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WINDOW

TO WEST CHICAGO

Winter 2019

IMPORTANT DATES

January 1

City Hall Closed

January 7 – 18

Christmas Tree Collection

Through January 18

Holiday Lights Recycling

January 21

Application Deadline for
Winter Session
Local Government
Academy

January 26

Coffee with the Mayor

January 31 – March 21 (Thursdays)

Local Government
Academy

February 1

Deadline for Community
Banner Art

February 23

Coffee with the Mayor

March 10

Daylight Saving Begins

March 25

Deadline for Holiday
Lights Removal

March 30

Coffee with the Mayor

For more information
about any of the activities
listed under Important
Dates, please visit
www.westchicago.org

Welcome 2019, and in West Chicago it will be the year of the butterfly! That's because there are a number of projects being planned to celebrate the beauty and wonder of these winged creatures. Thanks to support from the West Chicago Garden Club and the Green Disciples of the First United Methodist Church, the DuPage Monarch Project will be bringing a documentary screening of a film titled *The Guardians* to West Chicago early in the year at a date and location to be announced. The film is a visually dazzling meditation on the balance between humans and nature. *The Guardians* poetically interweaves the lives of the threatened Monarch butterfly with an indigenous community fighting to restore the forest they nearly destroyed. Shot over three years, this cinematic journey through the butterfly dense mountaintops of Michoacán México tells the intimate story of a unique community at the front lines of conservation.

Here in West Chicago, we have taken steps to protect Monarchs in our small part of the world, and we hope to do more. The fairly new Official Monarch Waystation at City Hall is doing well and adding great beauty to the landscape while providing nourishment and habitat for developing larvae. Through outreach and education, more Waystations are popping up around the community.

These efforts dovetail beautifully with a project of the West Chicago Cultural Arts Commission, the West Chicago Garden Club and the West Chicago America in Bloom Committee to beautify community gardens, including the Kruse House Gardens which are maintained by the Garden Club, this spring and summer through the installation of art butterflies in close to 20 different public landscape beds around town. The wooden templates, approximately thirty-eight inches by forty-two inches will be designed by local artists.

A residential component will also be available on a smaller scale, with eighteen inch by eighteen inch templates available at a reasonable cost through People Made Visible at Gallery 200. More information will be available in the days ahead through its website www.peoplemadevisible.com.

It's never too early to think spring!



The DuPage Monarch Project contributed to the content in this article.



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FROM THE

Mayor

It's hard to believe, but the **2020 Census** is right around the corner and I can't emphasize enough how important this once-in-a-decade event is for the future of West Chicago. Inevitably, there will be a lot of misinformation out there about the 2020 Census and therefore our City staff will be working arduously with our community organizations to educate our residents about the 2020 Census and its significance on our financial sustainability.

The 2020 Census data is used to allocate millions of dollars for local funding, used for apportionment of Congressional seats, used by key federal programs, and businesses use the data to determine whether the local salesforce or customer base exists to support their endeavor. Therefore, it is very important that the information the Census collects is complete and accurate.

Will my information be kept confidential?

- Yes. Under the law, Census data can only be used for statistical purposes. Title 13 of the U.S. Code requires respondents' information to be kept confidential, and guarantees personal information will not be used against respondents in court or by a government agency.

When and how do I complete my 2020 Census Form?

- It is very easy. In March 2020, every household will receive a mailing from the U.S. Census Bureau with instructions to visit its website. Upon logging onto the Bureau's website, each household will fill out a simple 10-question form.

- While a paper form will still be available, for the first time the Internet will be the primary response option. Individuals will be able to respond to the 2020 Census online, by phone or mail. If a household does not respond, the Census Bureau will mail two reminders and a paper census form in the fourth mailing.

City staff will continue to provide information and updates on the 2020 Census via the City's website and social media channels. Please stay tuned.



I wish you a very happy and healthy 2019.

Respectfully,
Ruben Pineda

United States
**Census
2020**

Join Healthy West Chicago in the 2019 Walking Challenge. Every month, there will be a new challenge with prizes. Download the Challenge app at: www.hekahealth.com/wchicago activation code **movechicago17**



✓ TAKENOTE

Winter Season Reminders

Holiday Lights Recycling: This program continues through January 18, 2019 at six convenient locations. Please visit www.westchicago.org for details.

Christmas Tree Collection - The dates of collection are **January 7 – 18, 2019**. Trees need to be free of lights, garland, tinsel, etc. otherwise drivers will tag the tree and leave it for the following week. If tree decorations are not removed by the second week's collection, the customer will have to put a sticker on it and it would be picked up the following week as trash. Please do not put trees in plastic bags.

Holiday Lights Removal – Please remember to remove your holiday lighting by no later than March 25, 2019.

Commercial Equipment – The storing of any commercial equipment or vehicles used in winter weather, such as snow plows, salt spreaders or snow blades, is not allowed and will result in a ticket being issued without any prior notice.

Snow Removal – Residents should be aware of the following City regulations:

- City Ordinance 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.
- It is illegal to plow or shovel snow from driveways or sidewalks into the street.
- The City does not provide for snow removal from sidewalks other than in front of municipal properties and from the A. Eugene Rennels Bridge.
- The City will not be responsible for damage to improperly installed mailboxes or to mailboxes damaged by thrown snow. Properly installed mailboxes require the box to be securely attached to a strong post with the face of the box a minimum distance of six inches behind the back of the curb (preferably 12 inches).
- The placing of ornamental rocks or other objects along the curb line is illegal as they present serious safety hazard to snow removal equipment and other traffic.

Illinois Car Seat Law – Effective **January 1, 2019** there are changes to State law concerning car seats. A chart is available at www.westchicago.org with details of the law. The City, within its Police Department, employs several nationally certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians who can assist you with child safety seat installations and/or inspections of your child safety seat free of charge. Please call (630) 293-2222 if you need assistance.



*Honorees of the
Brilliance in Business
Awards at the City
Council meeting
of Monday,
December 3, 2018.*

Congratulations to West Chicago's 2018 **Brilliance in Business** Award winners.

Lakeshore Recycling Systems – 1655 Powis Road
Royal Polish Nail Salon & Spa – 116 Galena Street
Kindred Coffee Roasters – 148 West Washington Street

These businesses were chosen in recognition of their exemplary and innovative business practices. Visit www.westchicago.org under Business/Brilliance in Business Awards to learn their stories. Please support all our local businesses; it keeps the economy in West Chicago going strong.

Art&Culture

GALLERY 200

103 W. Washington Street • (630) 293-9550 • www.gallery200.org

GALLERY THEATER

129 Main Street • (630) 234-5919 • www.gallerytheaterstudio.org

City Museum

The City Museum is continuing its **Historiography** program in March, a non-fiction book reading group held in collaboration with the West Chicago Public Library. The group will meet to discuss *Leonardo da Vinci* by **Walter Isaacson** on **Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.** The book group is open to all, attendees may bring a bag lunch, complimentary drinks and desserts will be provided. Copies of the books being discussed can be checked out from the Museum or Library.

Little readers are invited to join the Library for kids' story-time and craft during *Timeless Tales* at the City Museum on **Thursday, January 10, 2019 at 10:15 a.m.**, on **Thursday, February 14, 2019 at 10:15 a.m.**, and on **Thursday, March 14, 2019 10:15 a.m.** This event is free and no registration is required. Families are invited to stay and enjoy the hands-on activities at the Museum following the program.

Join the **Friends of the West Chicago City Museum** and the **West Chicago Historical Society** for an **Annual Tea Fundraiser, Sunday, March 10, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at the American Legion, 123 Main Street** (parking lot in rear). Tickets are \$20 a person and include a tea luncheon and entertainment provided by Leslie Goddard who will be presenting *Becoming Queen Elizabeth II*. In this new historical portrayal, Goddard will explore the life of Britain's famous monarch, from her childhood, the abdication of her uncle, her marriage to a navy officer named Philip, her World War II service, and her struggle to balance her roles as queen and mother. Get to know the woman behind the images, her sense of humor and savvy intelligence with which she meets her demanding obligations. **Space is limited**; tickets can be purchased at the City Museum, 132 Main Street or by contacting the Museum at wegohistory@gmail.com or (630) 231-3376.



Gallery 200

The Professional Art Quilt Alliance (PAQA), a group of mid-west fiber artists who meet monthly in suburban Chicago, will be featured artists at Gallery 200 in January for a show titled *Illumination*. The Illumination Challenge resulted in members interpreting the idea of illumination in an art quilt. You can read more about PAQA and see other examples of artists' work at www.artquilters.com. A **free Public Reception will be held on Friday, January 4, 2019 from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

Born in Japan, **Margaret Bucholz**, February's featured artist, discovered her love for art from her mother, an Ikebana master and oil painter. From nine years of age until age 21, Margaret lived in Hawaii, where she picked up her love for bright colors and graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Drawing and Painting from University of Hawaii. Now a member of Gallery 200, she has fallen in love with changing seasons and the vivid colors of fall. "There is nothing I would rather do than create art and be in the moment of reflecting beauty which is all around us," she wrote. Her **free Public Reception, on Friday, February 1, 2019 from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.**, will feature musical entertainment by folk singer/guitarist, Joe Eddy Brown.



Art by Margaret Bucholz

Gallery 200 is happy to host *Art is the Heart of the City*, the **West Chicago School District 33 Student Art Exhibit** in March. March is Youth Art Month and this show will display a wide variety of works from grades 1-8. Students use a variety of media to show their creativity in how they interpret art style, subject, or cultures from around the world. Youth Art Month is a



Art by Joan Bratton

nationwide initiative and Gallery 200 is proud to support young artists through this show and give them and their families an opportunity to participate in a real gallery setting. A **free Public**

Reception is scheduled for **Thursday, March 7, 2019 from 5:00-7:00 p.m.**

Gallery 200 wood artist LeRoy Fennwald created a beautiful wood-burned plaque for the City of West Chicago to present to the family of the **late Joe Kramer** who passed this year, as a token of affection and appreciation.

Kramer Tree Specialists has gifted the community a fully decorated Christmas tree which is lit at Frosty Fest, since 2010.



Gallery Theater

Don't miss *Harvey*, a classic comedy about Elwood P. Dowd and his friend Harvey, an invisible six-and-a-half foot rabbit. The play is set in the 1940s, and as is the case with many classics, delivers a timeless message. The play runs for three weekends, see page four for dates and times. Advance ticket purchase is highly recommended at www.gallerytheaterstudio.com.

News from the Cultural Arts Commission

Congratulations to lifelong resident **Alexis Long** for being selected **People's Choice winner for Ice Cream Cone Pop Art**, an original acrylic painting that was reproduced on a street banner and hung on Main Street from May through September 2018.

There is still time to **submit artwork for the 2019 Community Art Banner Exhibit**. The theme is *Love*, which the Commission hopes will inspire many to submit a creation that reflects a wide range of interpretations which touch the heart. For an application, visit westchicago.org under Residents/Forms & Applications. The deadline is February 1, 2019.

THINGS TO DO Around Town

JANUARY

- 4 Art Opening & Reception**
Illumination
Gallery 200, 103 West Washington
Street, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.



- 4 First Friday Art Exhibit**
Kindred Coffee, 148 West
Washington Street, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

- 10 Timeless Tales at the City Museum**
Snow is Falling
City Museum, 132 Main Street
10:15 – 11:00 a.m.

WEST CHICAGO
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FEST

Save the Date
Saturday, May 18, 2019
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. • Downtown West Chicago
Vendor applications will be available at
www.westchicago.org later this month.

FEBRUARY

- 1 Art Opening & Reception**
Margaret Bucholz
Gallery 200, 103 West Washington
Street, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.



*Joe Eddy Brown performs at Opening
Reception for Art – Past and Present by
Margaret Bucholz*

- 1 First Friday Art Exhibit**
Kindred Coffee, 148 West
Washington Street, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

- 14 Timeless Tales at the City Museum**
Let's Celebrate Valentine's Day!
City Museum, 132 Main Street
10:15 – 11:00 a.m.

- 15, 16, 22 & 23**
Gallery Theater Presents: *Harvey*
Gallery Theater, 129 Main Street
7:30 p.m.

- 17 & 24**
Gallery Theater Presents: *Harvey*
Gallery Theater, 129 Main
Street, 3:00 p.m.

MARCH

- 1 First Friday Art Exhibit**
Kindred Coffee, 148 West
Washington Street, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

- 1 & 2**
Gallery Theater Presents:
Harvey
Gallery Theater, 129 Main Street
7:30 p.m.

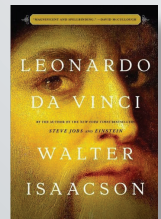
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A Very Windy Day
City Museum, 132 Main Street
10:15 – 11:00 a.m.

- 15**
Historiography
Leonardo da Vinci
City Museum
132 Main Street
1:00 p.m.



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