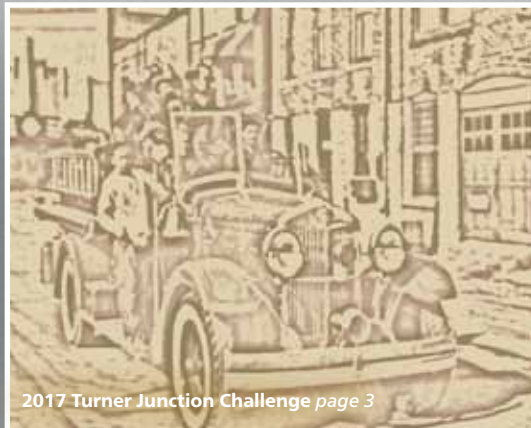


Where history and progress meet.



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# WINDOW

## TO WEST CHICAGO

Summer 2017

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### July 4

City Hall Closed

#### July 29

Coffee with the Mayor

#### August 1

National Night Out /  
Open House

#### August 26

Coffee with the Mayor

#### September 2, 9, 16, 23

Move with the  
Mayor Walks

#### September 4

City Hall Closed

#### September 16 – 17

Mexican Independence  
Day Festival

#### September 29

World Heart Day  
Celebration

#### September 30

Coffee with the Mayor

**D**id you know that while heart disease is the leading cause of death in the U.S., it is often preventable? Walking is one of the easiest ways to lower one's chances of heart disease and its risk factors, like high cholesterol, high blood pressure, and diabetes. That's why the National Forum for Heart Disease & Stroke Prevention is working with mayors across the country to host the **Move with the Mayor Challenge**, a World Heart Day-inspired campaign that asks citizens to take literal steps to improve their health by walking during the month of September.

Research shows that walking as little as 30 minutes a day can significantly reduce one's risk for heart disease and stroke. Yet, many Americans do not know that a half hour walk can cut their risk for cardiovascular disease (CVD) or find it hard to free up 30 minutes in their busy day to walk. The Move with the Mayor Challenge works to show that even busy people, like the Mayor, make time for their hearts' health.

Coordinated by Healthy West Chicago, Community School District 33 and Team Pineda, the community can get moving by just showing up at the following locations on the following dates at 8:30 a.m. for registration and a pre-walk stretching:

**Saturday, September 2, 2017 – Currier School, 800 Garys Mill Road**

**Saturday, September 9, 2017 – Gary School, 130 East Forest Avenue**

**Saturday, September 16, 2017 – St. Michael's Church, 108 Sherman Street**

**Saturday, September 23, 2017 – Reed-Keppler Park, 201 West National Street**

(An interactive walking map with each route is available at [www.westchicago.org](http://www.westchicago.org).)

Following this four-week walking campaign, participants will be invited to celebrate **World Heart Day on Friday, September 29, 2017**. World Heart Day offers people across the globe the opportunity to take part in the world's biggest intervention against CVD. World Heart Day was created by the World Heart Federation, a non-profit organization based in Geneva, Switzerland committed to reducing premature CVD mortality by 25% by the year 2025. Details of West Chicago's World Heart Day Celebration will be announced later this summer.

*Content contribution by the National Forum for Heart Disease & Stroke Prevention.*



Nomination period opens  
August 1, 2017

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# Mayor

It has been said that information and communication are powerful forces in navigating our world. We believe that is true, and strive to deliver the most relevant and timely information related to City services, public safety, special events and more. We also recognize your role in providing guidance as to what information you want and need, and how you wish to receive it.

As residents of West Chicago your input is greatly appreciated and valued, which is why we put out a call for a Focus Group earlier this year in order to gather your thoughts and opinions on the direction the City should consider when crafting future marketing communications materials. We wanted to know what you felt was working, what wasn't, what we could do better, and what other communication channels we could offer.

The turnout and conversation at the Focus Group was fantastic. Our consultant facilitated a lively round-table discussion to which everyone eagerly contributed. In addition to the Focus Group, we also disseminated an electronic survey on our website and through our e-News mailing, and our consultant conducted phone interviews with several individuals.

The research was designed to gather valuable input from all of you to help shape our communications moving forward. In addition to your feedback, best practices from cities across the nation have been taken into account as we craft the Marketing Communications Strategic Plan, available later this summer. The Plan is being written in tandem with the West Chicago Strategic Plan and its identified priorities to ensure that all communication is aligned and synchronized.

The Plan will include a comprehensive editorial calendar of themes, events and news that will drive media relations and represent the best of West Chicago. In addition, the Plan provides guidance on the latest trends in public relations and communications for disseminating City information to better serve the residents of West Chicago. It will also suggest innovative ways to encourage us all to spend some time together in fun and meaningful ways at new and exciting community events.

I am proud of the work that the City has put into this effort and am looking forward to unveiling the Plan later this summer. We believe it is built on a strong foundation of feedback we received, and informed by best practices in civic communications. The City promotes transparency in all of its departments, divisions and operations and we hope that by sharing this information, residents and other stakeholders will become as excited and engaged as we are with the City's future communications plans.

Respectfully,  
**Ruben Pineda, Mayor**



## ✓ TAKENOTE

### Summer Home Improvements and Maintenance

**Permits** - Summer is the time when many residents plan to improve their yards and/or homes. Please check with the Community Development Department to see if you need a permit for your project. For planning purposes, please refer to the chart for an estimate of the time needed to review your permit once you have submitted an application.

Project	Permit Review Period
Basement Remodels, Decks, Garages, Pools, Room Additions	10 days
Driveways, Fences, Patios, Sheds	3 to 5 days
Roofs, Siding	Ready in 24 hours

**Pools** - Want to beat the heat this summer with a new swimming pool? Before you buy or install one, be aware that pools, hot tubs and spas with water depths greater than 24 inches require additional safety measures, such as a self-closing barrier or fence. Please obtain a permit from the Community Development Department before installation.



**Garage Sales** – Residents are allowed 4 garage sales per calendar year, and while no permit is required to hold a sale, please make sure any advertisements are placed on private property and not in the parkway.

**Tall Grass and Weeds** – Whether you own your home or rent, please help West Chicago neighborhoods remain beautiful by keeping your grass trimmed to a height of less than 8 inches. If you are out of town for an extended period, please make arrangements to have your grass cut in your absence. Finally, if you do receive a Notice of Ordinance Violation for tall grass and/or weeds, please mow your grass within 7 days to prevent further enforcement action, such as fines. Please call the Community Development Department at (630) 293-2200 x141 if any extenuating circumstances exist.

### Garbage Stickers/Totes New Rates

Item	As of 7/1/17
Stickers	\$ 2.60 each (remains the same)
35-gallon cart	\$16.16
35-gallon cart (seniors)	\$ 9.31
95-gallon cart	\$28.56





# Art & Culture

**Gallery 200 August's Featured Artist exhibit** is titled *Gift*, and is inspired by nature. It will feature the work of **Geiler D. Corona Morejon**, a Cuban native who came to the U.S. in search of a new life and to "show the world a different style of art that is unique to all". He started mixing colors with crayons and pastels at the age of five, and by the age of ten his drawings were catching the attention of everyone at home, so much so that his mother called their home the "house of culture and style". By age 14, he was enrolled in a prestigious academy in Cuba where his painting skills were further developed. His extensive art resume, which includes his further studies and work history, contributed to his many artistic accomplishments. The public is invited to meet Geiler D. Corona Morejon, now a resident of West Chicago, at an **Opening Reception on Thursday, August 3, 2017 from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.**



*Painting by Geiler D. Corona Morejon*

**Nature** is a collection of images depicting the theme in all its magical forms by photographer **Mike Smith**. Images included in **September's month-long exhibit** are the result of his spending hours observing nature both wild and tame, then freezing a moment in time and adding a bit of whimsy through the use of crystal balls and looking glasses. The exhibit will bring visitors closer to the wonders of nature



*Photography by Mike Smith*

that exist throughout the world. Born in Chicago, Mike Smith's projects have been exhibited at the Louvre museum in Paris France, as well as several galleries in the United States and abroad. An **Opening Reception is scheduled for Friday, September 1, 2017 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

**Gallery Theater** presented the last show of its 7<sup>th</sup> season and introduced its new space at **129 Main Street** this past May. Audiences praised the quality of theater it brings to West Chicago. "This caliber of theater is really a surprise for a local store front theater company", commented one theater goer who had never been to a Gallery performance before attending *Tuesdays with Morrie*. "I will definitely be back" he said, and indeed, back he came with friends. Artistic Director Gail Cannata is delighted that audiences have responded so favorably to the Gallery's intentional efforts to raise the bar. "We're very fortunate to have such wonderful actors audition for our shows especially since there is no pay. We're developing a reputation for delivering a top notch theater experience at an affordable price to patrons simply for our love of theater." Final preparations are currently underway and Gallery Theater will announce its 8<sup>th</sup> season shortly. Visit [www.gallerytheaterstudio.org](http://www.gallerytheaterstudio.org) for updates.

**Town Hall Shares**, offered monthly at the City Museum, are a great way to learn more about West Chicago's unique history. The program is free and open to the general public and refreshments will be provided. The list below provides the details for the next three *Shares*:

**July 12, 2017**  
**6:30 - 8:00 p.m.**  
***Trains, Trains, Trains!***

**August 23, 2017**  
**6:30 - 8:00 p.m.**  
***We Go A Traveling!***

**September 20, 2017, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.**  
***Talking 180 Years of Bilingualism in West Chicago***



The City Museum's community non-fiction book club **Historiography** continues to meet this summer from noon – 1:00 p.m. to discuss some fascinating books and gain new historic perspectives on a range of topics. The upcoming books include **Hidden Figures on July 20, 2017; Remembering Marshall Fields on August 17, 2017; and The Things They Carried on September 21, 2017**. Bring a sack lunch if you wish, beverages will be provided.

**Fun Fridays** continue in July. They are creative, hands-on learning activities for kids. **Crazy for Quilts on Friday, July 7, 2017** involves creating a quilt block design using scraps of fabric which illustrate the way quilts told the story of pioneer days. **Simple Machines, on Friday, July 14, 2017**, teaches kids how basic inventions have led to work-saving machines. **Fun Fridays** take place **from 10:15 – 11:45 a.m. and registration is required**.

**The 2017 Turner Junction Challenge** theme is **The History of Fires**. Participants track any physical activity that gets them moving, which translates to time travel back to 1849. All the details may be found at [www.westchicago.org](http://www.westchicago.org) under Museum.

## GALLERY 200

103 W. Washington Street • (630) 293-9550 • [www.gallery200.org](http://www.gallery200.org)

## WEST CHICAGO CITY MUSEUM

132 Main Street • (630) 231-3376 • [www.westchicago.org/museum](http://www.westchicago.org/museum)

# Around Town

Programming details for summer events at The Shell may be found at [www.westchicago.org](http://www.westchicago.org).

## JULY

**6-9 Railroad Days**  
Pioneer Park, 479 W. Forest Avenue  
See schedule on page 6

**7 Opening Reception for First Star Art**  
Gallery 200, 103 W. Washington Street  
6:00 – 9:00 P.M.



**7 Fun Fridays – Crazy for Quilts**  
City Museum, 132 Main Street  
10:15 – 11:45 a.m.

**12 Town Hall Share: Trains, Trains, Trains!**  
City Museum, 132 Main Street  
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

**14 Fun Fridays – Simple Machines**  
City Museum, 132 Main Street  
10:15 – 11:45 a.m.

**20 Historiography – Hidden Figures**  
City Museum, 132 Main Street  
Noon – 1:00 p.m.

## AUGUST

**1 National Night Out**  
West Chicago Police Station,  
325 Spencer Street  
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

**3 Late Night/Family Art Night/  
Drawing on History**  
City Museum, 132 Main Street  
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

**3 Opening Reception for Geiler D. Corona Morejon**  
Gallery 200, 103 W. Washington Street  
6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

**17 Historiography – Remembering Marshall Fields**  
City Museum, 132 Main Street  
Noon – 1:00 p.m.

**23 Town Hall Share: We Go A Traveling!**  
City Museum, 132 Main Street  
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

## SEPTEMBER

**1 Opening Reception for Mike Smith**  
Gallery 200, 103 W. Washington Street  
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

**16-17 Mexican Independence Day Festival**  
Downtown  
[www.westchicago.org](http://www.westchicago.org) for full details as they become available

**20 Town Hall Share: Talking 180 Years of Bilingualism in West Chicago**  
City Museum, 132 Main Street  
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

**21 Historiography – The Things They Carried**  
City Museum, 132 Main Street  
Noon – 1:00 p.m.



**Looking ahead,** downtown West Chicago will be filled with the sights and sounds of laughter, music and smiling faces with the return of the Mexican Independence Day Festival on Saturday and Sunday, September 16 - 17, 2017. Papel Picado, colorful custom-cut flags, will hang along Main Street in preparation of a two-day celebration of history, culture and community.

Presented by the Mexican Cultural Center DuPage, with support from the City of West Chicago, the Festival includes fun activities for the whole family. Festival goers can look forward to a parade, El Grito, mariachi, a dancing equestrian unit, the 2017 Miss Mexican Heritage pageant winner, as well as traditional and regional Mexican food. The famous 13 foot burro piñata will be back again, filled with candy and toys for the crowd to enjoy.

## NUMBERS TO KNOW

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**Nancy Smith, City Clerk**

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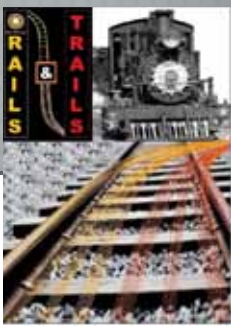


**Noreen Ligno-Kubinski**  
(630) 762-9929





*Sarah Schaefer*



*Toreeva Natalia*

## 2017 COMMUNITY BANNER ART EXHIBIT

In sight of actual rail lines and bicycle trails, a compelling collection of seventeen vinyl street banners entitled ***Rails & Trails***, hang high on lamp posts along Main Street's historic downtown district. The theme reflects the rich railroad history and abundant natural resources of West Chicago. Sponsoring the project, the West Chicago Cultural Arts Commission received numerous digital submissions of original artwork after a call went out to local and area artists. Entries were judged by Glenn Hansen, a professor of Photography at the College of DuPage. An interactive walking tour map, which includes an artist statement on the inspiration for the individual works, may be found at [www.westchicago.org](http://www.westchicago.org) under Maps, and residents and visitors are invited to grab a ballot from the City Museum (132 Main Street) or Gallery 200 (103 West Washington Street) to vote for a People's Choice Award winner.



*Judith Horsley*



*Gary School*



*Philip Weibler*



*Pamela Keller*



*Jeff Lesnik*



*Andi Cooper*



*Rebecca Hall*



*Joan Trushin*



*Karolina Brandt*



*Lisa Stapella*



*Maggie Capettini*



*Harvey Hanig*



*Sarah Bass*



*Kathy Steere*

Since 2008, **West Chicago's Community Banner Art Project** has spotlighted the art of talented residents and regional artists by lining Main Street in the downtown district with their artwork. However, the West Chicago Cultural Arts Commission recognizes that the community extends well beyond its downtown streets and is actually comprised of seven distinctive districts or neighborhoods. So this summer, the Commission has decided to repurpose select banners from previous year's exhibits and hang at least a couple in each neighborhood in an **Art Banner Retrospective**.

By doing so, the Commission is bringing public art to more neighborhoods of the City. By unifying all City neighborhoods through a display of public art, all residents will be encouraged to celebrate the beauty of West Chicago and take pride in the artistic talents that reside in the community.

# Retro

# Fun for the Whole Family!

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## THURSDAY

## FRIDAY

## SATURDAY

## SUNDAY

**JULY 6, 2017**  
**HOURS OF OPERATION**

### CARNIVAL

4:30 pm - 10:00 pm  
(Wrist Band Special \$23.00)  
Ticket sales end 9:30 PM

### BEER GARDEN

5:30 pm - 10:00 pm  
\*Beer Sales end at 9:00 PM  
& Service ends 9:30 PM!

### ENTERTAINMENT

Forth Point 6:00 PM

Lost In Time 7:45 PM



**JULY 7, 2017**  
**HOURS OF OPERATION**

### CARNIVAL

4:30 pm - 11:00 pm  
Ticket sales end 10:30 PM

### BEER GARDEN

5:00 pm - 11:00 pm  
\*Beer Sales end at 9:00 PM  
& Service ends 9:30 PM!

### ENTERTAINMENT

Girl & The Gang 5:30 PM

Voyage 6:30 PM

Billy Elton 8:30 PM



**JULY 8, 2017**  
**HOURS OF OPERATION**

### CARNIVAL

12:00 pm - 11:00 pm  
(Wrist Band Special \$23.00)  
Sales from Noon - 5:00 PM

### BEER GARDEN

12:00 pm - 11:00 pm  
\*Beer Sales end 10:00 PM &  
Service ends 10:30 PM!

### ENTERTAINMENT

Sammy & the Good  
Knights 5:00 PM

Fortunate Sons 7:00 PM

Kashmir 9:00 PM

**JULY 9, 2017**  
**HOURS OF OPERATION**

### CARNIVAL

2:30 PM - 10:00 PM  
(Wrist Band Special \$23.00)  
Ticket sales end 9:30 PM

### BEER GARDEN

2:30 pm - 10:00 pm  
\*Beer Sales end at 9:00 PM  
& Service ends 9:30 PM!

**PARADE - 1:00 pm Start**

### ENTERTAINMENT

W.C. Youth Latin Music in  
Blood 3:00 PM

Trio Ellas 4:15 PM

Chicago Youth Mariachi

6:15 PM

ESSO - FunkJam 7:30 PM

### PARADE ROUTE

**"WHAT DEFINES YOUR ART"** themed parade

Official Start:

Starting on Ingaltan Ave. & E. Elmwood Ave.

(South on Ingaltan Ave.) to Washington St. (turning Right)

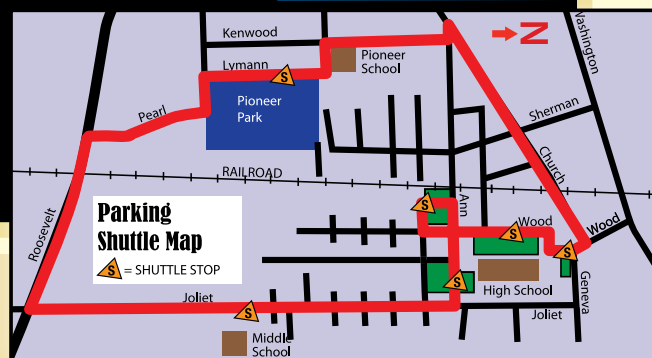
(West on Washington St.) to Arbor Ave. (turning Right)

(North on Arbor St.) Ending on Arbor Ave. & National St.

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