

WEST CHICAGO

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2022

COMMUNITY INFORMATION & RESOURCES

Art Banner Exhibit "People's Choice Award" Contest

View 25 large banners placed throughout the City's downtown area on streetlight poles that feature unique artwork created with the theme of 'Renewal', and make sure to also vote on your favorite artwork as part of the exhibit's "People's Choice Award".

To view a digital map showcasing where artwork is located, and to vote on your favorite, please visit westchicago.org/artbannerexhibit.

Veterans' Day Banner Submissions

The City will again display banners on the streetlight poles throughout the downtown area to honor local Veterans' this fall as part of its Veterans Day Project. Submissions are being accepted for inclusion in the

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West Chicago K-9 First Responders Making a "Paws-itive" Impact

The City of West Chicago and the West Chicago Fire Protection District both employ rescue K-9s, with the City's Police Department staff being the most recent organization to do so.

These special four-legged first responders have shown themselves to be essential members of any first responder team, as well as symbols of positivity within the community as the following highlights will show.



West Chicago Fire Protection District's Rescue K-9 Saves Life in Homer Township

On June 15, the West Chicago Fire Protection District's Rescue K-9, Thor, and his handler Firefighter/Paramedic, Todd Baseggio, were requested by the Homer Glen Fire District and the Illinois State Police to assist at an accident that had occurred in the late evening along I-355.

The motorist of the vehicle involved in the accident was unable to be found at the scene, which led to the need for Thor and his handler to assist. Upon arrival, Thor was able to obtain a scent from the driver's seat which allowed him to track the scent into an area of thick brush.

With the assistance of Thor, along with drone and thermal imaging technology, first-responders were able to find the motorist several hundred yards away from the accident and were able to perform life-saving measures to save the victim.

Without Thor's rescue K-9 training and keen sense of smell, this person may not have been found in time to be saved.



West Chicago Police Department Introduces New Rescue K-9 to Community

The newest member of the West Chicago Police Department, Mondo, the rescue

K-9, will begin to be seen throughout the community on patrol along with his handler, Officer Justin Rigler.

During the month of May, Mondo became quite popular as the West Chicago Police Department personnel shared multiple fun facts about him on its Facebook account during 'Mondo Month'. Based on the hundreds of positive likes and comments, followers of the Department's Facebook page were greatly interested in Mondo's on-going story.

The one-year-old German Shepard from the Czech Republic will serve primarily in a role that will include responsibilities such as assisting with drug detection, tracking human scent, and aiding in suspect apprehension. He will solely be handled by Officer Rigler, who had initially proposed having a K-9 on the force.

This is an exciting addition to the City's Police Department staff, and although Mondo may enjoy a treat like most K-9s, residents are asked to please not approach him, as he is hard at work.



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project for Veterans who live or lived within the City of West Chicago.

For more information about the Veterans' Day Project, or to provide a submission to participate, please visit westchicago.org/veteransday.

Brush Collection Program Summer Dates

The City's Brush Collection

Program provides residents a monthly opportunity to place brush out for pickup. Brush may be placed at the curb up to two days prior to the initial brush pickup date for the month. Please note: brush collection does not coincide with regularly scheduled garbage/recycling collection days. The summer dates are as follows:

- Monday, August 1 (brush can be placed no earlier than Saturday, July 30)

- Tuesday, September 6 (brush can be placed no earlier than Sunday, September 4)

For more details about this Program, please visit westchicago.org/brush-collection-program.

City Offices Closed September 5; No Garbage Pickup

Non-emergency City offices will be closed on Monday, September 5 in observance of Labor Day. Garbage and recycling collection

will be delayed by one day this week.

Coffee with the Mayor

Saturdays: July 30, August 27, and September 24

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

West Chicago City Hall
475 Main Street

Join Mayor Pineda on the last Saturday of each month for an informal discussion of community items of interest.

Get Ready for the Healthy West Chicago 5K Fun Run

Healthy West Chicago will be bringing back its annual 5K Fun Run on Saturday, August 20. This annual event is featured on a 5K Certified Course on the Illinois Prairie Path at Reed-Keppler Park near Zone 250 at 201 West National Street

The event is held in-person on August 20 at 7:30 a.m. with a one-mile youth run beginning at 8:30 a.m. There is an option to participate virtually from August 20 to August 21 for participants who do not wish to attend the event.

Registration is currently



open for the event, with early-bird registration available through Sunday, July 25. Early-bird registrants will receive a commemorative 5K Fun Run t-shirt and will also be entered

into a raffle for a chance to win a three-pack of admission passes to Turtle Splash Water Park. Registration fees are \$25 for adult residents; \$10 for students 17 and under; and non-resident adult

registration is \$30. The one-mile youth run is \$5 for children 10 and under.

To register for this event, or for more information, please visit healthywestchicago.org/healthy-west-chicago-5k-fun-run.

Healthy West Chicago is also seeking volunteers and sponsors for this event. Sponsorship levels range from \$150 to \$1,500, and raffle prize donations are gratefully accepted as well. Visit Healthy West Chicago's website for more information about either opportunity.

City Welcomes New Infusion Therapy Company



On June 16, Mayor Pineda and members of the City Council along with the Western DuPage Chamber of Commerce attended a ribbon cutting ceremony to welcome the City's newest business, Serene Infusion and Wellness Lounge.

This exciting family-managed business provides

the new trending wellness practice of intravenous (IV) and intramuscular (IM) infusion treatments to clients seeking benefits including vitamin boosts, weight loss assistance, beauty enhancements, and more.

The company offers a variety of pre-determined ingredients for 'drips' for different benefits, but can also customize

ingredients based on client needs.

The City is excited to have this new trending service available to our community members.

Serene Infusion and Wellness Lounge is located at 1213 Joliet Street and appointments can be made by calling (630) 931-8524, or by visiting sereneiv.com.



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

It's summer in the City of West Chicago and, as part of the season, I always look forward to the many different fun events, and the warmer weather, this particular time of the year brings.

Many communities, including ours, have had their events postponed over the past few years due to the pandemic, so it is exciting to see so many wonderful events happening once again. In highlighting the return of events, I'd like to bring attention to two events that I am especially excited about this summer:

- Railroad Days returns this year beginning July 7 through July 10. This large-scale community festival features fun for the whole family that includes food, live music, a parade, carnival, fireworks, and more. The City extends its gratitude to our partners at the West DuPage Chamber of Commerce for sponsoring and hosting this amazing event.

- The Alebrijes: Creatures of a Dream World art exhibit at Cantigny Park is a one-of-a-kind event featuring large hand-made sculptures based on the imaginary Mexican folk art creatures, alebrijes. Although this event is not in our community, the City of West Chicago is a sponsor of the exhibit and I highly encourage everyone to visit this installation before it ends in October. The City would like to thank all the sponsors

and partners, especially the Mexican Cultural Center DuPage's Fernando Ramirez and Sara Phalen, for providing the vision and dedication that brought this wonderful event to our region.

You can find additional details about these events and other great events happening in our community throughout this newsletter, or by visiting the City's website.

It has been a difficult past few years for everyone and, although COVID-19 still remains, I find it important for everyone to take time to enjoy our families, friends, as well as our community members.

As a resident and Mayor of West Chicago, I look forward to having some fun over the next few months in this beautiful City we call home, and I hope you can do the same.

Mayor

Ruben Pineda

City Administrator

Michael Guttman

Deputy City Clerk

Valeria Perez

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CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- Issued Proclamation recognizing Leman Middle School's Girls Soccer Team for winning IPAC Championship
- Issued Proclamation recognizing 2022 as the 'Year of the Alebrijes' in West Chicago
- Approved multiple events including: Healthy West Chicago 5K, Mexican Independence Day, and the West Chicago High School District 94 Homecoming Parade
- Approved Ordinances allowing outdoor seating, dining, and sale of alcohol in the public right-of-way in the downtown area

- Approved over \$2.4 million towards infrastructure projects (April through June).
 - Approved the appointment/reappointment of 10 City Board/Commission members
 - Approved new 2022 City Ward Boundary Map. (The new map can be viewed by visiting westchicago.org/wardmap.)
- The West Chicago City Council meets on the first and third Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Previous and upcoming meeting information is posted at westchicago.org/wcgovernment/meeting-minutes-agendas.*



Mayor Pineda and members of the West Chicago City Council showed off some of their favorite books in support of the West Chicago Public Library Districts Summer Reading Program.



Fun for the Whole Family!

THURSDAY

**JULY 7, 2022
HOURS OF OPERATION**

CARNIVAL

5:30 PM - 10:00 PM

Ultimate Ride

Special \$30.00 per person

Ticket sales end 9:30 PM

BEER GARDEN

5:30 PM - 10:00 pm

Beer Token Sales end at 9:00

PM & Service ends at 9:30 PM!

★ **SCHOLARSHIP
DINNER 5:00 PM**

FREE ENTERTAINMENT!
(Band Time Estimates)

SAMMY & KNIGHTS 6:00 PM
PAUL ABELLA TRIO 8:30 PM

SATURDAY

**JULY 9, 2022
HOURS OF OPERATION**

CARNIVAL

1:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Ultimate Ride

Special \$25.00 per person

Ticket Sales 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

KIDS ZONE Noon-2:00 PM
(For ages Pre-K to 5th Grade)

BEER GARDEN

12:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Beer Token Sales end

10:00 PM & Service ends at

10:30 PM!

★ **FIREWORKS: AT DUSK**

FREE ENTERTAINMENT!
(Band Time Estimates)

DJ ISRAEL GARCIA 4:30 PM

STUDENT BODY 6:30 PM

FUELED BY EMO 9:00 PM

PARADE ROUTE

Sponsored by: Kevin Wallace for State Rep.
Sunday, July 10 at 1:00 PM

**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.



FRIDAY

**JULY 8, 2022
HOURS OF OPERATION**

CARNIVAL

5:30 PM - 11:00 PM

Ticket sales end 10:30 PM

BEER GARDEN

5:30 PM - 11:00 PM

Beer Token Sales end at

10:00 PM & Service ends at

10:30 PM!

FREE ENTERTAINMENT!
(Band Time Estimates)

DJ ISRAEL GARICA 4:30 PM

SOUTHBOUND CHICAGO 6 PM

RICO 9 PM

SUNDAY

**JULY 10, 2022
HOURS OF OPERATION**

CARNIVAL

2:30 PM - 10:00 PM

Ultimate Ride

Special \$25.00 per person

Ticket Sales 2:30 PM - 6:30 PM

BEER GARDEN

2:30 PM - 10:00 PM

Beer Token Sales end at 9:00

PM & Service ends at 9:30 PM!

PARADE

THEMED "TOGETHER"

1:00 PM KICK OFF

FREE ENTERTAINMENT!
(Band Time Estimates)

BRANDON PEREZ 3:45 PM

GRUPO RIMEL 5:30 PM

CALAVERAS LD 8:00 PM



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WEST CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Railroad Days

Thursday, July 7 through

Sunday, July 10

Pioneer Park

479 W. Forest Avenue

westchicagorailroaddays.com

Enjoy West Chicago's annual community festival featuring live music, food, entertainment, carnival rides, fireworks, and more.

National Night Out

Tuesday, August 2

West Chicago Police Department

325 Spencer Street

This special evening provides an opportunity for community members to come together to enhance the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while having some family fun.

DuPage Airport Authority: Back to School Celebration

Friday, August 5

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

DuPage Airport

2700 International Drive

<https://bit.ly/3y03qtM>

Browse and explore a range of different aircrafts, airport emergency vehicles, snow removal equipment, and more.

Healthy West Chicago:

5K Fun Run

Saturday, August 20

Reed-Keppler Park

129 W National Street

See page two for more details.

Food Festival

Saturday, August 27

4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Downtown West Chicago

westchicago.org/foodfest

Enjoy a summer evening in our downtown as you taste a variety of food and beverage truck goods while listening to live music.

Mexican Independence Day Celebration

Saturday, September 10 and

Sunday, September 11

Downtown West Chicago

mccdupage.org

Celebrate Mexican culture and heritage through a two-day event in our downtown. Additional details for the event will be shared on the City's website in the coming weeks.

Alebriges: Creatures of a Dream World

Cantigny Park

15151 Winfield Road

cantigny.org/alebriges

Visit Cantigny Park this summer to see 48 large-scale sculptures depicting the imaginary creatures known as, alebriges. Admission is the cost of parking, which varies throughout the season and week.

West Chicago's 'Year of the Alebriges'

The City of West Chicago and its community partners are hosting a series of events and activities to commemorate the *Alebriges: Creatures of a Dream World* art exhibit. This special community experience will bring some of the magic from Cantigny Park directly to West Chicago for all ages to enjoy.

Gallery 200 Art Exhibits

103 W. Washington Street

Visit peoplemadevisible.com/gallery-200 for more information about exhibits and gallery hours.

Maquetas & Bocetos

View the initial models and drawings that were created as part of the *Alebriges: Creatures of a Dream World* installation.

Monthly Artist Exhibits

- July: Kathi Kuchler, botanical watercolorist and illustrator.
- August: "Visions of Nature" Exhibit by members of the Nature Artists' Guild of Morton Arboretum.
- September: Sharon Malec, fiber and fabric artist.

West Chicago City Museum

132 Main Street

Visit wegohistory.com for more information about exhibits, events, and museum hours.

Historiography: Museum Non- Fiction Book Club

Thursdays; July 21, August 18, and September 15

Join the City Museum staff for a series of discussions about featured monthly history books.

Strolls through History

Saturdays: July 9 at 9:00 a.m.;

August 27 at 1:30 p.m.; September 8 at 6 p.m.

Explore downtown West Chicago and other local history locations with museum staff. All tours are weather dependent.

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