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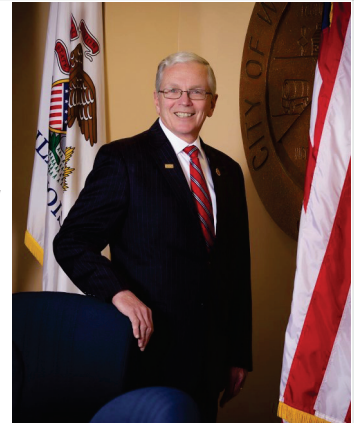
MAYOR'S COLUMN

I think it's time for a short primer on local government. Hold on. Where are you off to? This is important. You can fold those fitted sheets or tackle that stuffed hall closet another time. The sheets can't be done anyway, so forget that. And you don't want to open the door to that closet. You know you don't. Remember how long it took to pack everything in last time? So settle in for a little remote learning, and role model for your kids how you can still successfully learn without a teacher breathing over your shoulder. If you are lucky, there won't be a quiz at the end, but I can't promise that, as I am still writing this, and I haven't decided. So, pay attention.

It's hard for me to remember back to the time before I got immersed in local government, having been involved for nearly a quarter century at this point. But I do remember having a pretty low level awareness of how things worked, who did what, how it all fit together, and who to call if something went wrong or I was (un) happy about something. I remember years ago my Mom told me about calling "The Mayor." I'll bet Vivian's ears still occasionally ring from some of those calls (when Mom felt the need to mount her "high horse," look out!).

In 1995, when our unincorporated area on Forest Lane (then in the books as Connolly Court) was about to be annexed into the City of Warrenville in a way that I found unacceptable, I had no idea where to turn for enlightenment or help. Fortunately, my friend Tim Cosgrove was on the Warrenville Plan Commission, and steered me to Ron Mentzer, the Warrenville staff person who could not only explain how things worked and what was happening, but gave me options for involvement that would increase the likelihood of a desired outcome, for us, and for the community.

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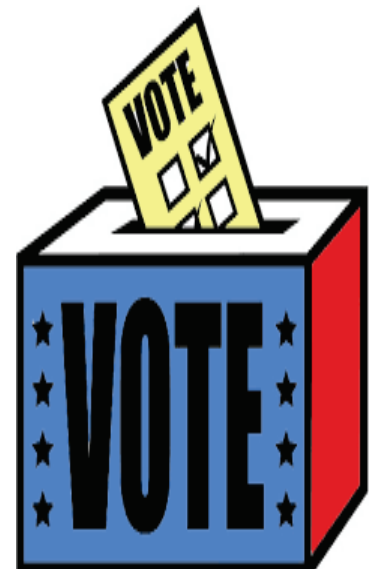
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CITY ELECTION CANDIDATE PACKETS AVAILABLE

Candidate packets for municipal offices to be elected at the April 6, 2021 Consolidated Election are now available at City Hall, 3S258 Manning Avenue entrance, and on the City website at www.warrenville.il.us/322/Elections. Offices to be elected include: City Mayor, Treasurer, Clerk, and one Alderman from each of Ward 1, 2, 3, and 4. Each office is to serve a four year term expiring April 30, 2025.

Nominating petitions and related documents will be accepted at City Hall, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. weekdays December 14-21, 2020. Interested candidates can find more information on the DuPage County Elections Division website at www.dupageco.org/election/. or the Illinois State Board of Elections website at www.elections.il.gov.





Fall Fest Boo to You Parade

Due to current guidelines set forth by the State of Illinois and the Illinois Department of Public Health, the Warrenville Park District has made the difficult decision to cancel our traditional Fall Fest on Friday, October 30, 2020.

We would still like to celebrate fall this year with our community with our Boo-to-You parade! Families are invited to dress up in their costumes and assemble in their yard. The Warrenville Park District will parade by with costumed characters, candy & music!

We will be following the same parade route as our Summertime Stroll, but in reverse! Please know while we can't make it to each neighborhood in Warrenville, we have made a conscious effort for the parade to travel roads where patrons can gather while social distancing.

Date: Friday, October 30, 2020

Time: Begins at 3:30P

The parade route can be found on our website www.warrenvilleparks.org.

We also invite you to join our I Spy Ghost Hunt from October 27-November 1. The ghosts have invaded our parks and we need your help! Our I Spy Ghost Hunt will take you to each of our Warrenville Park District Parks. Simply register and we will send you our I Spy Ghost Hunt Clue Sheet. Once you find the ghosts and submit your photos, you will be notified to pick-up your Halloween treat. Details can be found on our website www.warrenvilleparks.org.

Project sponsored in part by the City of Warrenville Hotel Tax Fund.

GUIDELINES FOR A SAFE HALLOWEEN

The City of Warrenville encourages residents to follow the Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines for healthy and safe Halloween activities. Many traditional Halloween activities including door-to-door trick-or-treating, can pose a higher risk for spreading the virus that causes COVID-19. Before you celebrate, refer to the CDC website for a list of low, moderate, and high risk activities for Halloween and other fall holiday celebrations at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html.

Remember, during any celebration, wear a mask around people who do not live in your household, wash or sanitize hands frequently, limit contact with shared items and surfaces, and follow CDC guidelines for keeping safe around food and drinks.

Any further updates to these regulations will be posted to the City website and on the City's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/CityOfWarrenville/.

EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to the following employee who is celebrating a milestone anniversary in October:

Marie Lupo

Administrative Assistant — 15 years

Hometown Happenings recognizes employees celebrating milestone 5, 10, 15, 20 or more years of employment.



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FREE BRUSH PICKUP ENDS IN OCTOBER

Refer to the map at right to find out what zone you live in, or visit [www.warrenville.il.us/418/Brush-Pickups-Wood Chips](http://www.warrenville.il.us/418/Brush-Pickups-Wood-Chips) and click on the Brush Pickup Zone Map for more information.

Zone 1 – first Monday of October

Zone 3 – third Monday of October

Zone 2 – second Monday of October

Zone 4 – fourth Monday of October

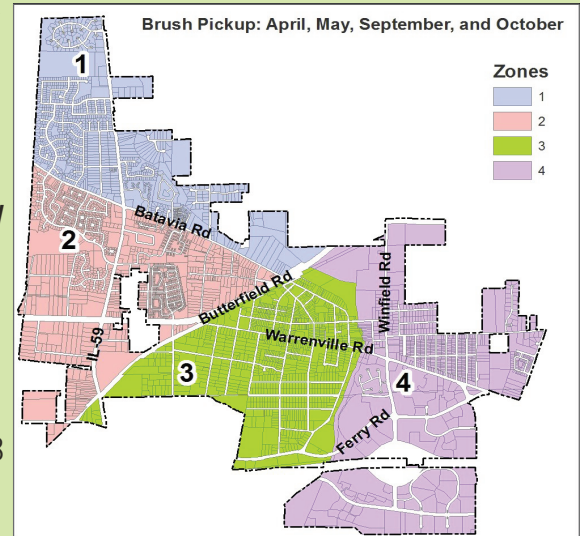
Keep in mind, brush is required to be set out by 7:00 a.m. on the designated Monday, but pickup may occur on a day later in that week.

Check the City website for scheduling updates.

Brush piles must comply with the following:

- Only one pile per address
- Piles can be no greater than 3 feet high, 8 feet deep, 15 feet long
- Branches cannot be longer than 8 feet in length and no more than 8 inches in diameter
- Place branches with the larger cut end toward the street

Brush pickup is limited to branches from trimming and pruning trees, bushes and shrubs, **not tree removal**. Other items such as logs, root balls, stumps, lumber, etc. will NOT be picked up. **Brush piles that do not conform to these standards will not be picked up, and a notice will be left on the front door.** Call Public Works at (630) 393-9050 for more information.



WATER MAIN FLUSHING

Two weeks before Public Works staff begins the fall flush of the water system, the City will switch from using Chloramines to Free Chlorine as the main disinfectant. This brief, scheduled change in disinfectant is a standard industry water treatment practice to prepare the system for water line flushing. A slight chlorine taste and smell to the water may be noticed during this two week period. This is normal and poses no health risk.

As normally occurs during hydrant flushing, water may appear cloudy or discolored, or sediment may be in the water for a short period of time. If this is experienced, open faucets and let the water run until it clears up. The water will be safe to drink during this time even if it may look different.

Hydrant flushing is an absolute necessity in helping the City maintain its system and ensure it is providing safe potable water to its customers. The EPA recommends hydrant flushing be performed twice a year. For more information, see the City webpage www.warrenville.il.us/795/Water-Main-Flushing, or call Public Works at (630) 393-9050.

PRACTICE PROPER LEAF DISPOSAL THIS FALL

Autumn leaves are often blown or swept into streets and storm drains leading to waterways and can become a source of water pollution. Leaves decompose and release phosphorus into the water, which can result in algae blooms and decreased oxygen for fish. Leaves can also build up along curbs, gutters, and storm drains, which block stormwater runoff from entering drainage infrastructure, causing localized flooding during heavy rains. The following tips can help keep excess leaves out of storm sewers and waterways and prevent localized flooding:

- Start a compost pile or add leaves to an existing one. Composted leaves make excellent garden fertilizer
- Use a mulching mower to chop leaves, allowing for decomposition on the lawn, or collect the matter and spread around flowerbeds and shrubs as mulch
- Bag or contain leaves for weekly refuse pickup (only through November 30). This option requires the purchase of yard waste stickers



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Mayor's Column Continued from Front Page

I did get involved, Forest Lane did become annexed to the City of Warrenville, I showed up on Vivian's radar as someone who had potential, I accepted her invitation to be appointed to the Plan Commission, and here we are, nearly 25 years down the road, and my life is changed in ways I could have not imagined. When I was, for the most part, blissfully ignorant of local government, and complacent about what was happening in my community, life was simpler. The easy road. As Steve Goodman observed in one of his songs: "It ain't hard to get along with somebody else's troubles. They don't make you lose any sleep at night." Becoming informed and involved leads to the harder road, the one that requires more from you. Turns out, too, that "somebody else's troubles" are also your own.

So, where was I? Oh, that's right, the primer. Well, I've changed my mind. No primer. Going straight to the quiz that I warned you might be forthcoming. Here we go: There are five taxing districts that have particular, significant impact on, and jurisdiction over, Warrenville. How many can you identify? (Hint: You already know one. If you're upset about something, like Mom, just call The ___.)

Ding! Time's up. If you come up short, or wish to check your answer, the list can be found cleverly hidden elsewhere in this newsletter. Scoring: If you couldn't name any, even with the hint, you get no star. If you got all five, you deserve a citizenship gold star. Somewhere in between and had to look up the answer for a couple? Well, you learned something important today. A citizenship silver star for you! Finally, if you didn't know any, but looked up the answer, you can have a "most improved" citizenship sticker, a good start.



RESIDENTS ENCOURAGED TO ADDRESS MAILBOX MAINTENANCE

Before winter comes, now is a good time to check the condition of your mailbox and complete any necessary repairs. Reinforcing a wobbly post or tightening a fastener may help avoid damage from storms and snow. During a snowstorm, the City's Public Works crew works diligently to remove snow from roadways in a timely manner. Sometimes the snow is so heavy when it comes off the plow, it can damage free standing mailboxes. While the City considers claims for reimbursement of mailbox damage by a City snowplow, residents are encouraged to address mailbox repairs before winter.

OUTDOOR BURNING REGULATIONS

With cooler weather arriving, please keep in mind the following permitted open burning regulations:

- Branches and twigs may be burned as long as they are dry and do not cause a large amount of smoke.
- Recreational fires and small landscape waste fires, in approved containers with a spark arrestor, are permitted up to 2 feet by 2 feet by 2 feet in size, as long as they are no closer than 15 feet to any temporary or permanent structure (including fences, garages, houses, patios, etc.).
- Open burning in a container that is not approved, and still no larger than 2 feet by 2 feet by 2 feet in size, must be located 50 feet from any temporary or permanent structure and must be covered with a spark arrestor.
- Open burning greater than 2 feet by 2 feet by 2 feet in size, requires an open burning permit, which may be obtained at City Hall.
- Open burning greater than 5 feet by 5 feet by 5 feet, is not permitted except for ecological management, and requires an IEPA burning permit.
- Violations of the open burning ordinance may result in a \$75 fine.



Please call the Community Development Department at (630) 393-9050 for more information.

BE SALT SMART THIS WINTER

When temperatures drop and ice forms on our roads and sidewalks, rock salt can be used to deice them. Salting removes ice by lowering the freezing point of water, causing ice to melt even when the temperature is below freezing. However, using salt to deice sidewalks and roads impacts aquatic life across the region. In fact just one teaspoon of salt permanently contaminates five gallons of water!

Here are several steps you can take to be salt smart:

- ◆ Reduce ice formation on your driveway and sidewalk by redirecting any water that flows across them
- ◆ Always shovel before walking or driving on your sidewalks and driveways
- ◆ Only apply salt to areas that need it, and scatter salt so it isn't clumped
- ◆ Sweep up any excess salt to use again later

4 Steps to Be Salt Smart

1

Shovel first.

Clear all snow from driveways and sidewalks before it turns to ice.



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Size up.

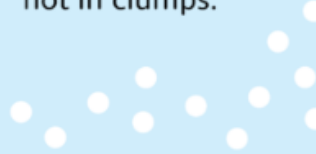
More salt does not mean more melting. A 12-ounce coffee mug of salt should be enough for 500 sq ft of driveway or about 10 sidewalk squares.



3

Spread.

Distribute salt evenly, not in clumps.



4

Switch.

Rock salt stops working if the temperature is below 15 degrees. When temperatures drop that low, switch to a deicer formulated for colder temperatures.




"It shall be the intent and purpose of the Environmental Advisory Commission to help develop educational and informational programs and materials that promote environmental awareness and behavior, as well as to promote and coordinate the City's beautification efforts and to conduct an annual Arbor Day activity in Warrenville."

Styrofoam Recycling

Styrofoam recycling is available to the public at the Dart Container Corporation facility located at 310 Evergreen Drive, North Aurora, IL. The facility is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Collection area is at the front entry.

Please adhere to the following guidelines when using this facility:

- Make sure your foam has the  symbol.
- Please place foam in clear, sealed bags.
- Place packaging foam and food service containers in separate bags.
- Food service containers **MUST** be clean and rinsed.
- No straws, lids, plastic wrap, or trash.
- No packaging peanuts (call 800-828-2214 or go to www.loosefillpackaging.com for drop-off sites).
- No foam insulation.
- Call (630) 896-4631 to schedule large deliveries.



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