



WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

NOTICE

PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Monday, October 16, 2023
6:15 P.M. – Council Chambers

AGENDA

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Establishment of a Quorum
2. Approval of Minutes
 - A. Public Affairs Committee of September 18, 2023
3. Public Participation / Presentations
4. Items for Consent
 - A. Ordinance No. 23-O-0035 – Turn Restrictions on Gary’s Mill and Purnell Roads
5. Items for Discussion
 - A. Traffic Control and Pedestrian Concerns at the Intersection of Forest and Bishop.
6. Unfinished Business
7. New Business
8. Reports from Staff
 - A. West Chicago Police Department Monthly Report
9. Adjournment

MINUTES

PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Monday, September 18, 2023 6:15 P.M.

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Establishment of a Quorum.

Chairman Chassee called the meeting to order at 6:15pm. Roll Call found Alderman Brown, Hallett, Birch Ferguson, Smith and Short.

2. Approval of Minutes.

A. Public Affairs Committee Minutes of August 21, 2023. Alderman Brown made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hallett to approve the minutes of the Public Affairs Committee meeting. Voting Aye: Chairman Chassee, Alderman Brown, Hallett, Birch Ferguson, Smith and Short. Voting Nay: 0. Abstain: 0. Motion carried.

3. Public Participation / Presentations.

4. Items for Consent.

A. Ordinance No. 23-O-0034 – Animal Control and Care - Alderman Smith made a motion, seconded by Alderman Birch Ferguson to direct this item to City Council for approval. Voting Aye: Chairman Chassee, Alderman Hallett, Birch Ferguson, Smith and Short. Voting Nay: Alderman Brown. Motion carried.

B. Homecoming – Fireworks Display Wheaton Academy - Alderman Birch Ferguson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Brown to direct this item to City Council for approval. Voting Aye: Chairman Chassee, Alderman Brown, Hallett, Birch Ferguson, Smith and Short. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

C. Ordinance No. 23-O-0032 – Stop Intersections - Alderman Birch Ferguson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Brown to direct this item to City Council for approval. Voting Aye: Chairman Chassee, Alderman Brown, Hallett, Birch Ferguson, Smith and Short. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

5. Items for Discussion

A. Veterans Banner Program

B. Seasonal Banner Program

6. Unfinished Business.

7. New Business.

Alderman Birch Ferguson addressed her concern regarding the piñata and the candy distribution and the children getting too close to the floats at the Mexican Independence Day Event. These issues will be added to the report for the MID Final Report.

8. Reports from Staff.

10. Adjournment. Alderman Hallett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Short. The motion approved by voice vote, and the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Yahaira Bautista

Administrative Assistant to Chief of Police
West Chicago Police Department

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

ITEM TITLE:

Ordinance No. 23-O-0035 Turn Restrictions on Gary's Mill and Purnell Roads

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 4. A.

FILE NUMBER: _____

COMMITTEE AGENDA DATE: October 16, 2023

COUNCIL AGENDA DATE: October 16, 2023

PREPARED BY: Colin Fleury, Chief of Police

SIGNATURE _____

APPROVED BY: Michael Guttman, City Administrator

SIGNATURE _____

ITEM SUMMARY:

With the City of West Chicago's annexation of the Trillium Farms Subdivision property, the City assumed responsibility for traffic enforcement at the intersection of Purnell Road at Gary's Mill Road.

Ordinance No. 23-O-0035 will rename Chapter 17, Article XVII, Division 16 of the Code of Ordinance of the City of West Chicago from "Right-Turns Only" to "Turn Restrictions" and the following language will be substituted after subsection (a) :

- (b) Left turns are prohibited from Purnell Road onto Gary's Mill Road from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. on weekdays
- (c) Right turns are prohibited from Gary's Mill Road onto Purnell Road from 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. on weekdays.

ACTIONS PROPOSED:

Staff recommends adoption of Ordinance No. 23-O-0035

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

ORDINANCE NO. 23-O-0035

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST CHICAGO AMENDING CHAPTER 17,
ARTICLE XVII, DIVISION 16, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING
TURN RESTRICTIONS – PURNELL ROAD AND GARY’S MILL ROAD**

WHEREAS, the DuPage County Board adopted certain traffic control restrictions for the intersection of Purnell Road and Gary’s Mill Road when it approved the Trillium Farms Subdivision; and

WHEREAS, the City of West Chicago (hereinafter the “City”) subsequently approved an annexation of land owned by the DuPage County Forest Preserve District that resulted in this intersection now becoming the jurisdiction of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City must now add these restrictions to the Code of Ordinances to allow for their enforcement by City officials.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of West Chicago, in regular session assembled as follows:

Section 1. That Chapter 17, Article XVII, Division 16 of the Code of Ordinance of the City of West Chicago is hereby re-named from “Right-Turns Only” to “Turn Restrictions” and that Section 17-246 is deleted in its entirety and the following language shall be substituted:

“Sec. 17-246. - Designated.

(a) Right turns only will be permitted as follows:

Traffic on the west approach entering Route 59 (Neltnor Boulevard) from Brown Street, Lester Street, Glen Avenue, and Dale Avenue approaches shall be permitted to make right turns only onto Route 59 (Neltnor Boulevard).

(b) Left turns are prohibited from Purnell Road onto Gary’s Mill road from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. on weekdays.

(c) Rights turns are prohibited from Gary’s Mill Road onto Purnell Road from 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. on weekdays.”

Section 2. That all ordinances and resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict, expressly repealed.

Section 3. That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law.

PASSED this 16th day of October 2023.

Alderman D. Beebe _____
Alderman J. Sheahan _____
Alderman A. Hallett _____
Alderman M. Birch-Ferguson _____
Alderman J. Smith, Jr. _____
Alderman R. Stout _____
Alderman J. Morano _____

Alderman L. Chassee _____
Alderman H. Brown _____
Alderman C. Dettmann _____
Alderman S. Dimas _____
Alderman C. Swiatek _____
Alderman J. Short _____
Ward 7 – Vacant _____

APPROVED as to form: _____
City Attorney

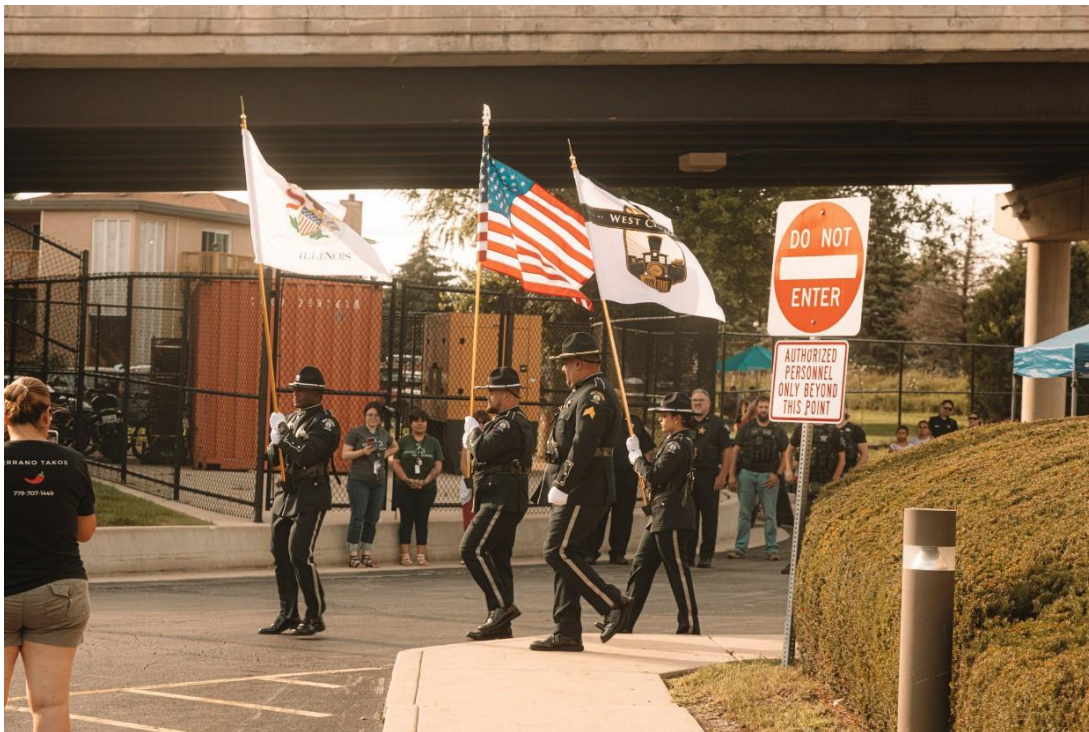
APPROVED this 16th day of October 2023.

Mayor Ruben Pineda

ATTEST:

Executive Office Manager Valeria Perez

WEST CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT



AUGUST, 2023
Colin Fleury, Chief of Police

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West Chicago Police Department



Department Overview

The Mission of the West Chicago Police Department is to Protect Life and Liberty, Provide Quality police services, and Forge community partnerships with Integrity and professionalism.

There are three divisions in the Police Department: The Office of the Chief of Police, the Patrol Division, and the Investigations/Administrative Division.

The primary responsibility of the Office of the Chief of Police is to provide general management direction and control for the Department. The Office of the Chief of Police consists of the Chief of Police, the Deputy Chief of Police, and the Management Analyst.

The Patrol Division consists of Uniformed Patrol Officers, a Community Service Officer, and a Training Officer.

The Investigations/Administrative Division consists of Detectives, School Resource Officers, Evidence/Property, the Targeted Response Unit, the Community Relations Officer, the Administrative Sergeant, the Records Unit, and Social Services.

Personnel

On August 1st, the Department held its annual National Night Out activities. We want to thank those who participated, including AAIM, Boy Scouts of America - Three Fires, CERT, Community High School District 94, Congresswoman Delia Ramirez, Cub Scout Pack 575, DuComm, DuPage County Community Services, DuPage County Forest Preserve Police Department, DuPage County Sheriff's Office, DuPage Health Coalition, Eagle Academy, Educare of West DuPage, ESDA, Healthy West Chicago, Illinois Secretary of State Police Department, League of Women Voters of Wheaton, NAMI DuPage, State Representative Maura Hirschauer, State Senator Karina Villa, WAYS, WCCHS Cheer, We Grow Dreams Greenhouse & Garden Center, WeGo Together for Kids, West Chicago City Hall, Mayor Pineda and the City Council Members, West Chicago Fire Protection District, West Chicago Honor Guard, West Chicago Library, West Chicago Park District, West Chicago School District 33, West Chicago Social Services Unit, Winfield Township and the Winfield Township Republican Party. We'd also like to thank Blue Rose Perfumes, Buck Services, Ditch Witch, DS Containers, Frain Industries, Haggerty Ford, La India Grocery, OrgChem LLC, Spielman Plumbing, and TrueNorth Convenience Stores for their generous support of the event.



On August 4th, Officer Arms participated in the Back to School Celebration at the DuPage Airport Flight Center.



On August 8th, the Explorers used the APEX machine for virtual police call scenarios. They had the chance to put their practice and hard work together in a virtual reality world. Sergeants Bowers and Peterson were on hand to help Officer Arms with the instruction.



On August 9th, Freezer Pops from Cops was held at Cornerstone Lakes Park at 2199 Smith Road.

On August 13th, Officer O'Neil began his assignment as a School Resource Officer for District

33. On August 14th, Officer Montgomery was assigned to the Investigations Unit.

On August 21st, Officer Arms attended the WeGo Together for Kids Back to School Event at Cantigny Park in Wheaton.

On August 24th, Officer Arms stopped by Little Prince Daycare to discuss stranger danger and bullying.



On August 19th, Officers and personnel participated in the Battle of the Badges softball tournament to raise money for Special Olympics Illinois.



On August 30th, Daniel Schane was sworn in as the Department's newest officer.



Criminal Activities

Motor Vehicle Theft:

#2301472 Person(s) unknown removed the victim's vehicle from a parking lot in the 2N400 block of Atlantic Dr. The vehicle was later stopped in West Allis, Wisconsin, and a suspect was arrested.

Criminal Defacement:

#2301553 Person(s) unknown spray-painted graffiti on the side of a building in the 100 block of Galena St.

#2301554 Person(s) unknown spray-painted graffiti in the Turner St. tunnel.

#2301555 Person(s) unknown spray-painted graffiti on the side of a building in the 200 block of Main St.

#2301556 Person(s) unknown spray-painted illegible graffiti on the curb at the Center St. and Fulton St. intersection.

#2301557 Person(s) unknown spray-painted graffiti on a stop sign at northbound Parkside Ave. at Church St.

Criminal Damage to Property:

#2301404 Person(s) unknown damaged a residence in the 100 block of N. Oak St. The kitchen window had been damaged. Two rocks were found in the front yard near the window.

#2301369 A known person damaged a vehicle parked in the 800 block of Burr Oaks Dr. The suspect and vehicle owner had been arguing. When the owner began to leave, the suspect stabbed the rear passenger side tire. The suspect was later located and arrested on a DuPage County warrant.

#2301414 Person(s) unknown drove over a lawn in the 100 block of N Neltner Blvd. and through a fence in the 500 block of W. Washington St.

#2301440 Person(s) unknown damaged a vehicle parked in the 300 block of Clayton St. The windshield had been damaged.

#2301441 Person(s) unknown damaged a vehicle parked in the 300 block of Clayton St. The hood and windshield had been damaged, and the rear window was shattered. A rock was found near the vehicle.

#2301446 Person(s) unknown damaged a vehicle as it traveled in the 700 block of Lincoln Ave. A rock had been thrown at the driver's side of the truck, scratching the paint.

#2301462 Person(s) unknown means broke the front passenger side window on a vehicle parked in the 200 block of Hemlock Ln.

Retail Theft:**Delivery Container Theft:**

#2301407 Person(s) unknown removed a semi-trailer from a business in the 1800 block of Hawthorne Ln. The lessee of the trailer conducted an audit and discovered the unit was missing. The trailer's GPS unit last showed it being in the Miami, Florida, area on April 1st before the GPS unit was disabled.

Burglary:

#2301534 Person(s) unknown entered Wheaton Academy, located at 900 N Prince Crossing Rd, through an unlocked door. The subjects walked around the school and had coffee in the teachers' lounge. The investigation is ongoing.

Burglary to Motor Vehicle & Fraud:

#2301497 Person(s) unknown entered the victim's unsecured vehicle parked on Tower Rd. The suspects removed the victim's wallet and used the owner's debit/credit cards at the Walmart in St. Charles. Two successful purchases were made, totaling \$2,026.79. Another purchase was unsuccessful, and a fourth is pending. The victim's card was also used at a 7-11 in Bartlett for \$46.65. Surveillance video of the suspects and suspect vehicle was obtained from Walmart. The investigation is ongoing.

Aggravated Assault:

#2301564 Person(s) unknown displayed a handgun to a motorist on Neltnor Blvd. near Pine St. The complainant was traveling southbound on Neltnor Blvd. when another vehicle began to tailgate her. The complainant put her hand out the window and gave the tailgating motorist an obscene hand gesture. The second motorist pulled alongside the complaint, rolled down his window, and held up a handgun. The suspect then left the scene. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft Under \$500.00:

#2301461 Person(s) unknown removed the victim's bicycle from Menards at 220 W. North Ave. The subject arrived at work at 0800 and hid his unsecured bicycle in some bushes. When he left at 1600 hours, the bike had been taken.

Fraud:

#2301506 Person(s) unknown used the victim's credit card information to make multiple purchases of rebar from a company in the 1800 block of Arthur Ln. The unauthorized charges totaled \$30,009.06. The investigation is ongoing.

Armed Robbery:

#2301535 Person(s) unknown displayed a handgun and removed a pack of cigarettes from the store in the 900 block of N. Neltnor Blvd. The suspect entered the store and approached the counter with an energy drink. The suspect then asked for two packs of cigarettes. The suspect then picked up one of the packs, lifted his shirt to display a handgun tucked into his waistband, and exited the store. The investigation is ongoing.

#2301536 Person(s) unknown entered the smoke shop in the 900 block of N. Neltnor Blvd. The suspect approached the counter, lifted his t-shirt to reveal a gun tucked into his waistband, and told the clerk to empty the safe. The clerk did not open the safe. When a customer entered the store, the suspect asked for vape cartridges before leaving without any items. The investigation is ongoing.

Monthly Totals

Activities	May 2023	Jun 2023	Jul 2023	Aug 2023	YTD 2023	YTD 2022	Total 2022
Traffic Stops	986	839	1,187	829	6,615	4,021	5,923
Traffic Citations	398	332	780	361	2,949	1,340	2,001
Traffic Warnings	370	312	346	270	2,264	1,694	2,305
Parking Citations	704	527	479	335	2,752	1,506	2,134
Traffic Crashes	73	63	78	73	523	551	858
Incident Reports	347	257	326	309	2,253	2,020	3,014

Officer Activities

#2301408 On August 8th, Officers McClelland and Montgomery responded to a residence in the 300 block of Post Oak Cir. for a reported overdose. Upon arrival, officers were led to a room where the subject was lying on the floor, purple in color, not responding, having a faint pulse, and gasping for air. The family stated they had already administered two doses of Narcan. CPR began, the subject's pulse improved, he regained color to his face, and regained consciousness. West Chicago Fire Protection District personnel arrived, began treatment, and transported the subject to Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage Hospital.

#2301424 On August 10th, Officers Schiever and Solis responded to a residence in the 600 block of E. Blair St. for a reported overdose. Upon arrival, the subject was located unconscious and lying on the floor. A dose of Narcan was administered, and the subject regained consciousness. When the victim was helped to her feet, a small baggie of suspected heroin fell to the ground. West Chicago Fire Protection District personnel transported the subject to the Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage Hospital.

#2201518 On September 10th, 2022, Officer Montgomery responded to a business in the 1200 block of Powis Dr. for a theft report. Forty-eight new tires and rims valued at \$45,600.00 had been removed from six semi-tractors. A Ryder truck had been stolen from an adjacent parking lot in the 1300 block of Howard Dr. The properties are separated by a chain link fence that had been cut open. Ryder provided GPS data to investigators, and Detectives Flanigan and Eversole went to Riverdale, Markham, and Alsip to collect video surveillance of suspects and the stolen Ryder Truck. At a tire business in Alsip, the surveillance camera captured the Ryder truck and a Mercury entering the lot with a suspect exiting the Mercury and walking toward the business. Detective Flanigan sent out a bulletin to local law enforcement agencies seeking information on the suspects and received a reply from DuPage County Sheriff's Office investigators providing names of four possible suspects who have committed similar offenses, one of whom drives a Mercury matching the one involved in this theft. Photos were obtained of the suspects that appeared to match the subjects captured in surveillance video and photographs. On June 22nd, 2023, Detectives Eversole and Flanigan interviewed a suspect at the DuPage County Jail, who admitted to the tire thefts and the theft of the truck. The DuPage County State's Attorney's Office approved a charge of Theft \$10,000 - \$100,000, and on August 9th, 2023, Detective Flanigan obtained an arrest warrant for the suspect. The paperwork was delivered to the DuPage County Jail, where the suspect was in custody on unrelated charges.

#2301151 On July 1st, officers responded to the 29W300 block of Hawthorne Ln for a report of shots fired. Upon arrival, a victim was located lying in the yard, and it was later determined the victim's injuries were consistent with being struck by a car and not a gunshot wound. Witnesses were identified and interviewed and claimed they heard shots fired before the vehicle struck the victim. Later, social media posts from one of the subjects who had been on the scene showed a 9mm handgun being displayed. A search warrant was obtained for the subject's residence in an attempt to locate the firearm. The DuPage MERIT SWAT team conducted the search on July 5th. A loaded 9mm Taurus handgun, 11 rounds of 9mm ammunition, 44 rounds of .380 ammunition, and a black gun case were all located. After the search, the subject said he had hidden the gun and ammunition in his mother's room. The DuPage County State's Attorney's Office approved a charge of Unlawful Use or Possession of Weapons or Ammunition by a Convicted Felon, and a warrant was obtained for the subject's arrest. On August 11th, Detectives Calabrese and Moore, assisted by officers of the West Chicago and Carol Stream Police Departments, arrested the subject as he left his place of employment in Carol Stream, then transported him to the Police Station, where he was reinterviewed. The subject was fingerprinted, photographed, and transported to the DuPage County Jail.

#2300132 On January 30th, 2023, Detective Herbert was assigned to follow up on a criminal sexual assault investigation that occurred on November 25th, 2001, in West Chicago. This follow-up investigation was conducted because, on December 19th, 2022, the DuPage County Crime Lab identified the DNA profile obtained from the victim's sexual assault kit from 2001. The DuPage County Crime Lab stated a suspect's DNA profile was consistent with the DNA profile obtained from the sexual assault kit. The DNA profile of the suspect was linked to a Warrenville criminal sexual assault in 2010. Since a suspect was identified, Detective Herbert conducted a criminal history check and discovered the suspect had multiple arrests, including booking photos. It was learned that in 2000, the suspect was arrested by the Saint Charles Police Department for Burglary, Criminal Trespass to Land, and Reckless Driving and transferred to the DuPage County Jail, where he was photographed during intake procedures. Detective Herbert contacted the DuPage County Jail and requested the suspect's booking photo from May of 2000 since the suspect's arrest was closest chronologically to the criminal sexual assault from November 25th, 2001. The booking photo was compared against the FACES composite picture that the victim created of the offender from the 2001 incident. The suspect's booking photo was determined to be very similar to the composite image of the offender that the victim had created. The DuPage County State's Attorney's Office approved a charge of Criminal Sexual Assault. On February 15th, an arrest warrant was obtained for the suspect. On July 11th, 2023, the DuPage County Sheriff's Office warrant/transport team picked up the suspect at the Three Rivers Federal Correctional Institution in Texas on the original arrest warrant for Criminal Sexual Assault related to this investigation. The suspect was taken on a flight to O'Hare airport and then transported to the West Chicago Police Department, where he was interviewed. The suspect was asked what his uniform was at this time, and he stated he had to wear a black sports coat, white button-down dress shirt, bow tie, and black pants while working. The victim described her attacker as wearing a black sports coat, white button-down shirt, and black pants at the time of the incident. The victim advised that the outfit reminded her of something a male subject would wear to a wedding reception. The suspect denied the sexual assault. The subject was fingerprinted, photographed, and transported to the DuPage County Jail.