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# WINDOW TO WEST CHICAGO Fall 2016

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Week of Oct 3**  
Brush Pickup

**Oct 24 – Nov 26**  
Seasonal Leaf Collection

**Dates will be posted**  
Hydrant Flushing

**Oct 29**  
Coffee with the Mayor

**Nov 6** Daylight Saving  
Time Ends

**Nov 7** Brush Pickup  
(final week)

**Nov 8** General Election

**Nov 11** Veteran's Day

**Nov 24, 25** City Hall Closed

**Nov 25 – Jan 20**  
Holiday Light Recycling

**Nov 28** Yard Waste  
Collection Ends

**Dec 10**  
Coffee with the Mayor

**Dec 23, 26**  
City Hall Closed

**W**elcome back, old friend. *Window to West Chicago* is returning to your mailbox in print form. We are pleased to return to a hard-copy format to supplement the online version, ensuring that no matter your communication preference, you remain connected to vital City services, programs, events and other community members. The decision to bring the newsletter back in print form was based in part on resident comments solicited through a postcard mailed earlier this year and opinions shared during the public outreach component of the strategic planning process, as well as the City's ability to find a cost-effective solution to printing and postage expenses. By moving to a quarterly publication, rather than a bi-monthly publication, and by combining the English and Spanish issues together as a "nested set", we are able to provide every household and business customer in our 60185 zip code with the newsletter at no increase in postal cost, and at a printing cost that is less than it was in 2014 prior to the newsletter going digital.

In other communication news, the City's website will shortly be relaunched with a fresh, yet familiar, design and added functionality. A new homepage greets visitors and has been designed to be an online gateway to the community – inviting, informative and user-friendly. We have added a link for visitors, so that exploring the community's many recreational options, public art installations, special events and quality of life amenities will engage and inspire. Plus, we are continuing to build on our inventory of interactive web maps and are designing a new Mapping Portal which will be found on the homepage and assist with your navigation of special events, finding Ward Aldermen, checking trash routes and much more.

Please take some time and explore the new website and let us know what you think. You may direct questions or comments to Rosemary Mackey, Marketing and Communications Coordinator, at [rmackey@westchicago.org](mailto:rmackey@westchicago.org), or by calling (630) 293-2200 x139.

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FROM THE

# Mayor

As we enter the season of thanksgiving, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the many ways in which our community works together for the good of all, and to express my gratitude. A marked increase in the number of people collaborating on various City committees has brought new energy and passion to a wide range of projects including those related to health and wellness, special events, and public art.

Most noteworthy, the celebration of World Heart Day marked a successful conclusion to the Move with the Mayor Challenge; the Mexican Independence Day Festival, which this year expanded to a two-day community event; and an upcoming dedication of a new piece of public art at Sesqui Park, were all made possible by the involvement of so many wonderful people and organizations. Additionally, inter-governmental collaboration and sup-

port has elevated the level of services and amenities that contribute to our quality of life.

I would also like to express my deepest appreciation and

respect to a group of men and women who will be honored on November 11, 2016 – America's, and West Chicago's, veterans. Thanks to their service, we all enjoy the privilege of waking up in a free and democratic society. God bless our veterans, God bless West Chicago, and God bless the United States of America.

Respectfully,  
**Ruben Pineda**  
Mayor



## ✓ TAKENOTE

### Snow and Parking

The City imposes a parking ban on all streets after a two-inch snowfall until such time as the street has been completely plowed curb to curb. For more information on the City's snow plowing regulations, please visit [www.westchicago.org](http://www.westchicago.org). Also, please remember that it is illegal to plow or shovel snow from driveways or sidewalks into the street.



### Daylight Saving Time

Don't forget to turn back the clocks by one hour on November 6, 2016 at 2:00 a.m. That's when daylight saving time ends and standard time resumes. Use the extra time to check the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.



### Holiday Light Recycling

Holiday Light Recycling returns on November 25, 2016 – January 20, 2017. Strands of incandescent and LED holiday lights and household extension cords, in any condition, may be dropped off at the following locations during normal business hours:

- Murphy Ace Hardware, 319 South Neltnor Boulevard
- First United Methodist Church, 643 East Washington Street
- West Chicago Public Library, 118 West Washington Street
- West Chicago City Hall, 475 Main Street
- West Chicago Water Treatment Plant, 1400 West Hawthorne Lane

## Tales Told at New Cemetery

Tales Tombstones Tell, the popular cemetery walk presented by the City Museum, will celebrate its 27<sup>th</sup> year with a new venue and a new time. Tales is moving to Glen Oak Cemetery and will introduce new histories and stories of residents who called West Chicago home. This year's program will take place the afternoon of Saturday, October 8, 2016, with the first tour starting at 1:00 p.m. and tours leaving every 15 minutes until 2:30 p.m. Costumed interpreters and musicians will tell the tales while featuring Museum photographs in this new daytime version of the beloved fall event. The program is free and open to the general public.



# Art & Culture

**F**ans of Gallery 200, West Chicago's downtown artist co-op, will be interested to know that as of September 1, 2016 the Gallery has changed its address, moving from 200 Main Street to the City-owned building at 103 West Washington Street. The move is to accommodate restoration and repairs to the Gallery 200 building. The larger space at 103 W. Washington Street will allow the Gallery to operate as usual, as well as to provide a space for other divisions of People Made Visible, including its Artist in Residence and Community Gardens Programs. The venue will also host Last Fridays art gatherings, Local Music Night, and share space with other organizations such as Snow City and the Mexican Cultural Museum. There is much more to come in the way of cultural offerings that bring beauty and life to the historic downtown.

**Generations of Art**, a featured exhibit at Gallery 200 during the month of November, will bring the work of three generations of West Chicago resident Britta Renwick's family to Gallery 200. Some of the works have been imported from Switzerland, the family homeland,



and include works of her dad Klaus and sister, Karen. Sons Alec and Sean represent the youngest generation, with their pencil and Copic marker drawings, watercolor and acrylic paintings, and 3-dimensional creations. The exhibit will tell the story of the family's passion for art. An Opening Reception is scheduled for Friday, November 4, 2016 from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. and all are invited. For other art openings, check Things to Do Around Town on page four.

**An exciting new piece of public art** will be unveiled and dedicated on Saturday, October 22, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. at

Sesquicentennial Park. The creative artistry of resident and Cultural Arts Commission member Buddy Plumlee, will transform a cement podium into a hand-designed and applied mosaic mural that will serve as an homage to West Chicago's rich railroad history. Several other volunteer members of the Commission are assisting with the installation, which began in September. The well-travelled location for the new art installation, along the pedestrian path and Metra commuter line, will bring it great visibility. The Commission hopes the mosaic mural will add to West Chicago's sense of place, and be another showpiece for the community's growing public art collection.

## 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)

## WEST CHICAGO

# Business

**There's still time to "show the love" for a West Chicago business** by nominating it for a Brilliance in Business Award. It's the highest honor given by the City of West Chicago in recognition of exemplary and innovative business practice, and the City would like your input. Program guidelines, information and online nomination form may be found at [www.westchicago.org](http://www.westchicago.org) under Business/Brilliance in Business Awards. The deadline for nominations is Monday, October 17, 2016 and an Awards Presentation honoring all winners will be held on Monday, December 5, 2016 at City Hall.



# THINGS TO DO Around Town

## OCTOBER

### 7 Arttoberfest at Gallery 200

103 W. Washington Street,  
6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

### Free Science of Steam Class

City Museum, 132 Main Street, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

### 1,2,8,9 Gallery Theater Production

www.gallerytheaterstudio.org  
Time and Location TBA

### 8 Tales Tombstones Tell

Glen Oak Cemetery, Arbor Avenue  
& Hawthorne Lane, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

### 20 Historiography Book Group

City Museum, 132 Main Street, 12:00 p.m.

### 22 Halloween Costume Parade & Contest

Downtown, Sign-up at  
11:00 a.m.; Parade at noon

### Downtown Trick or Treat

1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at  
Participating Businesses

### Public Art Dedication

Sesquicentennial Park, 3:00 p.m.



### 27 Stories at the Museum with WCPLD

City Museum, 132 Main Street,  
10:00 – 10:45 a.m.

### 28 Family Art Night

www.peoplemadevisible.com, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

## NOVEMBER

### 4 Generations of Art Opens

Gallery 200, 103 W. Washington Street,  
6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

### Free Science of Steam Class

City Museum, 132 Main Street, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.



### 12 Senior Leaf-raking

Community Center, 7:00 – 11:00 a.m.

### 17 Stories at the Museum with WCPLD

City Museum, 132 Main Street,  
10:00 – 10:45 a.m.

Volunteers Needed  
Senior Leaf-raking  
Call (630) 293-2222



## DECEMBER

### 1 Stories at the Museum with WCPLD

City Museum, 132 Main Street, 10:00 – 10:45 a.m.

### 2 Gifts of Art at Gallery 200 Opens

Gallery 200, 103 W. Washington Street,  
6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

### 2-4 Gallery Theater Production

Time and Location TBA

### 3 Frosty Fest

Downtown, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.



### 7 Brilliance in Business Awards

Presentation at City Hall, 475 Main Street,  
7:00 p.m.

For questions about any listed programming,  
contact Rosemary Mackey at (630) 293-2200 x139.



Visit Healthy West Chicago's new website at [www.healthywestchicago.org](http://www.healthywestchicago.org). The mobile-friendly site is one more step forward to make West Chicago one of the healthiest communities in the region.

## NUMBERS TO KNOW

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