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Hey, Oakwood!!



After a prolonged winter, I'm starting to believe that it might not snow again this season.

Spring is rapidly turning into summer as the weather's getting better for the Memorial Day weekend, and that's always a sign that things

are going to start hopping in Oakwood.

While I want to say a special thanks to Vicki O'Malley and her team for another successful Egg Hunt event a few weeks ago, I also want to look forward to everything coming up, including the Eastern Shoreline Cleanup event, the always-huge Fishing Derby/Beach Party, and the Annual Oakwood Community-Wide Garage Sale, ALL taking place within three weeks following the holiday weekend! See the Social Committee update and back page for dates and details!

The Oakwood Annual Meeting went great. Thanks to everyone who attended. The Board of Directors is status quo with

all pre-appointed directors maintaining their seats on the Board. We had wonderful presentations from each of the Committee Chairs, as well as from special guest speakers Holly Hudson (the NE Illinois Volunteer Lake Management Program Coordinator) and Tadas Birutis (Oakwood Resident and walking nature encyclopedia). Piles of giveaways were awarded to attendees, as well as a few given away to courteous residents who helped by sending in their proxy forms. Thank you!

At the May Board meeting we voted on officers. You'll all be shocked and amazed to hear that I have been elected as President again, and Lynette Tuggle has been once again elected to the office of Enforcer... I mean Treasurer! I joke, but the truth is that our collections for 2017 were at an incredible low and Lynette does an amazing job and saves our association a ton of money! Laura Connolly and Monika Rodriguez were elected to new roles, swapping the VP and Secretary positions (Laura is now VP, Monika is now Secretary).

Elsewhere in the neighborhood, we're getting repeat requests for residents to make an effort to find alternatives to leaving garbage and recycling bins where they're visible from the street. Many were not thrilled with the larger cans when they were

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Oakwood - Community Updates

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Big things come in small packages! Here's a look at what you have to look forward to in this issue:

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Oakwood - Landscape Committee

WELCOME!

We are thrilled to announce that the OHA Landscape Committee has a new Chairperson. Say hello to Jason Hawkins who has stepped up to take the reins from Mark Nelson who, after about a decade of fantastic dedication to our neighborhood, needed to move on .

Jason has already been getting his hands dirty (literally and figuratively) with some modifications to Westman beach and with working to address a number of resident concerns. If you would like to lend a hand here and there, just let us know by contacting us at info@oakwoodha.org.

Thank you!



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pushed out, and we know that fitting them in many garages is challenging if not unrealistic, but they present an eyesore, and according to a few real-estate agents, they can actively detract from the perceived values of homes in our neighborhood. Sadly, I don't have a good recommendation on how to handle them, but we're welcome to ideas to share!

While I'm writing this up and working to make sure I get it to the printer on time, I also want to put in a HUGE kudos to Sheer Graphics. Sheer Graphics (here in Westmont) has been printing our Oak Leaf newsletters and our bi-annual directories for about a decade now. They consistently deliver quickly, with high quality and at the best price we've found. They are a pleasure to deal with, and if you need ANY print work done, I highly encourage you to get a quote from them. They're right on the other side of Ty Warner Park, so you certainly can't beat them for convenience!

While still a ways off, I want to also make a plug for volunteers for the Halloween Party. This event doesn't take a lot of work, so long as there are a number of people to pitch in. The crew that ran it for the past 12+ years is moving on, and Esther Cassonova (who took on the event last year) needs help or this event is likely to not happen this year. It's an easy job as long as people pitch in, so contact us at info@oakwoodha.org if you're interested in knowing more.

There's a lot more going on, so be sure to read through the updates from the Village and all the contributors who packed this issue full of great info. Also be sure to pay attention to the ads! These people and companies help make this possible! (Welcome to Pam Smith who can help with pet care here in Oakwood!)

We hope to see you at some of the coming events here in Oakwood! Have a great summer!!

-Matt "future's so bright" Johnson
OHA Board President

Oakwood - Social Committee

Thank you to Vicki O'Malley and to everyone who helped prep for this years Egg Hunt, as well as to everyone who came out! The event went wonderfully, and we were thrilled at the turnout!

We have a number of other events coming up FAST, so get your calendars ready!!

2018 Oakwood Social Calendar:

- Eastern Shoreline Cleanup: Saturday, June 2nd, 9am to noon
- Fishing Derby / Beach Party: Saturday, June 2nd starting at 3pm at Westman Beach!
- Annual Community-Wide Garage Sale: Friday-Saturday, June 15-16. Call Frank Rogers at 630-212-8084 to reserve flags if desired. \$10 refundable deposit required.
- End of Summer BBQ: Sunday, August 26th, 11:45 - 1:30 at Ty Warner Park Main Pavillion
- Halloween Costume Party: TBD

We still need volunteers for the Halloween Party or it is at risk of being cancelled this year. Contact us at info@oakwoodha.org if interested!!



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Oakwood - Lake Management Committee

Dock and Lock Applications Now Being Accepted

There are a limited number of docking sites set up at the Eastern Shoreline for use by non-lake homeowners that frequently use their boats on the lake. Applications for the Dock and Lock Program are now being accepted. If there are more requests than sites, there will be a lottery held at the April OHA Board of Directors meeting.

The application form is available from the OHA web site as part of the Rules for Common Area at oakwoodha.org or can be requested by mail at OHA Lake Management, 4 E. Ogden Ave. PMB 313, Westmont, IL 60559.

Blue-Green Algae

Last year was the first year that Lake Charles had Blue Green Algae on the lake. Blue Green Algae forms at the top of the water looking like a blue-green slime. It's smelly, gross and possibly toxic. Some forms of blue green algae produce toxins or poisons that can cause illness to humans and animals. Killing off this form of algae with herbicide will release the poison in quantity.

Filamentous Algae is the form of algae that the lake has had in the past years. This algae forms at the bottom of the lake and floats to the surface causing large algae mats. This form of algae looks bad and is hard to move a boat through. Using dye in the lake has significantly reduced the quantity of filamentous algae on the lake by removing the sun light penetration to the bottom of the lake. Without sunlight the algae cannot grow.

Algae needs three things to grow, phosphorus, sun light and warm weather. Reducing the filamentous algae provided more phosphorus for the surface forming blue green algae to feed on. This year we will be trying something different. Blue dye will be used in the lake a little later in the season. Adjusting the timing and being less aggressive at abating the filamentous algae. This may reduce the forming of the Blue Green algae.

Lake Front Homeowners

Remembering last year when a paddle boat floated off the shoreline and lodged itself in front of the outlet causing the lake to rise above the normal capacity during the heavy spring rain storm. This event can certainly happen again.

Things to do:

1. Tie up or lock up your boats so they cannot float off
2. In anticipation of heavy storms, secure items like, floats, life jackets, potted plants, and other things that may blow around during the storm.
3. Going out of town for a few days? Secure your property in the anticipation of a heavy storm.
4. Register your boats in case they do float off. There is no charge for the boat tag.

Boat Identification Tags

Boats used on Lake Charles must be registered with the OHA and display a red and white decal provided by the OHA. Registration is free.

The application form is available from the OHA web site as part of the Rules for Common Area at oakwoodha.org or can be requested by mail at OHA Lake Management, 4 E. Ogden Ave. PMB 313, Westmont, IL 60559.

Spring Clean Up Eastern Shoreline – June 2nd, 9am until noon

Each year volunteers come together for a few hours to clean up and make a few improvements to the Eastern Shoreline. Consider coming out to help. It's a little bit of work and a lot of fun. Refreshments will be provided. We meet at the end of Baltimore at the start of the shoreline path at 9am or follow the path.

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No Dumping!

The Eastern Shoreline is the private property of the Oakwood Homeowners Association. Dumping and vehicular access along the Eastern Shoreline is not permitted unless sanctioned by OHA. Parking off-pavement along the easement at the eastern end of Baltimore is reserved for official OHA business or for the use of the adjacent office park property owners only.

We have had problems with both dumping and parking on the Eastern Shoreline. The evening of Saturday, June 10th 2017, a car was parked on the Eastern Shoreline near the Lock and Dock area. And between Saturday, May 5th and Tuesday, May 8th, someone dumped concrete mix in a couple of locations along the Eastern Shoreline. There is a \$100 reward for information leading to the prosecution of the person(s) responsible.



Oakwood - Dining Around Town



Thanks to everyone that came out and supported the 2nd annual Westmont Restaurant Week. This year, 29 Westmont eateries participated – up from 22 in year 1 – and we once again enjoyed great news coverage with ABC7 and the fantastic team lead by Anchor

Judy Hsu. A new group of 4 restaurants accompanied me to the studios for an on-camera food fest and a nice buffet afterwards! Joining me this year were Citrus Diner, Vincitori, Saffron and Bakersfield! Thanks also to all the chefs and the more than 20,000 folks who have viewed the video on Judy Hsu's Facebook page.

Westmont Restaurant Week will be back in 2019 and we'll be looking to deliver even more participants. Encourage your favorite venues to join in the fun!

Also back again was the 3rd annual Westmont Reader's Choice Awards. With voting open for 3 weeks, folks had an opportunity to support their favorite Westmont Restaurants in 28 different categories ranging from best breakfast to patio dining to fine dining and many categories in between. The winners were announced at the Village-wide Awards Banquet sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and hosted by the Hilton on Monday, April 30th.

The 28 voting categories representing over 350 voting options garnered over 10,500 votes...A New Record! Voting was accomplished on-line and participants could vote once per day for the 21 day open voting period. This year's winners are as follows:

Best Asian – Katy's Dumpling House
Best Bakery – Standard Market Bakery
Best Banquet Space – Hilton Chicago/Oak Brook Hills
Best BBQ – Uncle Bubs
Best Breakfast – Citrus Diner
Best Burger – DJ's Sports Bar & Grill
Best Catering – Zazzo's Pizza
Best Coffee Shop – Brewed Awakening
Best Drinking Establishment – DJ's Sport Bar & Grill
Best Family Friendly Restaurant – Uncle Bub's
Best Fast Casual – Standard Market Grill
Best Fast Food – Chipotle
Best Fine Dining – Bakersfield Wood-Fired Grill
Best Full Service – Bakersfield Wood-Fired Grill
Best Holiday Brunch – Hilton Chicago/Oak Brook Hills
Best Ice Cream – Tasty Treat
Best Indian Cuisine – Saffron Restaurant
Best Italian Cuisine – Vincitori

Best for Live Entertainment – J. Fleming's Absolutely Delicious

Best Lunch – DJ's Sports Bar & Grill

Best Mexican Cuisine – Standard Tacos & Margaritas

Best Outdoor Dining – J. Fleming's Absolutely Delicious

Best Pizza – Zazzo's Pizza

Best Salad – Standard Market Grill

Best Sandwich – DJ's Sports Bar & Grill

Best Seafood – Pappadeaux Seafood Kitchen

Best Sushi – Sushi House

Best Video Gaming – DJ's Sports Bar & Grill

Congratulations to all of our winners and please remember to support our local restaurants and pass on your congratulations. Look for the 4th annual Reader's Choice 2019 voting next March!

It seems Westmont is in the midst of a restaurant renaissance as we may see the addition of 10 or more new restaurants in our Village over the next 2-3 years. With over 100 dining options, we have one of the highest per capita ratios in the suburbs. The first five are featured below in **Up and Running** and two more make the list in **Up and Coming!**

Stepping Out

Memorial Weekend brings the Red, White and BBQ Event within walking distance at Ty Warner Park. Three days of food, music and fun! <http://westmontbbq.com/>

Cruising Nights returns to Cass Ave on Thursday, June 7th. Running every Thursday in June, July and August, Cruising Nights just keeps getting bigger and better! Join over a 1000 folks, 300 cars and food & drink specials from our main street restaurants. This year, a Step Counting contest will reward those out for an evening's stroll. <http://westmontevents.com/streetfair/>

The Taste of Westmont also returns for a 4-day run. For over 20 years, the Taste has been a community gathering event with visitors reaching nearly 25,000 at peak times. Free admission, lots of music, carnival rides, cold beer and food booths...party on Cass! <http://westmontevents.com/tow/>

Up and Coming:

Scallywag Brewing Co. has marked their spot for a fall opening at 41 N. Cass Ave. After the retirement of Irv Kaplan and his furniture store, the location became available. Look for specialty craft beers and a menu. This will

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be our 7th new restaurant to open over a 1-year period... amazing!

The Sweet and Savory Spot returns to Westmont after a brief departure and will occupy the location just south of the tracks in the old Brown's Chicken building. A focused menu, baked goods and catering will be the focus in this smaller venue. Kitchen test runs are in process...it won't be long now. This will be our 6th new restaurant in the last few months to open.

Up and Running

Zazzo's Pizza – Opening on Saturday, February 17th in the site formerly housing Pompei along with numerous other dining establishments, Zazzo's Pizza has been continuously jammed since opening. Attractively redecorated, Zazzo's is a second location following in the footsteps of their Darian branch. A full Italian menu with sandwiches, dinners and pastas, weekday buffet and all styles of pizza preparation has customers waiting in line most evenings. Now Open #5! <http://www.zazzospizza.com/>

Fremont Bar and Grill – Another sports themed restaurant and bar has opened shortly after the New Year. Located at the site formerly occupied by The Neutral Zone in the NE corner strip mall at Fairview and 63rd Street, Fremont Bar and Grill features a full menu, large beer selection, full bar service and 21 full size TV's! Now Open #4! <https://www.fremontbarandgrill.com/>

DelCarmen Mexican Restaurant – A family owned Mexican restaurant at 214 E Chicago Ave. With 3 additional locations, DeCarmen brings experience to the food game. Seven days and a full menu. Now Open #3! <http://www.delcarmenrestaurant.com/>

ItaliAmo – A new Italian fast food restaurant has opened at 6232 S Cass Ave. The site was formerly occupied by Stax. The menu is large with pizza along with many appetizers, pasta, panini and other Italian specials. Service is pick-up, drive through or limited standing. Now Open #2! <http://www.italiamo.com/>

Johnny's Blitz – A new sports themed restaurant has opened downtown Westmont in the space formerly occupied by LaLaLi Patisserie. The menu is simple and straightforward with burgers in the forefront. The gourmet burgers feature a 50% sirloin, 25% brisket and 25% short rib mix. On a fresh brioche bun along with nine different cheese selections including the rarely seen

ghost pepper cheese, these burgers are delicious. The interior has an urban feel and I love the city-style front windows which open to allow the streetscape in. Now Open #1! <https://www.facebook.com/JohnnysBlitz/>

Gone But Not Forgotten:

Hanbun – last day February 2nd – will re-open in larger quarters

Tap House Grill – Closed on New Year's Day – the other 4 locations remain open.

Recently Reviewed (last six months):

Tin Cup – Kick off you outdoor dining season with a relaxing night on the patio...in the Suburban Life newspaper and on-line June 6th

Standard Tacos & Margaritas <http://shawurl.com/398e>

Mother's Day Brunching <http://shawurl.com/393u>

DJ's Sports Bar & Grill <http://shawurl.com/38zu>

Westmont Restaurant Week 2018 – release March 7th!
<http://shawurl.com/38kl>

Westmont Restaurant Week 2018 Preview

<http://shawurl.com/38cn>

Chinese Kitchen <http://shawurl.com/384g>

Bohemian Crystal <http://shawurl.com/37gs>

Looking for more restaurant ideas, follow the #chitowndiner on **Instagram**.

Gregg Pill – Oakwood Resident

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Westmont News: From the Village Board



Hello neighbors!

I hope everyone is enjoying the weather and getting ready for another event filled summer. Below are a few updates on items addressed at the Village Board and upcoming events.

Stormwater Management Update

The Village has recently made significant updates to the Stormwater Management page on the Village Website (westmont.illinois.gov/stormwater). This is all part of an ongoing effort to make stormwater management improvements in the community and then report them to the public. The Stormwater page highlights information regarding the Village's compliance with EPA requirements, upcoming infrastructure projects relating to stormwater management, flooding information, and more. Each year, the Village undertakes many infrastructure projects to maintain and improve the storm sewer system. Following are just some of the projects that are scheduled to begin in 2018.

- Central Business District Pervious Alley Improvements - between Irving and Norfolk, east of Cass
- Complete Engineering Design for the 400 block of North Warwick Stormwater Management Project - construction expected to begin Summer 2018
- Complete Engineering Design of the Fire Department Headquarters Regional Stormwater Detention Project - construction expected to begin mid to late 2018
- Commence Engineering Design on the Burlington/West End/Cumnor/Roslyn Storm Sewer Project - construction expected to begin in late 2018

U.S. Olympic Luge Tryouts Return

The U.S. Olympic Luge Team will return to Westmont for the fifth time to conduct their Midwest search for future Luge Olympians. Based on hospitality and the perfect hill, Westmont is the only location in the United States to host the event more than two times. The "Slider Search" Luge tryouts will take place

on Saturday and Sunday, June 16th and 17th, on South Cass Avenue between 55th Street and West Dallas Street.

The USA Luge Slider Search is a program that introduces the sport of luge to boys and girls ages 9-13 all across the USA. The clinics utilize actual luge sleds equipped with wheels for summer use and participants are taught the basics of how to ride and steer a luge sled by a US National Luge Team athletes and coaches. Last fall's regional Slider Search event brought more than 100 Olympic hopefuls from throughout the Midwest to Westmont.

To register for the Slider Search program, please visit www.teamusa.org/usa-luge/slider-search.

Lions Club Red, White & BBQ

Each year, the Red, White & Bar-B-Q Festival (RWBBQ), hosted by the Westmont Lions Club, is held at beautiful Ty Warner Park in Westmont over Memorial Day Weekend. This year's event will begin on Friday, May 25th and end Sunday, May 27th. The RWBBQ has live music, an all-ages carnival and awesome food. In addition to the festival, which is open to the public, the RWBBQ is also one of the biggest BBQ competitions in the Midwest. The RWBBQ offers \$20,000 in prize money making it the largest Kansas City Barbeque Society (KCBS) Bar-B-Q competition in Illinois.

This year, the RWBBQ has two new competitions. There will be a steak competition, which will be open to the public, sanctioned through the Steak Cookoff Association (SCA). The steak competition will be held on Friday, May 25th @ 8:00PM. If you would like to compete in the steak contest, please visit the RWBBQ website at westmontbbq.com. If you would like to become an SCA judge, visit steakcookoffs.com. The other new event being held this year is a pork loin competition, which is open to the BBQ competitors.

ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE:

FRIDAY MAY 25th, 2018

5:30PM - FLAT CATS - Swing Jazz / Blues

8:00PM - THE B-SIDE BAND - Rock n Roll Soul

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SATURDAY MAY 26th, 2018

Noon - CLAREMONT DRIVE - 50's & 60's

2:30PM - THE JUKE BOX BAND - 60's to Current & All Styles

5:30PM - WHO'S WHO - Who Tribute

8:00PM - WRECKLESS WHISKEY - Hot Country

SUNDAY MAY 27th, 2018

Noon - USO SHOW - Variety of Artists

2:00PM - SEALED WITH A KISS - High Energy Cover Rock

3:30PM - TOMORROW'S ALLIANCE - All Original Music

6:00PM - THE FRIENDS BAND - All Styles of Music

Waste Management Recycling Update

When it comes to recycling, one wrong item in the recycling bin can spoil an entire batch of otherwise good materials. Changing expectations for recycling world-wide have made it even more important that guidelines for acceptable recycling materials be followed. To ensure that quality material is recycled, follow these guidelines provided by Waste Management for your curbside recycling:

ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS

- Metal Cans
- Plastic Bottles & Containers
- Paper
- Paper Cardboard, Dairy & Juice Containers
- Flattened Cardboard & Paperboard
- Glass Bottles and Jars

NOT ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS

- Food waste
- Plastic bags and film (may be recycled at Jewel stores)
- Styrofoam containers and cups
- Hangers
- Hazardous waste
- Medical waste

PLEASE NOTE

- Do NOT bag your recyclables - place items directly in your recycling tote
- Paper and cardboard must be dry and free of food debris
- Tissues, paper towels or other paper that has been in contact with food is NOT acceptable

- Remove food and caps from cans and plastic and make sure all containers are empty

Waste Management has compiled many resources to promote successful recycling on their website <https://recycleoftenrecycleright.com>.

Outdoor Fire Safety Reminders

A backyard fire pit or bonfire can be a great way to enjoy the outdoors with family and friends. Unfortunately, outdoor fire accidents send thousands of people to the emergency room with burn injuries each year. Before you gather around your backyard fire this season, remember these safety tips from the National Fire Protection Association:

- Before starting the fire, check with your local fire department to make sure it is permitted
- Start the fire at least 25 feet away from a structure or anything that can burn
- Clear away dry leaves, brush and overhanging low branches and shrubs
- Avoid burning on dry, windy days - it is easier for the fire to spread and get out of control when the conditions are not favorable
- Keep the fire small for better control
- Watch children while the fire is burning - never let children or pets play or stand too close to the fire
- Never use gasoline or other flammable or combustible liquids on a campfire
- Always have a bucket of water, a garden hose, or shovel and dirt ready to put out the fire
- Before you leave, make sure the fire is completely out
- Never leave a fire unattended
- If your clothes catch fire, stop, drop and roll back and forth until the fire is out

Treat a burn right away - Cool the burn with cool water for 3 to 5 minutes, cover with a clean, dry cloth, and seek medical help if needed

If you have additional questions regarding fire safety, please contact the Westmont Fire Department at 630-981-6400.

Westmont News: From the Village Board (continued)

Rain Barrel Program

The Village of Westmont is once again teaming with the Conservation Foundation to offer a subsidized rain barrel program to Westmont residents and businesses. The Village will subsidize approximately half the cost of the water barrels while supplies last. Rain barrels not only assist with water conservation, but also provide additional help with property stormwater management.

Order their rain barrel online now at: <http://upcycle-products.com/static.asp?path=7922>

WESTMONT RAIN BARREL PROGRAM DETAILS

- Available to all Westmont residents & businesses
- \$30 per water barrel (about a \$35 savings compared to retail)
- Limit of no more than 2 water barrels installed per Westmont address
- Water barrels must be installed and used within the Village of Westmont
- This program will be in effect through the end of October 31st, 2018
- There are four colors to choose from: black, terra cotta, blue, and gray
- Additional set-up hardware charged separately



Business Publicity Grant Program

Earlier this year, the Village Board approved the Westmont First Committee's Business Publicity Grant. The program is designed for Westmont businesses to request monies to promote specific types of business-related projects, events and programs that the business is coordinating which are not part of their

regular business operations. This grant is restricted solely to reimburse businesses for the costs of promotion for such projects, events and programs.

For more information visit: <http://westmont.illinois.gov/documentcenter/view/958>
Grant application form: <http://westmont.illinois.gov/documentcenter/view/959>

Campaign Update

DuPage County Board



Thanks to every Oakwood resident who voted in the March primary election. I am grateful for your support and will need it again come November's general election. Please visit my website at nerofordupage.com or Nero for DuPage County Board on Facebook to learn more.

Ways to Connect with the Village

Sign up for Notify Me community alerts
<http://www.westmont.illinois.gov/list.aspx>

Join the Village of Westmont Facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/westmontilgov>

The Westmont Village Board meets every other Thursday at 6:00pm in the Village Hall. If you cannot make the meeting, they are televised and available on our YouTube channel.



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Electronics Recycling Program

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Westmont News: From the Westmont Planning & Zoning Commission



The complexity involved in large scale projects particularly that involve property assemblage was evident this spring. None of our Big Four projects have made an appearance... yet. This looks like it

will all be changing starting in June. But first a quick recap of the past 3 months beginning with March...

Our March meeting was cancelled as there were no items on the agenda. We moved into April with one item, a relocation of a credit union from Westchester to Westmont. The credit union would occupy the empty space immediately across the side street from Village Hall. This site was the original home of Don's Meat Market and subsequently a bank. It's an ideal fit with little alteration to the space needed. As a branch of a larger Midwest network, this credit union should provide a stable anchor to that block.

May was also a one item agenda as we approved an increase in parking surface for the former Westmont Body Works, now Auto Nation Body Works. Located at the east end of Plaza Drive, Body Works has been repairing cars for many years. The business, but not the building were recently acquired by Auto Nation. As the parent company of over 500 auto dealers and the owner locally of BMW, Audi and Mercedes, a state of the art repair shop fits nicely in their portfolio. By combining the building's detention into the new,

large detention pond on the corner of Westmont Drive and Plaza Drive, space was freed up to add parking on the west side of the building. This will be an asset for employees of both Body Works and BMW while allowing a full circular pattern around the building.

In our commissioner packets last month, we all received a three-month calendar with a request to check all Wednesdays from June through August. Looks like the Big Four will be ready to go. June's agenda is finalized with 4 items including 2 of the Big 4.

Cass Avenue and 63rd Street has been an eyesore for many years. After years of inaction, the seller became motivated and an August closing is proposed for the site. The developer is the same that brought us the Mariano's development and preliminary plans look beautiful. Interconnected to the Mariano property would be an LA Fitness Signature Edition fitness center, an 8-12 screen high end movie theater and several out lot pads to accommodate restaurants and retail. Raising Cain is one of the restaurants under letter of intent which would increase their regional footprint to six, closest being in Naperville. Look for several other additions to this space.

With this exciting news, the next question always seems to be, what about the shopping center immediately north of this one. While it is completely empty, this owner is not motivated to sell and wants to just let it sit idle. These projects take



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years to come to fruition with financing, building codes, leases, tenants, ground & soil testing just a few of the variables that can derail a project. The Ruby Slippers just don't seem to work!

Also in June, we will get a look at One West Quincy. This development involves an assemblage of property which would include Taco Express and all property east to Cass and south up to the Richmond Station building. Included would be the small park as well as a small portion of the alley. The development would consist of a multi-story apartment building, interior parking and a retail component on the ground floor. Hoping we will see a restaurant in the mix which takes advantage of the large sidewalks for a nice patio area across the street from the fountain.

The other two of the Big Four are also in the running for regular or special meetings this summer. The Hilton project with a natatorium, apartment building and many other features has run into a few snags and may return with some changes.

Another project, a large scale building named One North Cass on the NE corner of Cass and the railroad tracks has a multi-story building is in the design phase. Relocation of the S-curve and parking lot next to Amber would also be included.

Looks like the summer will be heating up early from a planning and zoning perspective!

The Village of Westmont Planning and Zoning Commission meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm in the Village Hall. All meetings are televised live on local cable access channel 6 and then replayed at 10:00am Monday through Friday. Agenda items are then sent to the Village Board with the comments of the Commission for final disposition. You can also view the agenda on the Village website – www.westmont.il.gov. The next meetings will take place June 13th, July 11th and August 8th and perhaps a few Special Meetings which will be listed on-line – tune in!

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Congratulations!

Congratulations to Larissa Zelisko, Westmont High School Guidance Counselor. Larissa was recognized as a finalist for the 2018 Illinois Counselor of the Year Award by the Illinois School Counseling Association.

Congratulations to Jane Most, Westmont High School English Teacher! Jane was named Educator of the Year by the Westmont Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Bureau.

Congratulations to Sheila Ruh, Westmont Junior High School Media Specialist. Sheila was awarded the Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award.

Congratulations to Cindy Caliendo, Laura Hays, Diana Molby, and Liz Zelgado on your retirement. Thank you for your many years of service to the CUSD 201 community.



on actions to support a safe and connected village.

Taught during the school day as an Enrichment Period class, the program asked students to research and identify areas of need within the village of Westmont, and to create a TED-style presentation about their chosen cause. TED, which stands for Technology, Entertainment, Design, is a media organization that creates and posts free online presentations that are informational and inspirational.

The culminating activity for the Community Talks program was an evening event, hosted by students, in which they lead round table discussions with community members who assisted them in creating action plans for making improvements to our village.

WJHS would like to thank all of the students and the community members who participated. In all, over 70 volunteers attended our inaugural event.

Community Talks: WJHS

For the last few months, several 6th-8th grade students of Westmont Junior High School participated in a new program called "Community Talks: WJHS". In an effort to promote leadership skills and community engagement, this class served as a forum for students and community members to work together

CUSD 201 2018-2019 School Year

Registration for the 2018–2019 school year will take place on August 7. Registration will take place from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Westmont Junior High School. Please the school district website for additional registration information.



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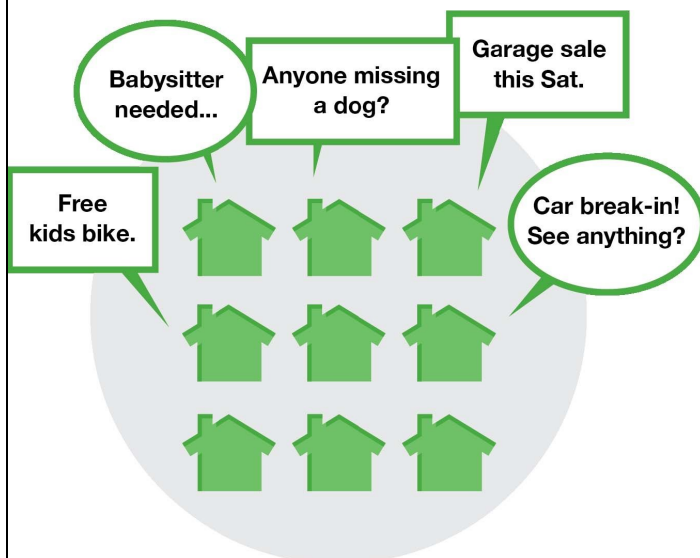
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Food off the grill will be served from 12 to 1pm only!

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!



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