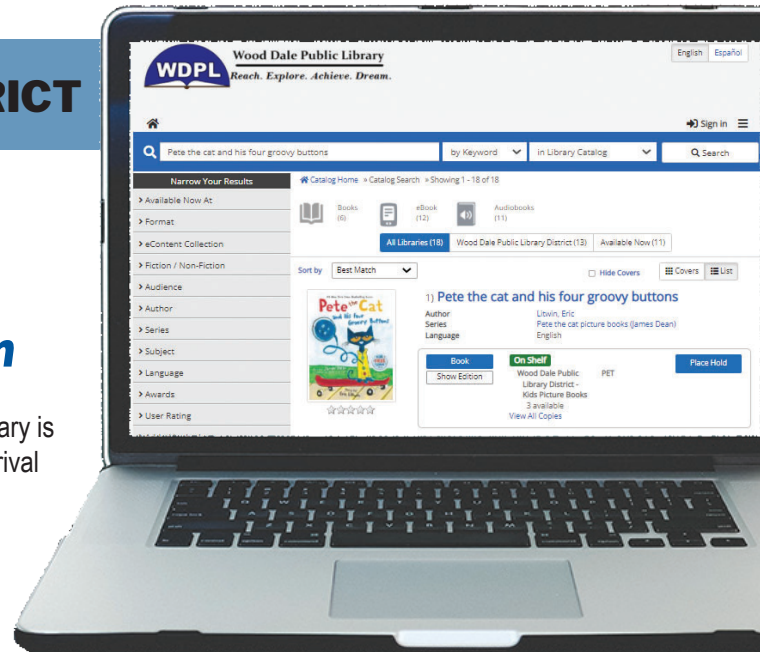
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New! Aspen Catalog Coming Soon

The Wood Dale Public Library is excited to announce the arrival of a new online catalog on March 29. The new catalog will offer a simpler, more intuitive experience including:

- ◆ More relevant search results so you can find what you are looking for faster.
- ◆ Personal recommendations and browse categories to help you discover your next favorite title, author, or series.
- ◆ Expanded access to the library's online content so you can see all that the library has to offer.
- ◆ Available formats and editions grouped together under one title allowing you to easily choose if you would like to read or listen to the book, or instantly check out the electronic version.
- ◆ Improved "My Account" with the ability to link family accounts to help you keep up with what everyone in your family has checked out and on hold.

Features that you love about our current catalog, such as robust search result filtering, the ability to build personal lists, and many My Account features will continue with the new catalog. Starting March 8, the new catalog will be available as a link in the current catalog for you to transfer your Lists. Starting March 8, the new catalog will be available for you to try. Lists will be available to transfer to the new catalog starting March 8 until April 26, when the old "classic" will retire.



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NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK



LIBRARIES TRANSFORM

APRIL 3-9

April 3-9 is National Library Week, an annual celebration highlighting the valuable role libraries, librarians, and library workers play in transforming communities and improving lives. The theme of this year is "Connect With Your Library" and we encourage you to connect with all that the Library has to offer. From books, audiobooks, and job-seeking resources, to additional mobile hotspots available for checkout and workshops, the Library truly has something for everyone. Stop by the Library April 3-9 to check out an item or sign up for a library card and be entered into a drawing for a Target gift card – one for adults and one for kids.

The Wood Dale Library District offers a varied array of resources to meet the adult community's needs this spring, including health, cooking and craft workshops, author visits, and computer classes. Children's programs like STEAM activities, spring break programs, storytimes, and our new Coding class for grades 4-8 serve an invaluable role in kids' development.

National Library Week is a perfect time to check out what's new at the library, join a program, or take home some new reading or viewing material. Stop by and visit us today!

ADULT WORKSHOPS & EVENTS

REGISTER Registration is strongly encouraged for all Library programs unless otherwise noted.

Due to social distancing and mask guidelines, some programs are being offered via YouTube or Zoom for March and April. Register by calling 630-766-6762 or on our website, www.wooddalelibrary.org/events, to receive an invitation to participate in the Zoom discussions with an online connection or by telephone. Depending on COVID-19, planned programs may be modified, rescheduled or canceled. Please visit the Library website or call us at 630-766-6762 for up-to-date program information.



Crafts with Gilda: Spring Paper Flower Craft
In-Person Program
Friday, March 18 at 7 pm

Brighten up your wall or mantle with colorful hand-rolled flower art. Gilda Shepherd joins us in person at the Library to show you the popular technique. The cost is \$15 for supplies. \$

Conversation with Mr. Dick Volker
In-Person Program • Sunday, March 20 at 2 pm

Join the Wood Dale Historical Society at the Wood Dale Public Library for the fascinating Conversation with Mr. Dick Volker talking about the very famous Coca-Cola Company® and its' fascinating ins and outs about the formula. He worked for the company for thirty-five years in advertising and development. He will bring his collect of Coca-Cola® memorabilia for all to enjoy!



Bunny Topiary: Take & Make Craft
Online Program • March 21

Welcome the Easter bunny this spring with a mossy bunny centerpiece to cheer up your home. Pick up your craft kits, then follow along at home with the YouTube video or instructions given. Please register.



Meditation: A Strategy for Stress-Free Living

Zoom Program • March 7 at 7 pm

Learn a simple but powerful strategy for physical and mental well-being in our high-stress world. Ajili Hodari, a long-time meditator and popular presenter, will demonstrate the practical technique of meditation. This approachable method has numerous benefits for your everyday life.

Spring Flower Arrangement
In-Person Program

Friday, April 8 at 7 pm

Welcome spring with a colorful bouquet of fresh flowers! Peggy Garvin is back in person at the Library to supply the flowers and to show you how to arrange them beautifully. The cost is \$15 for supplies. \$



Take & Bake: Chelsea Buns
Online Program

Monday, April 11

Learn to make one of the traditional British treats—Chelsea buns. These surprisingly easy-to-make buns are soft rolls with dried fruit filling and sticky honey glaze. Come in to pick up a bag with supplies (just add an egg & milk), then follow along with our YouTube video or make on your own with the provided recipe. Please register. *One per family.*

Great British Baking Tour

Zoom Program • Monday, April 11 at 6:30 pm

Join travel consultant and former UK resident Claire Evans for a delightful culinary tour of Britain inspired by "The Great British Baking Show" television series. Learn to make a proper cup of tea, identify regional food from the United Kingdom, and translate the trickiest parts of British recipes. Participants will receive a set of recipes discussed during the tour.

This event will be held virtually via Zoom. You can participate from home or at the Library.



Meditation: Dealing with the Stress of Modern Life

Zoom Program • April 4 at 7 pm

Join Ajili Hodari, a long-time meditator and popular presenter, to learn the ancient tradition of meditation. During this engaging workshop, you will learn a simple time-tested technique to cope with the challenges of everyday life, reduce stress, and benefit on a physical, emotional, and spiritual level.

Bunny Cake Decorating
In-Person Program

Wednesday, April 13 at 7 pm

Learn how to shape and decorate a bunny cake, a wonderfully sweet addition to your spring table. Pastry chef Frannie Hargadon will guide you through the process and share helpful tips. All supplies for a small cake will be provided. Please register by March 30.



One Hundred and Sixty Minutes: the Race to Save the RMS Titanic

In-Person/Zoom Program
Tuesday, April 19 at 7 pm

One hundred and sixty minutes was all the time rescuers would have before the largest ship in the world slipped beneath

the icy Atlantic. Author and historian William Hazelgrove will be in person at the Library to discuss his newest book, which tells the story of both the amazing heroism and the astounding incompetence that occurred during the attempt.

Join for an in-person event at the Library or from home via Zoom.

94TH ACADEMY AWARDS CONTEST

It's that exciting time of the year again! Movie buffs and casual movie fans alike are invited to join us in predicting the winners of the 94th Academy Awards to win great prizes. Four individuals who guess the most winners correctly will win either a Kindle or a Marcus movie package. Forms are available from February 21 through March to print from the Library website or pick up at the library. We must receive your form on March 26 by 5 pm to be eligible. You must be age 11+ and can only enter the contest once. Good luck!



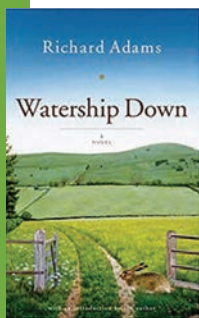
FOLLOW US—Be sure to follow us on social media to see upcoming programs, library updates, and photos taken during community events. Follow links to sign up for programs. It's a great way to stay up to date and see what the library is offering virtually!

BOOKS, BOOKS & MORE BOOKS

This spring, some book clubs will be held at the Library with an option to join virtually over Zoom. Register by calling 630-766-6762 or on our website, www.wooddalelibrary.org/events to receive an invitation to participate in the Zoom discussions. If you don't have an online connection, register anyway and you will receive a phone number to call in and participate. Electronic versions of books may be available for download on the library apps Hoopla, Libby, or Axis 360, or pick up a print copy at the Book Club Kiosk.

All in-person programs are subject to CDC and Illinois Department of Health mandates. Masks and social distancing guidelines will be utilized for inside programs.

Gus & Georgia's Book Club



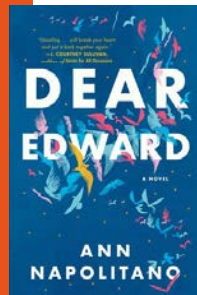
Watership Down by Richard Adams
Zoom Program
Tuesday, March 15 at 7:30 pm
Set in the English countryside, *Watership Down* tells the classic adventure tale of a band of rabbits fleeing the destruction of their warren in search of safety and a new home. Join us to discuss one of the most beloved novels of all time.

Book Club Express



The Paris Library by Janet Skeslien Charles
Zoom Program
Wednesday, March 16 at 7 pm

Based on the true World War II story of the heroic librarians at the American Library in Paris, this is an unforgettable story of romance, friendship, family, and the power of literature to bring people together.



Dear Edward by Ann Napolitano
Zoom Program
Wednesday, April 20 at 7 pm

A 12-year-old lone survivor of a plane crash investigates the stories of his less-fortunate fellow passengers before making a profound discovery about his life purpose in the face of overwhelming loss.

Mystery Lovers' Book Club



Shadow Ridge by M.E. Browning
In-Person/Zoom Program • Tuesday, April 5 at 7 pm

Talented female detective Jo Wyatt gets the call to investigate the possible suicide case of a college student; soon, the investigation turns dangerous as she looks into his ties to an online gaming ring. Set in scenic Echo Springs, Colorado, *Shadow Ridge* is a page-turning police procedural.

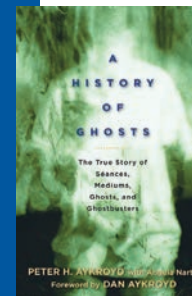
Klub Książki - Polish Book Discussion



Gdzie śpiewają Raki by Delia Owens
In-Person/Zoom Program
Tuesday, April 19 at 7 pm

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

History Pages Book Discussion



A History of Ghosts by Peter Aykroyd
Zoom Program
Wednesday, April 27 at 7 pm

The spiritualist craze that swept the country during the early 1900s is an often overlooked but intriguing chapter in our nation's story. *A History of Ghosts* interweaves the author's fascination with ghosts and spirits with a discussion of the ongoing role the paranormal has played in our culture.



Smile!

Attendance at a Wood Dale Public Library program or event constitutes consent to be photographed or videotaped for possible use on our website, or in other promotional material. If you do not wish your image to be published, please notify a member of the library staff before the program begins.

Author Events

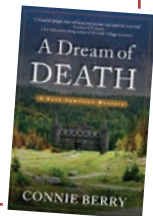
Join the Library for author events! You must be registered for each program to participate. Those without an online connection will receive a phone number to call in and participate. E-book and e-audiobook copies of the authors' books are available on Hoopla, Axis360, or Libby. Print books are available at the Library. Please place holds, call, or e-mail the Library to reserve your copies. Everyone is welcome, including those who have not read the book yet!



Connie Berry
Zoom Program
Tuesday, March 1
at 7 pm

Author Connie Berry will join us for a discussion of her award-winning mystery *A Dream of Death*. This atmospheric novel is set on a remote Scottish island, where American antique dealer Kate Hamilton sleuths a killing that eerily replicates a murder still unsolved after 200 years.

Instead of joining at home on Zoom, participants can choose in-Library seating for the event.



Mary Kubica
Zoom Program
Tuesday, March 29
at 7 pm

Bestselling author Mary Kubica is live on Zoom for a discussion of her dark and twisty new novel *Local Woman Missing*. In this psychological thriller, Delilah, who disappeared eleven years earlier when she was only six years old, shockingly returns. The residents of a quiet suburban neighborhood want to know what happened to her, but no one is prepared for what they'll find.

Instead of joining at home on Zoom, participants can choose in-Library seating for the event.



An Evening with Jenny Lawson

Zoom Program

Wednesday, March 30 at 7 pm

Join us for an evening with award-winning humorist Jenny Lawson as she discusses her most recent bestseller, *Broken (in the Best Possible Way)*, and her brilliantly funny body of work.

Jenny is an American journalist, author, and blogger known for her great candor in sharing her struggle with mental illness. "The Bloggess" lives in Texas with her husband and daughter and was constantly "buying too many books" ("Not a real thing," she insists), so she decided to skip the middleman and just started her own bookshop. She has previously written *Let's Pretend This Never Happened* and *Furiously Happy*, both of which were #1 New York Times bestsellers.



Read for a Better World

2022 Winter Reading Challenge
For Families

January 1 – March 31

There is still time to join the 2022 Winter Reading Challenge, Read for a Better World. Start your reading year off right while earning great prizes along the way!

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

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

We're excited to announce we are using a new interactive website Beanstack, which makes it fun and easy to add titles. Sign up on our website by clicking on the Winter Reading Challenge link, or download the Beanstack Tracker app from the App Store or Google Play to make it even easier to track your reading on the go.

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

ADULT TECHNOLOGY & JOB SKILLS

COMPUTER & JOB SKILLS

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



Excel Basics

Zoom Program

Monday, March 28 at 7 pm

The majority of business jobs require knowledge of Excel. Watch as we demonstrate how to create a basic spreadsheet, enter data, and practice simple calculations and formulas in this online class.



Excel Formulas & Functions

Zoom Program

Monday, April 25 at 7 pm

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

See what your Wood Dale Library card can do!

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

New! ADDITIONAL MOBILE HOTSPOTS

Getting free, unlimited Internet access is easier than ever with our expanded hotspot-lending program. We now have additional mobile hotspots for checkout at the Library.

Hotspots allow Wood Dale Public Library cardholders to get online easily using a Wi-Fi-enabled device such as a phone, tablet, or laptop.

Hotspots are available for checkout at the Library's Public Services Desk. Patrons must have a library card in good standing to check out a hotspot. The lending period is 14 days, and they are available for renewal if there is no waitlist. The hotspot kits come with a case, instructions, and charging cord. You must be 11 years or older to check one out.

Questions, or want to place a hotspot on hold? Call us at (630) 766-6762.

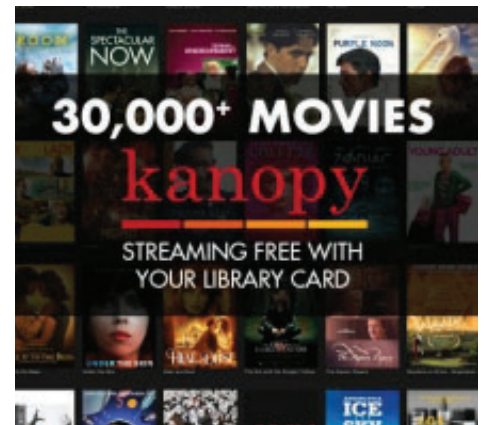


New! STREAM MOVIES & TV SERIES WITH YOUR LIBRARY CARD

Now there's one more reason to get a Library card! If you're interested in independent, international, classic, or documentary films and popular TV series, you're in luck. You have access to the new service Kanopy, the Library's newest on-demand video streaming service. Plus, you can enjoy using Kanopy on your favorite devices—from desktop computers to mobile devices and Smart TVs.

You can stream over 30,000 films from hundreds of popular producers such as The Criterion Collection, The Great Courses, and PBS, as well as thousands of independent filmmakers - on every topic imaginable.

Visit our website at www.wooddalelibrary.org for more information.



YOUTH SERVICES WORKSHOPS & EVENTS

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REGISTER

Registration is strongly encouraged for all Library programs unless otherwise noted. Register online at www.wooddalelibrary.org, by visiting the Library, or by calling 630-766-6762.



EARLY LEARNING @WDPL

Our Early Learning classes focus on helping young children gain skills and competencies as outlined in the Illinois Early Learning and Development Standards program. These skills and competencies are aligned with the Common Core, and with the belief that every child needs to develop basic skills, understandings, and positive attitudes towards learning before they can be successful in the K-12 curriculum.

Toddler Time *Ages 0-4 years*

Wednesdays, March 9, 16, 23, April 6, 13 & 20 • 10:30-10:50 am

Join us for this pre-reader storytime including books, songs, and activities.



Together Time Tales *Ages 3-7 years*

Thursdays, March 10, 17, 24, April 7, 14 & 21 • 4:15-4:45 pm

Pre-readers and beginning readers will enjoy this storytime that includes picture books, literacy skills, and a variety of activities. We will feature some chicken stories in April in honor of our egg to chicken project!



Spanish Storytime *Ages 3-7 years*

Tuesdays, March 8, 15, 22, April 5, 12 & 19 • 4:30-5 pm

Have fun and learn Spanish through stories, songs, and games.



Polish Storytime *Ages 3-7 years*

Tuesdays, March 8 & April 12 • 6-6:30 pm

Enjoy this fun storytime in Polish including books, songs, and activities.



STEAM Challenge *Ages 6-10 years*

Wednesdays, March 16 & April 20 4:30-5 pm

Join us for a fun spring STEAM exploration. In March, we will conduct leprechaun science experiments. In April, we will make and test our own egg drops in an egg drop challenge.



Hatching Chicks

at the Library *Families*

April-May

Come see chicks hatching this spring at the Library! Check them out in their egg stage in an incubator in the youth services activity room.

Then, see them again when they have hatched into chicks. Staff will pick up our eggs from the University of Illinois Extension in April. Hatching should be in May. Keep an eye on our social media for more information.



National Library Week:

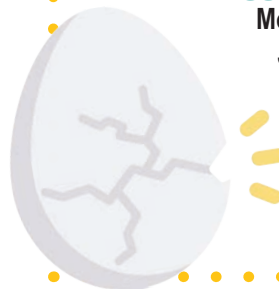
Read about Chicks *Families*

Visit the library the week of National Library Week, April 3-9, and check out a fiction or non-fiction book about chickens to prepare for our egg pick-up in April.

Eggs to Chicken *Ages 5-8 years*

Monday, April 25 • 4:30-5 pm

Join us to learn about our incubated eggs, how we will care for them, and the baby chicks. Enjoy stories and activities about this exciting life cycle.



MORE! ➔

YOUTH SERVICES WORKSHOP & EVENTS

SPRING BREAK



Online UNO *Ages 6 years & up*

Monday, March 28 • 2-3 pm

Join us on Zoom for an interactive version of UNO. Each player needs his or her own device and must register to receive the Zoom link and the game link.



Spring Bingo *Ages 6-10 years*

Tuesday, March 29 • 2-3 pm

Join us to play Spring Picture Bingo with fun spring-themed prizes.



Teen Craft *Ages 11-18 years*

Wednesday, March 30 • 2:30-3:30 pm

Join us to make your own endless fidget cube.



Suncatcher *Ages 4-7 years*

Thursday, March 31 • 1:30-2 pm

Join us for a colorful craft. We will make a funky and colorful suncatcher flower.



Pisanki Egg Craft *Ages 4-7 years*

Friday, April 1 • 1:30-2 pm


Pisanki is a fun Polish tradition of painting eggs. In making this craft, we will use wooden eggs to paint and design a one-of-kind egg.



Afternoon Movie *Ages 4-11 years*

Friday, April 1 • 2:30-4:30 pm

Join us as we watch Disney's newest hit movie.



Wacky Wednesdays & Wacky Study Hall *Ages 11-18 yrs*
Wednesdays, March 9, 23, April 13 & 27
2:30-4 pm & study hall 4-4:45 pm
Enjoy a craft or activity with your friends on early dismissal Wednesdays. Stay and get a start on your homework and group projects.

Read for a Better World

Winter Reading Program for Families
January 1 – March 31

There is still time to sign up for the Winter Reading Program, Read for a Better World. We challenge our patrons to read at least 600 minutes through March 31 and keep track of their reading on our Beanstack site. The interactive website makes it easy and fun to add time you've read, listened to, or read to a sibling. Go to our website and click on the Beanstack link to sign up, or you can also keep track of reading with the Beanstack Tracker app, found in the App Store or Google Play. You'll earn badges online and a free paperback book for every five hours of reading.

BOOK BUNDLES

Are you looking for a new author or series?

Request a kids' or teen Book Bundle. Fill out the form on our web page under Kids' Zone. Just let us know the child's age, reading level, preferred genre and number of items you would like and you'll receive a bundle of books handpicked by librarians, along with a few surprises, to pick up at the Public Services Desk.



MARCH 2022 SPECIAL EVENTS

LOCAL PHONE NUMBERS

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Virtual Author Visit: Connie Berry Wood Dale Public Library 7 pm Online Event	2	3 City Council Meeting 7:30 pm	4 NO SCHOOL — Teacher Professional Development Wood Dale School District 7 & Fenton High School	5
6	7	8 Tri District Band Festival Fenton High School 5 pm	9	10	11 Talent Show Fenton High School 4:30 pm	12
13 Spaghetti with a Song Music Boosters Fundraiser Fenton High School 1 pm	14	15 NO SCHOOL — Election Day Local Holiday Wood Dale School District 7	16 Book Club Express Wood Dale Public Library 7 pm Online Event	17 School Board Meeting Wood Dale School District 7 pm	18	19
		20	21	22 Gus & Georgia's Book Club Wood Dale Public Library 7:30 pm Online Event	23 Board of Education Meeting Fenton High School 7 pm	24 Group Interpretation & Contest Drama Showcase Fenton High School 7 pm
20	21	22 Food For Families Drive Thru Pickup Fenton High School 4-5:30 pm	23	24 City Council Meeting 7:30 pm	25	26
27	28	29 Author Visit: Mary Kubica Wood Dale Public Library 7 pm Online Event	30	31	APRIL SPECIAL EVENTS ON BACK	
		SPRING BREAK — NO SCHOOL				

— APRIL 2022 SPECIAL EVENTS —



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				City Council Meeting 7:30 pm		Eggcellent Indoor Egg Hunt Wood Dale Park District 10 am Recreation Complex Doggie Egg Hunt Wood Dale Park District 12 pm White Oak Park
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		SAT & PSAT Testing Fenton High School			NO SCHOOL — Good Friday Holiday Wood Dale School District 7 & Fenton High School	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30