

MARCH / APRIL 2025

WOOD DALE

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



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WOOD DALE PARK DISTRICT
Active Places. Friendly Faces.

EGG HUNT EVENTS

TWEEN/TEEN EGG HUNT



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9
8:00-8:45PM

AGES: 10 - 17 YEARS
PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED: \$3
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: APRIL 2
NO DAY OF EVENT REGISTRATION

LOCATION: WHITE OAKS PARK,
111 S. WOOD DALE RD.



ADULT DASH EGG HUNT

SUNDAY, APRIL 13
10:00AM - 12:00PM

AGES 21+

\$108 - GROUP OF 4 CODE: 116HMS

\$135 - GROUP OF 5 CODE: 116JMS

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
APRIL 7

LOCATION: 390 GOLF
EXPERIENCE
1051 N. PROSPECT AVE. SITE B



**390 GOLF
EXPERIENCE**



Donut Dash & Egg Hunt Bash

SATURDAY, APRIL 12
10:00-11:00AM

AGES: 2 - 9 YEARS
PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED: \$3
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: APRIL 4
NO DAY OF EVENT REGISTRATION

LOCATION: FRANZEN GROVE -
651 N. WOOD DALE RD.



Find us on



111 E. Foster Ave.
Wood Dale, IL 60191

630-595-9333

wdparks.org

**WOOD DALE
PARK DISTRICT**



CITY OF WOOD DALE

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

City Hall Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 AM-4:30 PM

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

MARCH

March 3	Streetscape & Economic Enhancement Committee	6:30 PM
March 6	City Council Meeting	7:30 - 8:30 PM
March 13	Committee of the Whole	7:30 - 8:30 PM
March 17	Community Development Commission	7:00 - 8:00 PM
March 20	City Council Meeting	7:30 - 8:30 PM
March 27	Committee of the Whole	7:30 - 8:30 PM

APRIL

April 2	Environmental and Sustainability Committee	6:30 PM
April 3	City Council Meeting	7:30 - 8:30 PM
April 7	Brush Collection	
April 7	Streetscape & Economic Enhancement Committee	6:30 PM
April 10	Committee of the Whole	7:30 - 8:30 PM
April 12	DuPage County River Sweep	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
April 16	Citizen Involvement Committee	6:00 PM
April 17	Police Pension Board	12:00 PM
April 17	City Council Meeting	7:30 - 8:30 PM
April 21	Community Development Commission	7:00 - 8:00 PM
April 24	Committee of the Whole	7:30 - 8:30 PM
April 25	Arbor Day Celebration	

Coffee with the Council

Share your ideas, thoughts, & suggestions!

May 10, 2025

9-11 a.m.

Meet at the Starbucks inside Target
401 W Irving Park Road

Free coffee!



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FOOD DRIVE

APRIL 1-30

DROP OFF LOCATIONS

Wood Dale City Hall
404 N. Wood Dale Road

Wood Dale Library
520 N. Wood Dale Road

*CANNED & PACKAGED FOOD ITEMS
ARE ACCEPTED, INCLUDING TOILETRIES!*

*DONATIONS BENEFIT
THE WOOD DALE
FOOD PANTRY*

*BOXED FACIAL TISSUE IS
ALSO BEING COLLECTED!*

Community Church
206 N. Wood Dale Road

MAYOR'S LETTER

Dear Wood Dale Residents,

The Public Works Department has been very active during our winter season. Now, as they prepare for spring, let's review their efforts to keep our roadways clear and safe for first responders and residents.

Here are the numbers provided by the Public Works Department (at the time of publication):

15 inches

of total snow
this winter.

-2°

the lowest
temperature
recorded.

400 tons

of salt was
used.

4,800 gallons

of Beet Heat was used since November. Beet Heat is a combination of beet juice and salt. The beet juice acts as a "heat" source to melt the ice at lower temperatures rather than salt alone, helping to keep our waterways and landscapes clear of too much salt.

**19 water main
breaks**

occurred in Wood Dale
since November.

~4,000 miles

driven by the Public
Works Department
while assisting during
snow events.

110 gallons

of cooking oil collected for recycling since November.

Do these numbers fascinate you too? If so, then consider registering for the Citizens' Public Works Academy! The program offers residents a firsthand look at the functions and responsibilities of the Public Works Department. The program features presentations, demonstrations, and practical experiences with various tools, vehicles, and equipment utilized by the Streets, Vehicle Maintenance, Utilities, and Wastewater Divisions. Participants will graduate from the academy with a deeper understanding of the Public Works Department. The application deadline for the 2025 Academy is Monday March 31, 2025. See the flier on page 13 and scan the QR code on the next page for more details.



Remember to save the date, as Prairie Fest returns in June! Mark your calendars for June 26 through June 29, 2025. We are excited to share that Everclear is our headlining band on Friday, June 27! Stay tuned as we release more details about our premier event.

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,

MAYOR

Nunzio Pulice
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MEET THE CITY COUNCIL

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CITIZENS' PUBLIC WORKS ACADEMY



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UPCOMING POLICE EVENTS



COP ON A ROOFTOP!
LOCATION:
MORE DETAILS
COMING SOON

MAY
T.B.D



BIKE WITH A COP!
LOCATION:
WOOD DALE JUNIOR HIGH
655 N. WOOD DALE RD.

JUNE
19
6PM-8PM



POLICE NIGHT OUT!
LOCATION:
WOOD DALE POLICE
DEPARTMENT
404 N. WOOD DALE RD.

AUGUST
5
5PM-9PM

WARD 2



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WARD 3



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"Tony" Catalano
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WARD 3



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WARD 4



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WARD 4



Alderman Mike Susmarski
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**VFW TIOGA POST 2149
SPECIAL EVENTS
MARCH AND APRIL 2025**



CORNER BEEF DINNER
RAFFLE, LIVE MUSIC
BY YESTERDAYS NEWS
March 8 from 7 to 10 pm



BINGO
EVERY TUESDAY
from 7 to 10 pm

The VFW is open to the public and hosts various events throughout the year. Funds collected are returned to the community in the form of scholarships and donations.

TIOGA POST 2149

510 GEORGETOWN SQUARE • WOOD DALE

RESIDENTIAL BILL PAYMENT OPTIONS

Paying your City utility bills in Wood Dale is easy!

- Pay Online
- Sign up for Automatic Bill Payment
- Pay by Phone 630-787-3727 (English and Spanish)

Scan the QR Code to view payment options.

The City accepts other methods of payment, too!

- Pay in person at City Hall
- Payment Drop Box at City Hall
- US Mail (Please be aware of potential delays that could result in a late fee.)



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Do you need assistance?
Please contact the City Finance Department at (630) 766-4900.

Sounds of Summer & Cruise Nights Wood Dale

CALL FOR Vendors

Are you looking to showcase your product or services to a vibrant and engaged audience? Join us for the Sounds of Summer/Cruise Night events in Wood Dale! **Apply today!**

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www.wooddale.com

SAVE THE DATE!

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PRAIRIE
Fest

JUNE 26-29

Community Park - 655 N. Wood Dale Road
Wood Dale Illinois

Live Music. Carnival Rides. Food & Drink. Fireworks.
(Saturday)

CELEBRATING 90 YEARS 1935-2025



Save the Date!



MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

MAY 26, 2025
11 A.M.



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What is Green Infrastructure?

It's an approach to water management that protects, restores or mimics the natural water cycle.



Benefits of Green Infrastructure

- Improve water and air quality
- Reduce stormwater runoff and flooding impacts
- Create natural habitat for wildlife
- Economical and sustainable



Types of Green Infrastructure

- Rain gardens
- Naturalized stormwater basins and ponds
- Green roofs
- Bioswales
- Permeable pavers
- Rain barrels
- Infiltration trenches



Green Infrastructure in Wood Dale

- Elizabeth Ct. detention basins
- Dalewood Creek buffer zone
- North Wastewater Treatment Plant comprehensive storage basin
- Potter St. rain garden
- Potter St. and Catalpa Ave. detention basin naturalization

Maintaining Green Infrastructure

Mostly, native plant species are meant to be kept in their natural state. The City contracts with an environmental management firm to treat invasive species mechanically or chemically throughout the growing season. Occasionally, a high mowing or prescribed burn is also recommended as a treatment.



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To learn more about Green Infrastructure, please scan the QR Code.



LOCAL FLOOD INFORMATION

The principal flood problems in Wood Dale are in low-lying area caused by overflow of Salt Creek. As a result, storm drain outfalls become blocked and areas along small tributaries are flooded. The blocked sort of 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 complete inundation of normally dry land areas from overflow of inland or tidal waters or from the unusual and rapid accumulation or runoff of surface waters from any source.

What does a Flood Map Tell You?

On all flood maps, we 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 questions 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>.

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 (NFIP), 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 and 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 homeowner would contact an insurance agent to purchase a policy.

How does a policyholder file a claim for flood loss?

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

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

www.fema.gov

www.wooddale.com

www.dupageco.org

www.dupageco.org

CITY FLOOD SERVICES

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

For information, please contact Public Works at 630-350-3530.



Essential Steps for Spring Tree Care

1. Any sidewalks, or surfaces that surround a tree and you are using a de-icing salt should be thoroughly thawed, and then irrigated out. Salt can damage the tree roots.
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 base of the tree to be exposed. This will ensure that moisture escapes, reducing the growth of fungi and minimizing decay.
4. Prune plant material that blooms on new wood, and for fruit trees it is recommended to prune them in late winter, or early spring. Make sure to prune them before flowering to avoid causing stress to the tree.
5. Inspect and check trees and shrubs.
 - If one area of the tree looks sparse this could be a sign 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 winter and spring or indicating poor soil drainage.
 - Decaying wood that is cracking or breaking could be a sign of insects and disease.



April 7th
May 12th
July 7th
September 8th
October 20th
December 1st



History of Arbor Day

In 1872 J. Sterling Morton, the Secretary of the Nebraska Territory, started his campaign promoting the value of trees. He set a date of April 10th, 1872, for the first official Arbor Day Celebration. He promoted the event by offering prizes to the Counties and Individuals who planted the most trees on that day. The last Friday in the Month of April is now the official designated Arbor Day. J. Sterling's oldest son, Joy Morton, went on to establish the Morton Arboretum in 1922, which located in suburban Lisle.

Parkway Trees

The Public Works Department is planning to plant trees throughout town on the City Parkways this fall. If you are interested, please contact us at, (630) 787-3764, or e-mail jszabo@wooddale.com by August 31st.



Plant a tree with us!



ARBOR DAY



CITY OF WOOD DALE

April 25, 2025

Location:

**Wood Dale Junior High
655 N Wood Dale Road
Time: TBA**

Join the City of Wood Dale and Wood Dale School District 7 for a fun celebration and tree planting ceremony at the Wood Dale Junior High in honor of Arbor Day. For more information, please contact the Wood Dale Public Works Department at 630-350-3530.



Arbor Day Foundation



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ADOPT-A-DRAIN Program

The City of Wood Dale encourages residents to adopt stormwater drains to assist with cleaning the grates of debris and ensuring the drains are in safe working order.



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If you know of a storm drain you would like to adopt on your property or in an adjacent right-of-way, scan the QR code to complete the form.

PLEASE CONTACT THE PUBLIC WORKS OFFICE AT (630)-350-3530 FOR MORE INFORMATION.



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Join Us for the DuPage County River Sweep in Wood Dale

**April 12, 2025
9 a.m. to noon
272 Charmille Lane**

The Environmental and Sustainability Committee hosts the Salt Creek River Sweep event with the Conservation Foundation on April 12, from 9 a.m. to noon. The event consists of walking on the banks of Salt Creek and cleaning up litter and debris. Street parking is available. Safety vests, garbage bags, gloves and hand pickers will be provided.

To register, please contact the Public Works Department at 630-350-3530.

WATER MAINTENANCE



The City of Wood Dale Public Works Department is responsible for maintaining and repairing City water mains, fire hydrants, and distribution valves.
To ensure that the water distribution system is maintained and operating correctly, ongoing maintenance may be necessary. Please call (630) 350-3530 with questions.



WATER MAIN REPAIR

All reports of leaks and water main breaks are investigated by staff as soon as possible.

Some water main breaks can leave some residents without water and can take two to four hours to complete. Service restoration may vary, depending on the severity of the repair.

During this time, a Public Works repair crew is assembled and dispatched to the repair site. Affected businesses and residences will be notified of the break/leak and that they may have low to no water pressure during the repair time. Once utilities are located, the water main is excavated and repaired. The final restoration of the work site usually takes two to four weeks from when the work has been completed. Site restoration depends on the restoration required and scheduling work with the other divisions. Winter excavations are usually completed during April and May. Restorations rely on the availability of materials to finish the repairs (e.g., hot asphalt).



VALVE REPAIR

A valve is a mechanical device that blocks the flow of water in a pipe for sections of the City's distribution system to isolate repairs.

When a valve requires a repair or a replacement, public works crews need to close valves to isolate the area needing attention. This can cause water shutoffs in certain areas, so staff can safely access the area to complete the repair.

Once the new valve is in place, public works staff will test the valve to make sure it is functioning properly. This work can take two to four hours to complete, depending on the condition, and complexity of the replacement. Regular valve replacements are essential for protecting the longevity of the City's water infrastructure, ensuring residents continue to receive clean, reliable water service.



HYDRANT FLUSHING

Public Works personnel conduct hydrant flushing to ensure the hydrants are operating properly.

Additionally, this allows staff to remove sediment from the pipes to maintain water clarity and quality. Occasionally, water becomes discolored after hydrant flushing. If this happens, residents are encouraged to let their faucets run for a few minutes if they notice any discoloration. If it does not clear the first time, people should wait a few minutes and run the water again. Residents should avoid washing clothes until the water is clear. Dates will be provided once hydrant flushing is scheduled.

CITIZENS PUBLIC WORKS ACADEMY



Attend the 2025 Citizens Public Works Academy!

Gain a deeper understanding of the
Public Works Department
by learning about the following Divisions:



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The program offers residents a firsthand look at the functions and responsibilities of the Public Works Department.

The Academy includes presentations, demonstrations, and hands-on experience with the various tools, vehicles, and equipment.

The program runs for five consecutive Tuesdays, beginning April 22, 2025, and ending May 20, 2025, from 6:30 to 8 pm. Applicants must be 18 years of age, and a background check is required to participate in the program.

Apply by scanning the QR Code. The application deadline is Monday, March 31, 2025. Applicants will be notified the week of April 7th regarding their application status.

Streets Division

Vehicle Maintenance
Division

Utilities Division

Wastewater Division

Administration Division

Questions about the program?

Contact Maura Montalvo, at
mmontalvo@wooddale.com or
(630) 787-3738.



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Wood Dale, IL 60191
www.wooddale.com/police

Non-Emergency:
630-766-2060

Chief of Police
Chris Zito

Deputy Chief
Chris Banaszynski



Congratulations
on your recent
retirement,

**COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER
JENIFFER KNIGHT**

Served in Wood Dale from March 2, 2002 — December 18, 2024



REMINDER

IT IS UNLAWFUL TO:

- PARK A VEHICLE ON ANY UNPLOWED STREET WITHIN 24 HOURS AFTER A SNOWFALL OF 2" OR MORE.
- PARK WITH ANY PORTION OF A VEHICLE EXTENDING OVER A SIDEWALK BETWEEN 6:00 AM AND 9:00 PM.
- PARK ON A PUBLIC STREET BETWEEN 2:00 AM - 6:00 AM.*

*PERMISSION MAY BE GRANTED FOR UP TO 5 NIGHTS PER MONTH, PER RESIDENCE.
VISIT WWW.FRONTLINEPSS.COM/WOODDALE OR SCAN THE QR CODE.



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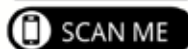
**PARKING VIOLATIONS ARE SUBJECT
TO A \$40 CITATION.**

WOOD DALE POLICE CITIZEN SATISFACTION SURVEY

In a continuing effort to improve our service to the citizens of Wood Dale, we would like your help. Please take a few minutes to complete the Wood Dale Police Department Satisfaction Survey by scanning the QR code.

**YOUR INFORMATION WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL.
WE APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE!**

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AT (630) 766-2060.



LOCK YOUR VEHICLES

DON'T BECOME A VICTIM



REMINDER



Throughout the year, the Police Department continues to handle numerous calls for burglaries involving unlocked vehicles. We want to encourage all residents to **LOCK YOUR VEHICLES**, even if you plan to return to the car within a brief period. Additionally, do not leave wallets, purses, or cell phones, as these can tempt criminals.

As always, please don't hesitate to dial **9-1-1** if you notice ANY suspicious activity.



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Wood Dale, IL 60191 • wdfd.org

Non-Emergency: 630.766.1147
Fax: 630.766.7156

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

2024 YEAR IN REVIEW

2024 was another great year of serving Wood Dale residents and community.

RETIREMENTS, ANNIVERSARIES & EMPLOYMENT

- » Long time Trustee Ric Lindahl retired from his position in May, prompting the promotion of Commissioner Thomas Flanagan to Trustee.
- » Retired WDFPD Battalion Chief Jeffery Stanek then filled the open Commissioner position.
- » Trustee Flanagan and Commissioner Stanek have a combined 70 years of service to the WDFPD.
- » The WDFPD also welcomed a new candidate firefighter / paramedic Marissa Chartier in August of 2024.

EMERGENCY RESPONSES & TRAINING

The department responded to 2,300 emergencies in 2024, which included 35 structure fires. In addition to emergency response, the department logged 13,792 training hours. This included 2 weeks of acquired structure live fire training in the former Mohawk Manor subdivision.

2,300
emergencies responded to

13,792
training hours logged

Some additional highlights of 2024's training accomplishments:

- » FF/PM Zachary Wright, Oliver Mayapis, and Nicholas Carollo all completed the 4-week Illinois State Fire Marshall Basic Fire Officer program.
- » FF/PM Steven Stanek and Nicholas Carollo traveled to Pueblo, Colorado to attend a Department of Homeland Security / FEMA Highway Emergency Response Specialist training.

IN THE COMMUNITY

Beyond emergency scenes and the training ground, the WDFPD had an amazing year within the community. Our members participated in numerous community events, educating and interacting with our residents. Our members spent a total of 370 hours dedicated to public education. In addition, FF/PM Oliver Mayapis also served as a paramedic preceptor for the Northwest Community Hospital paramedic program. FF/PM Mayapis's hard work and dedication helped an aspiring firefighter / paramedic graduate the NWCH PM program and pass the National Registry Paramedic licensure examination.

370
hours of public education

APRIL
Distracted Driving Awareness Month
an nsc initiative

Every day, at least 8 people are killed in an accident caused by distracted driving: that's almost 3,000 deaths per year. To bring awareness to the dangers of being preoccupied at the wheel, April is designated as Distracted Driver Awareness month.

Drivers who text are 23 times more likely to be involved in a crash. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) reports that sending or reading a text takes a driver's eyes off the road for 5 seconds, equivalent to driving the length of a football field at 55 mph blindfolded. Teen drivers are particularly at risk, with 42% admitting to texting while driving.

Many Happy Anniversaries!

Happy 20-year Anniversary
Battalion Chief Thomas Bills.

Happy 5-year Anniversary FF/PM
Oliver Mayapis, Carter Sanecki,
and Nicholas Carollo.



**Battalion Chief
Thomas Bills**
20 Years



**FF/PM
Oliver Mayapis**
5 Years



**FF/PM
Carter Sanecki**
5 Years



**FF/PM
Nicholas Carollo**
5 Years

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CENTER

Mrs. Melissa Favata, Principal

**Family Day at ECEC**

In December, ECEC hosted their annual preschool holiday program, where the students' joyful singing filled the hearts of families with festive cheer.

The program was thoughtfully designed to be a simple yet meaningful celebration of the season. The carefully chosen songs allowed every child to participate in a way that suited their individual abilities, whether they were singing, playing an instrument, or simply joining in with the rhythm. This inclusive approach ensured that all the children were engaged and able to contribute to the performance, making the experience even more special for them and their families.



As parents, grandparents, and siblings cheered on the children, it reinforced the sense of community that lies at the heart of ECEC. Our mission is to partner with families and the community, and this event was a perfect example of how we come together to celebrate and support one another.

Beyond the music, the program provided a wonderful opportunity for families to gather, reconnect, and reflect on the year. It was a moment for parents to celebrate their children's growth and accomplishments, share in the joy of the holiday season, and appreciate the strong connections they have with both their children and the school.



This special event beautifully captured the spirit of the holiday season, offering a joyful experience for both the children and their loved ones. It was a heartwarming reminder of the power of community, and the lasting memories created will be cherished for years to come. •

543 N. Wood Dale Rd.**Wood Dale, Illinois****wd7.org****Follow Us on Twitter:** @wdsd_7**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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Todd Cox, Board Vice-President

Aida Miljkovic, Board Secretary

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Araceli Botello, Board Member

David Woods, Board Member

Elitsa Papadopoulos, Board Member

MISSION STATEMENT

We will collaborate with all families to implement high quality instruction and provide engaging learning experiences, empowering each student to reach their full potential, in a safe and supportive environment.

ADMINISTRATION

Dr. John Corbett, Superintendent

Mrs. Elvia Villalobos, Curriculum Director

Dr. Joe Bailey, Business Manager

ECEC DEVELOPMENT SCREENINGS

Screenings for ages 3-5 will be available on the following dates:

Tuesday, May 21, 2024**Wednesday, May 22, 2024**

OAKBROOK SCHOOL

Dr. Theresa Ulrich, Principal



Fall & Winter Engagement & Oakbrook School

Fall and winter have been full of festivities and fun at Oakbrook School. We kicked off November with a visit from Chicago Wolves hockey player Ronan Steeley. Mr. Steeley read to students to emphasize the importance of reading skills. He then made the connection between reading and achieving goals. During the visit, Mr. Steeley also provided time for students to ask questions about hockey and a career in the sport.

In the middle of December, Oakbrook School hosted its annual Holiday Music Program at the Center for the Arts, located in Wood Dale Junior High School. Families were particularly thrilled with very entertaining kindergarten and first grade performances. Students were quite animated, performing gestures as they belted out their holiday spirit through song. As always, the event was well-attended.

Oakbrook School has also encouraged family engagement in creative ways. The staff has planned monthly menus of engaging activities to be done at home, and that did not require social media or screen time. Reduced screen time and social media usage for students is a District 7 goal. Students and their families were able to select from a variety of activities on the menu which allowed them to spend meaningful time together. Participating students earned a small prize for completing a specified number of activities each month while reducing their screen time. The monthly challenges have proven a great success with many families participating.

To complement the challenges, Oakbrook also hosted a Frosty Fest in December. More than 200 attendees enjoyed games, face and arm painting, snacks, and photos with Frosty the Snowman. December closed out with celebrations sponsored by our Oakbrook and Westview PTO. Students, teachers, and parent volunteers had fun celebrating with their children through games, crafts, and educational challenges. •



Arm painting at the Oakbrook Frosty Fest

WESTVIEW SCHOOL

Mr. Alan Buttimer, Principal



Annual "CAP" Program Empowers Students and Families to Remain Safe

For well over 20 years, Wood Dale School District 7 has partnered with the YWCA to provide children with the opportunity to participate in the CAP Program in grades 1 and 4. "CAP" stands for the Child Assault Prevention Project. While the full name can sound intimidating, the statistics around abuse are even more sobering:

The National School Safety Center states:

- 1 in 10 students are regularly attacked verbally or physically by bullies. Elementary school age children are more frequently targeted for bullying by older students.

The National Institute of Child Health & Human Development states:

- Boys are more likely to be bullied than girls.
- Girls are more likely bullied verbally while boys are more likely to be bullied physically.

The Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault states that:

- 1 out of 4 girls and 1 out of 6 boys will be sexually assaulted before they reach the age of 18. Of those, over 85% will be assaulted by someone they know and trust.



Fourth Grade students at Westview School will participate in the annual CAP Program this month, focusing on personal body safety.

The CAP Program includes an age appropriate presentation with all 1st graders at Oakbrook School and 4th graders at Westview School by a trained facilitator from the YWCA, along with classroom teachers who participate in some of the role plays. During the lessons, children learn that their body is their own; the difference

Westview con't.

between good and bad secrets, and what to do if someone they know and trust hurts them. They also help the students to identify a safety network of adults that they can go to if they have any problems or concerns.

In advance of the lessons at each school, we also host a Personal Body Safety Awareness Parent Information Night. In order to maximize attendance, we provide dinner and childcare for families, with the goal of informing and empowering parents on ways to protect children from potential abuse and how to respond if they suspect their child to have been abused. During the parent presentation, the YWCA facilitators explain the CAP program to parents and even demonstrate some of the scenarios that they role play for students.

This annual program is one way in which Wood Dale School District 7 fulfills our mission: 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. •

We're Hiring!

2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR



Substitute Teachers & Paraprofessionals (Grades Pre K-8)

**Wood Dale School District 7
is now accepting applications.**

Please visit our website & apply online:

www.wd7.org or call 630-595-9510.

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

WOOD DALE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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



Winter Activities in Full Swing at the Junior High!

The Wood Dale Junior High students enjoyed a winter season full of exciting activities. For the first time, students competed in the Lake Park Boys Basketball Tournament, which included teams from neighboring school districts and was held at Lake Park West High School. Students from both the 7th and 8th grade teams participated, led by their coaches, Mr. Vince Esposito and Ms. Nicole Martinez. Both teams played well, and the 7th grade team defeated Roselle Middle School 49-39.

In addition to the boys basketball team participating in the tournament, the junior high cheerleading team, led by Mrs. Rachel Weichenhain, performed for the first time in Cheer Xplosion 2025 at Medinah Middle School. This cheer competition included cheer teams from neighboring middle schools to crown a conference champion. The cheer team, which includes twenty-one 6th, 7th, and 8th graders, practiced for nearly two months to prepare for the competition.

We also had students participating in activities outside of the area of athletics. The Future City team led by Mr. Dan West, participated



Advisory at the Junior High in Action

for the 8th consecutive year in the Illinois Future City Competition. Future City aims to have students create a model that meets all the requirements to be a self-sustaining city while meeting different judges' criteria, including a question-and-answer session and presentation. This year, the event took place at Elmhurst College. This competition was

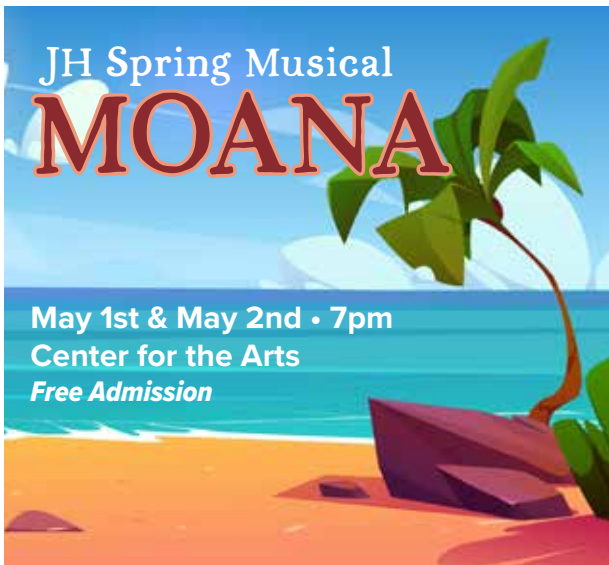
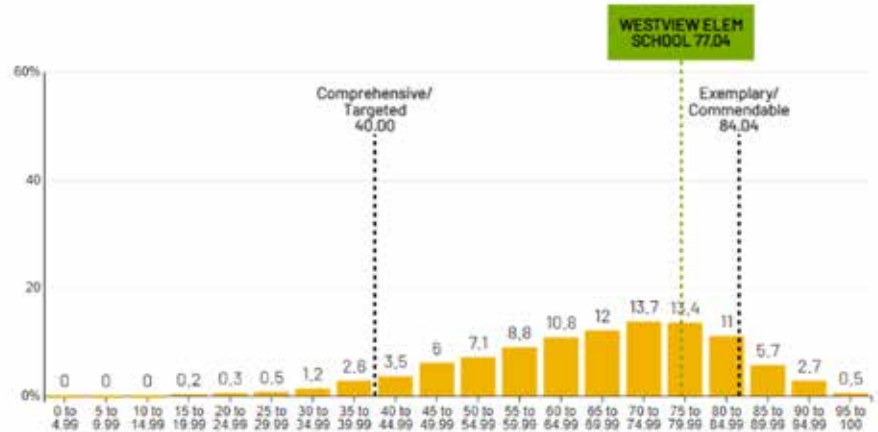
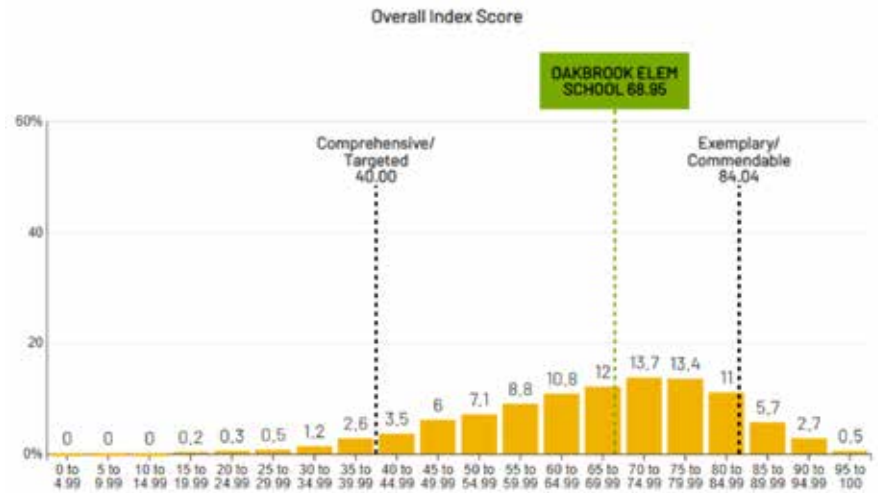
an excellent opportunity for the participating students to learn new concepts related to science, technology, engineering, and math. Winning teams have the opportunity to attend a special dinner and possibly go to Washington, D.C., and participate in the national competition. Final results will be announced soon! •

District 7 Students Show Gains in Reading & Math Scores

On the 2024 Illinois State Report card District 7 students posted an impressive 10% increase in reading achievement and a 5% increase in math achievement over the 2023 scores. Additionally, each year all Illinois school districts receive one of five summative designations, which are based on multiple measures. The five designations are: *Exemplary*, *Commendable*, *Targeted*, *Comprehensive* & *Intensive Support*. All District 7 schools were rated as **"Commendable"** in 2024 by the State Board of Education. A Commendable rating means our schools have no student groups underperforming on indicators chosen by the State. As shown on these charts, all three of our elementary schools have high commendable ratings and are nearing the designation of **"Exemplary."** The ongoing success of our students is due to their hard work as well as our teachers, families, and administrators. As we enter the 2025 assessment period we are looking forward to continued academic growth for our students.



Written by:
Dr. John Corbett,
Superintendent



CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 28

- Teacher Professional Development —NO SCHOOL

MARCH 6

- JH PTO Meeting 6:30pm

MARCH 11

- OB/WV PTO Meeting @ WV 6:30pm

MARCH 18

- Multilingual Parent Advisory Committee Meeting @ WD Public Library 6-7pm

MARCH 20

- School Board Meeting 7pm

MARCH 31-APRIL 4

- Spring Break

APRIL 1

- Election Day - NO SCHOOL

APRIL 7

- Classes Resume

APRIL 17

- School Board Meeting 7pm

APRIL 18

- Good Friday - NO SCHOOL

Dear Fenton School Community,

Believe it or not we are in the home stretch of the 2024-2025 school year. Our Class of 2025 families should mark their calendar for our Commencement Ceremony on May 22. This will be a weekday, so please plan accordingly.

We already had more than a dozen early graduates who finished a full semester early and were celebrated in December. That's impressive!

As you'll see in the rest of my update below, we have been busy with foundational work important to our students' futures. Plus, we've taken the first step to transitioning our Blackhawk and Wood Dale 8th graders into Fenton.

Future Ready Fenton Day

Our school implemented a new all-day, school-wide event called Future Ready Fenton Day on February 5 that was designed to support all our students and prepare them for success.

We accommodated all students taking the mandated ACCESS and Pre-ACT tests by dedicating the entire building to one day of testing. Meanwhile freshmen visited various local colleges and universities and sophomores went on Career Exploration Field Trips to places similar to areas of interest. Seniors focused on finishing their Community Service Graduation requirements by contributing to good causes throughout Bensenville and Wood Dale.

This was an exciting opportunity to put our students in the best position to succeed. Thinking about life after high school and taking the appropriate steps in the meantime are important objectives for every student.

Thank you to our staff, students, the college admissions liaisons, and our local business community for making this happen.



Rising Freshmen

We were excited to host our future students in the Class of 2029 for the first time on January 16th, as they enjoyed incredible performances from our Cheer Squad, Dance Force, and Swing Choir during Interim Principal Kate Ward's welcome remarks.

The Class of 2029 also browsed endless tables featuring clubs, athletics, and elective courses to choose from. Meeting coaches, teachers, and other students is a big deal for these rising stars.

Special breakout sessions were available with more detailed information on Career Pathways, extracurricular athletics and activities, student supports, grading and curriculum, Padres Unidos, and a general Q & A forum.

Thank you to all the families that took time out of their week to visit our great school. Please watch for more information about the transition process.

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

Sam Bentsen, Ed.D.
Interim
Superintendent



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School District 100**

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Students boarding a plane on a career field trip.

See Tomorrow's Business Leaders at INCubator Pitch Night

Fenton's new INCubator program is hosting its inaugural Pitch Night on May 8th from 6:30 to 9 p.m. in the Fenton Auditorium. The evening will closely resemble the hit TV show Shark Tank, with real money going toward real business ideas.

Students in the full year Entrepreneurship class (also known as INCubator) have the opportunity to create and fully develop their own product or service and incorporate it into a real-world business they own. Guided by real-world entrepreneurs and local industry-leading mentors, students experience the full range of business operations, including ideation, research, marketing, accounting, human resources, as well as the legal aspects of running a business.

The course culminates in Pitch Night, where student teams present their innovative ideas to a panel of professionals, with the chance to secure funding from Fenton's Incubator donations and bring their business plans to life. This process not only sparks creativity but also equips students with practical skills and experience to pursue entrepreneurial ventures in the real world.



Thank you to the Bensenville Youth Coalition, Bensenville Community Foundation, Fenton alumni Jimmy Ochoa at the Bensenville UPS Store, and multiple anonymous donors who donated seed money to the Pitch Night investment fund.

The public is invited to watch our students' present their business ideas to a panel of professionals. These are tomorrow's business leaders. Please consider attending and encouraging them!

Fenton's Dance Force Takes 15th Place at State

Congratulations to the Fenton Dance Force team for qualifying to the February 1 IHSA Dance State Finals, where they eventually placed 15th overall. This was Dance Force's first trip to state in five years.

Their outer space-themed routine earned them a 2nd place at the Sectionals Tournament held at Maine Township one week earlier.

Dance Force also took first place in the hip hop division of the Illinois Drill Team Association (IDTA) regional competition, earning them a trip to the IDTA State Finals later this year.



Bus Drivers Wanted

Bus drivers are among the unsung heroes of all schools. They're the first person students see on their way to school and the last school employee students see before they get home. Our bus drivers are here early in the morning on the weekends supporting our students while on their way to competitions, they cheer on the Mighty Bison during away games, and celebrate with our students on the way home.

We are seeking a few more drivers to join our phenomenal team. Community members can get a \$500 referral prize if they recommend a bus driver who gets hired. Staff members can get a \$600 bonus if they recommend a bus driver who gets hired.

Bus drivers can earn \$26.64 per hour part-time with a guarantee of four hours per day and good driver bonuses each semester. New hires



are eligible for a \$3,000 signing bonus after completing one year. Visit www.fenton100.org for more information and to apply.



Fenton Music Student Performs in ILMEA All-State Honors Choir

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

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

While being recognized by the Fenton Board of Education, Jan gave a special thank you to his parents for supporting his passion for music.

Congratulations to Jan, his family, and Choir Director Serey Williams for all the hard work!

Music Department Fundraiser Matches Tasty Spaghetti with Endless Student Performances

Fenton's annual Spaghetti With a Song public event is 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 9th. All proceeds benefit the Fenton Music Boosters and the Fenton Music Programs.

Enjoy a plate of spaghetti while listening to a variety of student performances. Our students always enjoy a live audience! This is open to the public, whether you have children at our school or not.

Tickets are \$10 if purchased in advance or \$12 at the door. Bring extra cash if you enjoy the thrill of entering raffles — this event typically has upwards of 20 different raffle prizes ranging from parking passes, to Prom tickets, to vouchers for expensive dinners.

Contact the Music Boosters at fhsmusicboosters.president@gmail.com if you have any questions.

You can also mark your calendars for the final formal concerts of the 2024 - 2025 school year. The Spring Choir Concert is at 7 p.m. on May 5, while the Spring Band Concert is at 7 p.m. on May 8.



SPRING MUSICAL 'YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, CHARLIE BROWN'

Fenton High School's Theater Department presents "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" for its annual Spring Musical this April.

"You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" is based on the hit cartoon from Charles M. Schulz and the 1967 Broadway musical, which was remade in 1999. Charlie Brown and the Peanuts gang explore life's great questions while exploring hobbies, fumbling through homework, obsessing over crushes, celebrating friendship, and of course...singing.

Show dates are scheduled for April 24, 25 and 26. Senior Citizens are invited to a free seniors matinee show at 1 p.m. on April 26. 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. These performances are open to the public, whether you have children at our school or not.

Thursday, April 24 at 7 p.m.

Friday, April 25 at 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 26 at 1 p.m. AND 7 p.m.



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Join the Wood Dale-Addison SHARKS SWIM TEAM!

Registration Opens
April 1, 2025!



Make a splash this summer with the Sharks! The Sharks Swim Team is open to participants ages 5 years through high school. If you can swim one lap of the pool, you can join! The Swim Team meets for eight weeks for practices, home and away meets, and team events. The Sharks Swim Team complies with the DuPage Swim and Dive Conference regulations. Registration can be done online or in-person at the Wood Dale Park District Recreation Complex.

Register through the Wood Dale Park District.

2025 POOL PASS ON SALE STARTING APRIL 1!

Dive into summer with our exclusive pool pass holder gift. Receive a complimentary drawstring bag when you purchase your 2025 Pool Pass (while supplies last).

Pool passes can be purchased online or in-person. All patrons must visit the Recreation Complex Front Desk (111 E. Foster Ave) to take a photo and receive the physical pass.

Unleash Fun in the Sun at Summer Camp!

REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 1!

Receive \$10 off each week of camp when you register before April 30.

FREE EVENT
ALL AGES WELCOME

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

**SATURDAY, APRIL 19
11:00AM-1:00PM**

Celebrate Earth Day at White Oaks Park with a FREE family friendly celebration filled with interactive activities, giveaways, and education to deepen your connection with our planet Earth.

White Oaks Park 111 S. Wood Dale Rd

YOUTH SPRING SOCCER LEAGUE

Important Dates and Information:

Early Bird Deadline: March 10
Registration Deadline: March 17
Practices Begin: Week of March 31
Games Begin: April 12
Picture Day: TBD

\$75 R/ \$85 NR - Early Bird Registration
\$85 R/ \$95 NR - Regular Registration
\$27 - Uniforms

Registration must be completed in-person
Registration fee does not include uniform for new player

Players who have previously enrolled in the Wood Dale Park District soccer program and purchased a jersey in Spring or Fall 2024, can reuse the same jersey and do not need to purchase a new one.

LIL' SLUGGERS T-BALL

SIGN-UP INFORMATION

Registration Deadline: April 11
Practices Begin: Week of April 21
Games Begin: May 3
Fee: \$75 R / \$85 NR
Ages: 4-6 years
Code: 22110T

Registration can be done online at wdparks.org or in person at the Recreation Complex.

SOFTBALL



BASEBALL

Practices will be held twice a week at Community Park, day/time based on coaches availability. Time and location of games will be determined by league schedules. Parents are responsible for transporting your child to and from games and practices.

COACH PITCH (7-8 YEARS):	\$125	22100B	8U (7-8 YEARS):	\$125	22100B
MINOR (9-10 YEARS):	\$155	22101B	10U (9-10 YEARS):	\$155	22101B
MAJOR (11-12 YEARS):	\$175	22102B	12U (11-12 YEARS):	\$175	22102B
PONY (13-14 YEARS):	\$195	22103B	14U (13-14 YEARS):	\$195	22103B

IMPORTANT DATES:

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:	MARCH 17
PRACTICES BEGIN:	WEEK OF APRIL 7
GAMES BEGIN:	APRIL 19 (DATE/TIME TBD)
LEAGUE PLAYOFFS:	TBA IN JUNE

JOIN THE TEAM!

Summer positions available for the Beach Waterpark and Summer Camp.

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Sunday:	10:00am - 9:00pm

Day	Time	Rate	Time	Rate
Mon	11am-5pm	\$20/hour	5pm-Close	\$29/hour
Tue	11am-5pm	\$20/hour	5pm-Close	\$29/hour
Wed	11am-5pm	\$25/hour	5pm-Close	\$34/hour
Thu	11am-5pm	\$25/hour	5pm-Close	\$34/hour
Fri	10am-5pm	\$25/hour	5pm-Close	\$39/hour
Sat	10am-5pm	\$33/hour	5pm-Close	\$39/hour
Sun	10am-5pm	\$33/hour	5pm-Close	\$39/hour

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Individual Stroke Play Event
Open to all ages and skill levels

\$45 per person

SATURDAY, APRIL 12
12:00 PM SHOTGUN START

EACH HOLE IS A PAR 3!
INDIVIDUAL STROKE PLAY
NO HANDICAP NEEDED
CLOSEST-TO-PIN CONTEST

- This fun 9-hole event will be followed by lunch and awards including a Green Jacket Presentation.
- Flights will be determined by the number of participants and final scores.

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Sage Creek Golf Club



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Unless otherwise noted, all adult events are held in person at the Library, free of charge, and require registration. Please stop by, visit wooddalelibrary.org/events, or call us at (630) 766-6762 to register. Registration opens **Mon, Mar 3 at 10am** for programs with this symbol * next to the title. **Wood Dale Public Library cardholder-only registration opens March 3 for Wood Dale Public Library cardholders and March 11 at 10am for everyone else.**

GET THOSE GARDENS GOING!

Spring Planting with Native Plants

Thu, Mar 13 | 7-8pm

Learn how to create a thriving garden using native plants that support local wildlife and conserve water.

Attracting Birds & Butterflies to Your Garden

Thu, Mar 27 | 7-8pm

Discover how to turn your outdoor space into an oasis for birds and butterflies! Presented by the Conservation Foundation.

Designing Your Pollinator Garden

Thu, Apr 10 | 7-8pm

Join us for an interactive workshop where you'll be inspired to design your very own pollinator garden! Presented by the Conservation Foundation.

Spring Basket *

Thu, Apr 17 | 7-9pm

Create a dazzling Spring fresh flower arrangement. Supply costs for this program is \$30, payable at the time of the event with cash or a check made out to Garvin Gardens.



Your Wood Dale Public Library card just became more valuable *than ever!*



No printer at home? The Library has you covered. Wood Dale Public Library cardholders now receive \$10 of free printing each year. There's no cash value as the \$10 can only be used for printing. Unused funds do not roll over, and the \$10 will be added to your card every year on January 1. To take advantage of this service, you must use your Wood Dale Public Library card when logging into a computer or when using the ePrint-it to print from a mobile device or remotely.

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Visit wooddalelibrary.org to learn more about printing, including how to send your print jobs from home and from a mobile device.

**Congressman Raja
Krishnamoorthi Office Hours**
First Wednesday of Every Month
10am-1pm

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

Wood Carving Meetup
Mondays, Mar 3, 17, Apr 4, 21
6:30-8:30pm

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

**Thursday Mix: Envelope
Journaling Workshop**

Join us for a new mix of coffee, conversation, and engaging programming every other month on Thursday afternoons, aimed at adults over 55. Come between 1-1:30pm for light refreshments and conversation, then stay for a fun event starting at 1:30pm.

Thu, Mar 13 | 1-3pm

Make journals using envelopes and other recycled materials, then decorate using various art supplies with instructor Maryanne Kyle-DiPietropaolo.

Adult Crafting & Social Circle
Fridays, Mar 14, Apr 11 | 11am-12:30pm
Join us for a monthly crafting circle where you can bring your materials, spend time working on your needlework, crocheting, quilting, knitting, etc., and socialize with other crafty people.

Excel Basics with Ann Stovall
Wed, Mar 19 | 6:30-7:30pm

Learn the fundamentals of Microsoft Excel to create spreadsheets with ease for your everyday needs.

Red Cross Blood Drive
Thu, Mar 27 | 12-5pm

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

Homebuying & Mortgage Loans
Mon, Apr 14 | 7-8pm

Wood Dale Bank Mortgage Officer Rick Tayfel will discuss mortgages for first time home buyers and current homeowners unsure of a good time to refinance.

TAKE AND...

Please note, due to their continued popularity, programs under the "Take and..." section require registration with a Wood Dale Public Library card beginning Mon, Mar 3 at 10am and are limited to one per household. If space is available, registration without a Wood Dale Public Library card will open on March 11.

**Take & Make: Spring Flower
Hanger** *

Pick up beginning Mon, Mar 17

Create a decorative hanger for spring flowers. Pick up your supplies, then follow along with the instructions provided.

**Spice Club: Lemon Pepper
Seasoning** *

Pick up begins Mon, Mar 17 at 10am

Spice up your life every other month with a Take & Make spice kit. Each kit will contain information about the spice, recipes, book recommendations, and a packet of the spice.

Take & Plant: Pollinator Garden *

Pick up begins Mon, Apr 21 at 10am

Celebrate Earth Day by starting a pollinator garden from seed!

CELEBRATING



Traditional Mexican Churros *

Sat, Apr 26 | 2-3pm
Chef Violeta Truque, originally from Veracruz, Mexico, will demonstrate how to prepare traditional churros with a spicy chocolate and vanilla dip. Samples and recipes provided! Wood Dale Public Library cardholder-only registration.

**Nichos de Hojalata
(Mexican Tin Artwork)**

Tue, Apr 29 | 6:30-7:30pm

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with the Library by learning how to create embossed Mexican Tin Artwork. *Este Cinco de Mayo, crea un nicho de hojalata con nosotros. En nuestro taller, aprenderás la técnica de repujado para diseñar y personalizar un nicho muy especial.*

Mariachi Ameca Performance

Thu, May 1 | 7-8pm
Enjoy a festive evening of traditional mariachi music by Mariachi Ameca. Light refreshments will be available.

Margarita Mixing *

Fri, May 2 | 7-8pm

Learn to make tantalizing margarita mixes with Marcy from Backyard Patch Herbs. Recipes and margarita tasting included. Please bring your ID as this is a 21+ only event. Wood Dale Public Library cardholder-only registration.

Spotlight on Julia Child



Julia Child: A Portrayal

Mon, Mar 3 | 7-8pm

Leslie Goddard will portray the legendary cookbook author, television star, and champion of French cooking and discuss everything from her relationship with her husband to the mishaps on television.

Cooking with Chef Dave: Julia Child's Favorites *

Tue, Mar 25 | 7-8pm

Chef Dave Esau returns to the roots of cooking with Julia's recipes and basic techniques. Samples and recipes included. Wood Dale Public Library cardholder-only registration.

Take & Bake: Julia Child's Queen of Sheba Cake *

Pick up begins Mon, Mar 17 at 10am

Learn to make Julia's iconic chocolate almond cake. Pick up supplies (except perishables), then follow along with the provided recipe. *Registration with a Wood Dale Public Library card required beginning Mon, Mar 3 at 10am and is limited to one per household.*

Nonfiction Readers' Club

Thu, Mar 20 | 6:30-7pm

Join other nonfiction enthusiasts for engaging discussions about history, science, memoirs and everything in between!



The Secret War of Julia Child: Virtual Author Visit

Thu, Mar 20 | 7-8pm

Author Diana R. Chambers will join us for a discussion of her historical novel about Julia Child working in Asia during World War II, revealing how the war made her into the icon we know now.

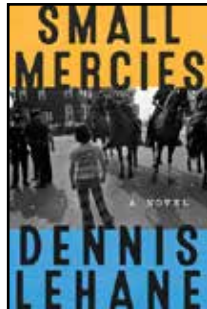
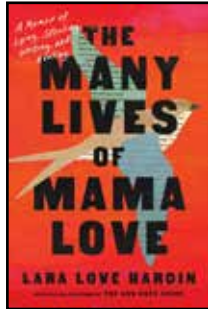


Can't make it to a program you've registered for?

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

BOOK CLUBS

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



Book Club Express

At Wood Dale Target Starbucks
on Irving Park Road

Wednesdays, Mar 19, Apr 16 | 7-8pm

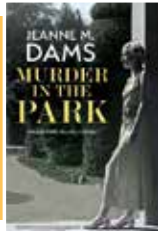
Meet at the Target Starbucks in Wood Dale to chat about popular books with this informal book group.

Nonfiction Readers' Club

Thu, Mar 20 | 6:30-7pm

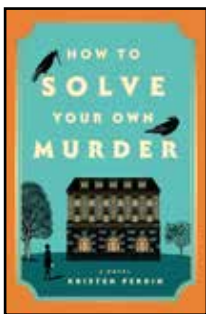
Thu, Apr 17 | 7-8pm

Join other nonfiction enthusiasts for engaging discussions about history, science, memoirs and everything in between! The Nonfiction Readers' Club meets on the third Thursday of each month.



Program Preview:
Mystery Lovers' Book Club
Tue, May 6 | 7-8pm

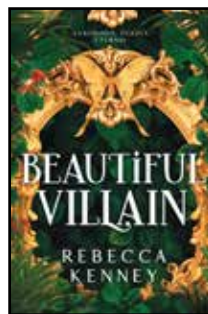
Save the date for author Jeanne M. Dams who will join us virtually for a discussion of her novel *Murder in the Park*.



Mystery Lovers' Book Club

Tue, Apr 8 | 7-8pm

We read all types of mysteries, from classic "whodunnits" to cozies and professional detective novels.



Not Your Mother's Book Club

Thu, Apr 14 | 7-8pm

Join our romance book club where we'll read different romance genres. If it has a Happily Ever After, it's fair game. Children are welcome to play or partake in an activity while we discuss.



Klub Książki - Polish Book Club

Tue, Apr 15 | 7-9pm

Art Gallery Kafe (127 Front St.)

Klub Książki spotyka się w Art Gallery Kafe. Książki będą omawiane w języku polskim. Polish Book Club meets at the Art Gallery Kafe. Books will be discussed in the Polish Language.

YOUTH & TEEN WORKSHOPS & EVENTS

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

Early Learning & Preschool Fun

Let's have fun and learn together with storytime! It's a cool way for little ones to discover new words and skills. Kids get the scoop on everyday stuff, like shapes and colors, all while picking up motor, listening, and social skills. And guess what? Storytimes aren't just educational, they're a blast! We've got songs, movement, fingerplays, and more. Jump into your child's literacy journey with our free, Librarian-led storytimes. For the most beneficial early learning experience, we encourage parents and caregivers to participate in storytimes with their children. Children ages 0-3 need to have a caregiver with them at all times.

STEAM Tots

3-5 years with a caregiver

Mondays | 11-11:45am

Mar 3: Building

Mar 17: St. Patrick's Day

Apr 7: Fairy Tales

Apr 21: Spring

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



Yoga Adventure Jr.

3-5 years

Mondays, Mar 10, 24, Apr 14, 28

10:30-11am

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



Adventures in Art!

3-5 years with a caregiver

Tuesdays, Mar 11, 25, Apr 8, 22

11-11:45am

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



Polish Storytime

3-7 years

Tuesdays, Mar 11, Apr 8 | 6-6:30pm

Enjoy this fun storytime in Polish. Stay and play when the storytime is finished.

Toddler Time

0-4 years with a caregiver

Wednesdays, Mar 12, 19, 26, Apr 9, 16, 23

10:30-11am

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

Preschool Storytime

3-6 years with a caregiver

Thursdays, Mar 13, 20, 27, Apr 17, 24

11-11:45am

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

Supported Storytime

3-7 years with a caregiver

Saturdays, Mar 22, Apr 26 | 11-11:30am

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

Sensory Saturday!

3-7 years with a caregiver Saturdays,

Mar 22, Apr 26 | 11:30am-3:30pm

This accessible play time is designed to provide an inclusive, supportive environment for children of all abilities and their families! We will have several sensory stations to explore and enjoy together.

1000 Books Before Kindergarten



Early literacy is important for families who want to help their children get ready to learn in Kindergarten. Wood Dale Public Library wants to help with this vital family project. This program is designed for children from birth to their first day of kindergarten. We invite families to spend time together outside the Library fostering a love of reading while gaining the valuable pre-literacy skills that are so essential to reading success. Register and receive your first reading packet, including your first 100-book log. We have paper logs or you can log on to Beanstack, our online reading program app.

Fairy Tale Ball

3-5 years with a caregiver

Thu, Apr 10 | 11am-12pm

Come big, come small to the Fairytale Ball! Join us as we read, dance, and play games based on our favorite fairy tale characters. We will end with a fairytale parade through the library. Costumes are encouraged but not required.

Kids & Families



STEAM Lab

6-11 years

Wednesdays | 4:30-5:15pm

Mar 5: Electricity

Apr 16: Egg Drop Challenge

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

Family Game Night

5 years and up with a caregiver

Thursdays, Mar 6, Apr 3 | 6-6:45pm

Play a favorite game or learn a new game as a family. You are welcome to stay as long or as little as you would like.

Mario Kart Party

7-14 years old

Mon, Mar 10 | 4-6pm

Play Mario Kart and watch as friends compete against each other.



Yoga Adventure

6-9 years old

Thu, Mar 13 | 6-6:45pm

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

Crafternoon

6-11 years

Wednesdays | 4:30-5:15pm

Mar 19: Spring Terrariums

Apr 30: Suncatchers

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

Family STEAM Night

5 years and up with a caregiver

Thursdays, Mar 20, Apr 17 | 6-6:45pm

Try out some fun STEAM activities as a family. You are welcome to stay as long or as little as you would like.

Family Arts & Crafts Night

5 years and up with a caregiver

Thursdays, Mar 27, Apr 24

6-6:45pm

Make some creative crafts as a family. You are welcome to stay as long or as little as you would like.



Doodle Time!

6-14 years old

Sat, Mar 29 | 2-4pm

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

Build It!

5-12 years old

Mon, Mar 31 | 11am-12pm

Put on your hard hats and get ready to build with us! Stay as long or as little as you want as we build with different materials.

VR Games

10-14 years old

Tue, Apr 1 | 3:30-4:30pm

Strap on your headsets and join us in virtual reality! Play games using our VR headsets.

Tent Night

5 years and up with a caregiver

Thu, Apr 10 | 6-7:30pm

Celebrate National Library Week with a family night of reading in a "tent" you build in the Library! Please bring your own sheets, blankets, and pillows.

Nichos de Hojalata (Mexican Tin Artwork)

All ages

Tue, Apr 29 | 6:30-7:30pm

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with the Library by learning how to create embossed Mexican Tin Artwork.

Este Cinco de Mayo, crea un nicho de hojalata con nosotros. En nuestro taller, aprenderás la técnica de repujado para diseñar y personalizar un nicho muy especial.

Teens & Tweens

Wacky Wednesday 11-14 years old

Wednesdays, Mar 12, 26, Apr 9, 23 | 2:30-4pm

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

Teen Stained Glass Windows 11-16 years old

Sat, Mar 8 | 1-2pm

Make some stained glass windows using only crayons and paper!

Teen Escape Room 11-16 years old

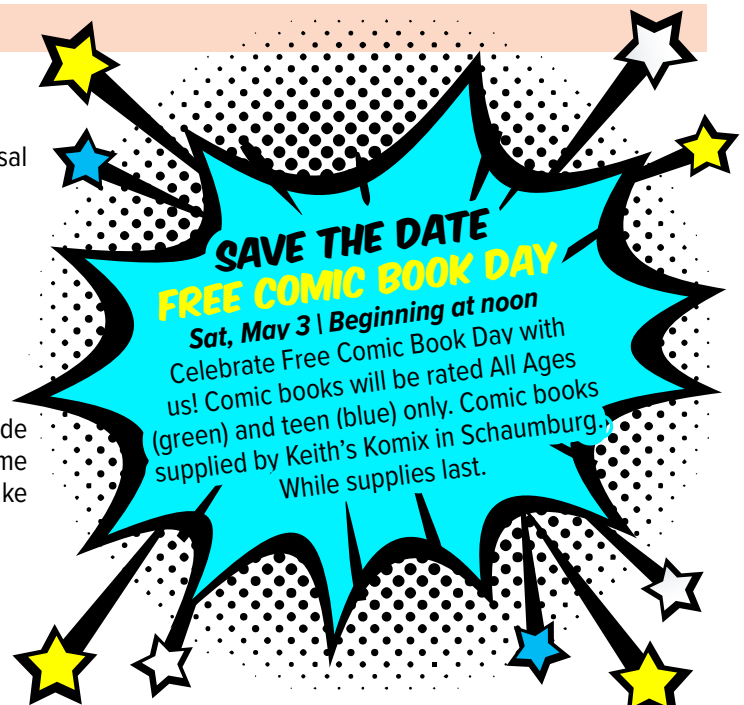
Wed, Apr 2 | 4:15-5:15pm and 5:30-6:30pm

Try to make it out of our escape rooms! Work with your team to crack the code in one hour or less. If both teams make it out of their rooms with enough time left over, you can try your hand at the second room. Spots are limited so make sure you and your friends sign up for your preferred time slot.

Kahoot with Friends 11-16 years old

Sat, Apr 12 | 1-2pm

Test your knowledge and play Kahoot with friends! A smart device is required to play.



FOOD DRIVE

APRIL 1-30

DROP OFF LOCATIONS

Wood Dale City Hall
404 N. Wood Dale Road

Wood Dale Library
520 N. Wood Dale Road



*CANNED & PACKAGED FOOD ITEMS
ARE ACCEPTED, INCLUDING TOILETRIES!*

*DONATIONS BENEFIT
THE WOOD DALE
FOOD PANTRY*

Community Church
206 N. Wood Dale Road

*BOXED FACIAL TISSUE IS
ALSO BEING COLLECTED!*

LOCAL PHONE NUMBERS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2	3	4	5	6 Fenton Winter Band Concert 7 pm Fenton High School City Council Meeting 7:30 pm City Hall	7	1
9 Spaghetti with a Song Fundraiser 1 pm Fenton High School Mobile Food Pantry 4-5:30 WSL	10 Mobile Food Pantry 4-5:30 WSL	11 Mobile Food Pantry 4-5:30 WSL	12 Mobile Food Pantry 4-5:30 WSL	13 Committee of the Whole 7:30 pm City Hall	14 Mobile Food Pantry 4-5:30 WSL	15 Mobile Food Pantry 4-5:30 WSL
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23 Mobile Food Pantry 4-5:30 WSL	24 Mobile Food Pantry 4-5:30 WSL	25 Mobile Food Pantry 4-5:30 WSL	26 Fenton Board of Education Meeting 7 pm	27 Red Cross Blood Drive 12-5 pm Wood Dale Public Library Committee of the Whole 7:30 pm City Hall	28	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5

Spring Break — District 7 & Fenton High School NO SCHOOL

APRIL 2025 SPECIAL EVENTS



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6	7 CLASSES RESUME DISTRICT 7 & FENTON	8	9	10 Committee of the Whole 7:30 pm City Hall	11	12 DuPage County River Sweep Day 9 am 272 Charmille Ln.
13	14	15	16	17 District 7 School Board Meeting 7 pm City Council Meeting 7:30 pm City Hall	18 GOOD FRIDAY NO SCHOOL DISTRICT 7 & FENTON	19
20	21	22	23 Fenton Spring Assembly Fenton Board of Education Meeting 7 pm	24 Spring Musical "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" 7 pm Fenton High School Committee of the Whole 7:30 pm City Hall	25 Arbor Day Celebration Time TBD Wood Dale Junior High Spring Musical "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" 7 pm Fenton High School	26 Spring Musical "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" 1 pm & 7 pm Fenton High School
27	28	29	30	1	2	3