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MAYOR'S COLUMN

I am writing this a few days before Christmas, a Christmas unlike any most of us have ever experienced. Whether you celebrate Christmas, another holiday, or one of the many other reasons to gather and celebrate, this time of year is loaded with traditions and practices that we deeply enjoy and eagerly anticipate. Sadly, COVID-19 has made it imprudent to gather in large groups, gatherings that form the core of the holidays. The good news, and thank goodness there is some good news, is that science has provided us with vaccines, which, predictably, should ensure that the celebrations in 2021 will again resemble our traditional holiday season.

Other changes have already begun that will almost certainly mean adjustments going forward, making confident predictions for the immediate future more difficult than ever. Some big things in our lives are in transition, bringing a lengthy and complex adjustment period, as well as obscuring exactly what the "new normal" on the distant horizon will look like.

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CITY HALL AND POLICE DEPARTMENT LOBBY CLOSED



City Hall offices and the Police Department front lobby and Records Division will be closed Thursday, December 24 and Friday, December 25, and again on Thursday, December 31, 2020 and January 1, 2021. Public business hours may change due to COVID-19 mitigation restrictions, so check the City website for updates. For emergency assistance, use the red phone located in the Police Department vestibule, or call 9-1-1. Emergency response will not be affected.

2021 CITY CALENDARS AVAILABLE

Thanks to a generous donation, the City is once again able to provide free community calendars to Warrenville residents and visitors! The theme of this year's calendar, **Warrenville: Once There Was A Tree**, celebrates trees of Warrenville, past and present. Quantities are limited, so only one calendar per family will be permitted.

Stop by City Hall, the Police Department, and Tom's Market (formerly Family Foods) for your copy of this year's community calendar.



TIPS FOR EXTREME WEATHER

BEFORE a winter storm or extreme cold weather hits:

- Gather emergency supplies for work and home
- Winterize your home
- Protect water pipes
- Prepare for isolation in the home
- Prepare the vehicle for the winter

DURING a winter storm or extreme cold weather:

- Stay indoors as much as possible
- Check on the elderly or homebound
- Ensure proper ventilation when using alternative heat from a fireplace or space heater
- Eat to supply heat to the body, and drink fluids to avoid dehydration
- Dress in layers and avoid overexertion when outside
- Watch for signs of frostbite and hypothermia
- Do not travel. If a trip cannot be delayed, consider using public transportation
- Travel during daylight hours and do not travel alone
- Carry a winter storm survival kit, which should contain blankets, a flashlight with extra batteries, first aid kit, knife, high calorie, non-perishable foods, extra clothing, large empty can and plastic cover with tissues and paper towels for sanitary needs, smaller can and waterproof matches to melt snow for drinking water, sack of sand or cat litter, shovel, windshield scraper and brush, tool kit, tow rope, booster cables, water container, compass, and road map.

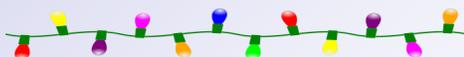
More detailed information can be found on the City's Emergency Management webpage: www.warrenville.il.us/331/Emergency-Management-Agency.

HOLIDAY TREE AND LIGHT RECYCLING

Waste Management will pick up discarded Christmas trees during the first two weeks in January 2021, without stickers on the regular pickup day.

AFTER the second week in January 2021, all trees will be taken as trash and must have a sticker attached. Trees longer than 6 feet in length must be cut in half.

Holiday lights can be recycled at the lower level entrance to the Warrenville Park District at 3S260 Warren Avenue.



NO STREET PARKING AFTER 2" SNOW

City Code 5-3-9 states: No vehicle shall be parked on any street, roadway, or roadway shoulder: 1) for a period of twenty four (24) hours after the accumulation of two inches (2") or more of snow; or 2) until the street or roadway has been cleared of snow.

The Police Department assists the Street Division during any snowfall event that produces two inches of snow or more by enforcing the City's parking ban on streets. The City Code is in place to keep the streets clear for snowplows to efficiently and safely remove snow curb to curb. While the Police Department does not have control over when snowfall will be removed from City streets, it is empowered to ticket and tow vehicles in violation. Towing of vehicles is predicated on various factors, which include the length of time the vehicle was illegally parked and the type of hazard it presents.

SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL

Property owners are encouraged to remove snow and ice from the sidewalk in front of their homes as a neighborly gesture. There are also numerous areas throughout the City where the sidewalk is located in front of common, non-residential property. In these areas, the City encourages the property owners adjacent to these sections of sidewalk to remove the snow and ice.



EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to the following employees who are celebrating a milestone anniversary in January:

Ben Elizarraraz

Public Works Laborer — 15 years

Cassandra McKuras

Police Officer — 5 years

Carlo Romero

Police Detective — 5 years

Dale Engebretson

Chief Code Official — 5 years

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

TOYS FOR TOTS - A SUCCESS!

The 2020 U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots campaign was a huge success thanks to the many generous people who donated. On Friday, December 11th, Police Department personnel loaded up the department "sleigh" and dropped off the toys at the designated DuPage County Marine Corps distribution site. The Police Department would like to express their heartfelt thanks to all of those who helped give area kids in need a wonderful Christmas to remember!



This dog has a license, *does yours?*

Dog owners and keepers within the City are required to have dogs licensed and provide proof of Rabies vaccination.

Dog licenses are available at City Hall and the Police Dept.



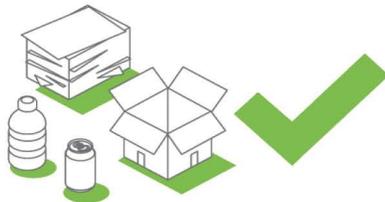
Get your dog it's 2021 license today!

[Warrenville City Code: Title 4, Chapter 4, Section 2]

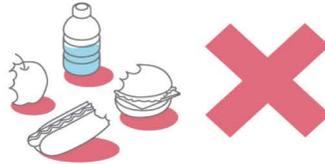
- Neutered dog = \$4 (not applicable for seniors 65+)
- Non-neutered dog = \$8 (\$4 fee applicable for seniors 65+)
- Seeing Eye Dog/Dog Assisting Hearing Impaired = \$0
- Tags to be securely attached to a collar around dog's neck

LET'S GET BACK TO THE BASICS OF RECYCLING.

Remember these three simple rules each time you recycle:



Recycle clean bottles, cans, paper, and cardboard.



Keep food and liquid out of your recycling.



No loose plastic bags and no bagged recyclables.

To learn more, visit wm.com/recycleright

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For example, how business is conducted is almost certainly altered for good. Business travel is substantially diminished thanks to the pandemic, and because of this, businesses have discovered how much business can carry on just fine without most of the in-person meetings that were standard business practice. Warrenville has six hotels whose viability has rested substantially on business travel. In turn, the community has benefitted greatly through the tax revenue generated directly by the hotels. Those business travelers also provide for our restaurants, entertainment venues, car repair shops, stores, and other local businesses.

The local commercial real estate has most of its value based on businesses having a central location that helps establish their identity, and is filled by executives and employees. Zoom and similar platforms have opened the eyes of businesses to money-saving changes that, while beneficial for them, will have profound implications for communities. What is the value of empty office buildings that are no longer needed? Will the community see that revenue at some point again?

And what is the future of brick-and-mortar retail? Large online retailers have already altered that landscape to the detriment of small, local businesses. Their business model is so seductive and efficient that nearly all of us use them. Get pretty much anything you want, sitting at your desk in your jammies, not having to drive anywhere to be often disappointed, and have it on your porch most of the time in a day or two? Hard to resist. But again, the implications for communities are troubling. Empty buildings, further stress on community centers, and loss of municipal tax revenue, which of course, provides the services we all depend on.

Whew. Sorry, I guess that trended rather dark. But I think it is important for you to consider what the future might look like for you and our community. There will be a "new normal" that we will eventually settle into, which will be different from what we grew up with. But like the unexpected breakthrough vaccine that will save many lives and provides hope for the future, other innovations will appear, because humans are dependably resilient and endlessly inventive. My guess is that, in some future year, we will look back at these dark times and our sacrifices, and overall, see ourselves in a better place. Warrenville will be different. But, it will still be Warrenville. And we will continue to love it. Meanwhile, as our neighbors to the north are frequently admonished: "Mind the Gap". Looking forward to a happier and prosperous 2021. Have a safe and Happy New Year!

ADVISORY COMMISSION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The City has several resident advisory commissions to assist the City with a variety of issues. The **Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Awareness Commission (IDEC)** is a newly formed commission intended to support, encourage, and promote initiatives and programs that inspire inclusivity, diversity, and equity in Warrenville. The City is seeking motivated volunteers to serve on this commission. In addition to IDEC, the City's other advisory commissions include:

Bicyclist and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC) - dedicated to improving the bicycling and walking experience in Warrenville through capital improvements, amenities, events, and programs.

Environmental Advisory Commission (EAC) - acts as a resource and advocate to the City Council and the community at large 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.

Tourism and Arts Commission (TAC) - nurtures and promotes programming for Tourism and Arts in Warrenville. This Commission coordinates the Hotel Tax Grant program, which sponsors various events in the community, and the Aesthetic Enhancement Program to add public art and beautification to Warrenville.

Those interested in becoming an advisory commission member can apply online at www.warrenville.il.us/FormCenter/City-Clerk-3/Volunteer-Application-61, or send a letter of interest and resume to Mayor Brummel at davidbrummel@warrenville.il.us. The mayor reviews all applications and appoints members with consent from the City Council. To learn more about City Commissions, visit www.warrenville.il.us/311/Boards-Commissions.