

## HOMETOWN HAPPENINGS

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**Police, Fire, and after hours Water & Sewer Emergency Dial .....911**  
**City Hall Hours**  
**8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**  
**Monday - Friday**

### FEEDBACK:

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## MAYOR'S COLUMN

As I write this the federal government remains locked in a struggle over the extension of the debt ceiling, with a hard deadline looming, and potential catastrophic consequences to all of us if a compromise is not reached. It does not seem unfair to characterize this as a particularly reckless game of "chicken" with each car loaded with partisan politicians sporting an "either I get my way, or there's going to be a big crash" attitude. On top of this, we are continually bombarded with headlines that indicate many of our leaders appear to live by a double standard, practicing a "do-as-I-say, not-as-I-do" lifestyle. Frustrating to watch, when you think of the inspiring ideals on which our country was founded, and the incredible potential that democracy continues to hold for us and the world.

At the state level, at least in Illinois, there are more reasons to be discouraged by government. A few people basically run the show, and judging by our states' position near the bottom of the list of any substantive measure of success, again, it does not seem unfair to conclude that the agendas of our representatives in Springfield only occasionally are congruent with the agenda of good government. Some of these people have been in power for decades, and presumably, had they applied themselves to working for the common good consistently, our lot as citizens would be far more promising than it appears today. Also frustrating to watch.

To be fair, local government doesn't always give us reason to smile either. Pick your scandal category and you will find ample evidence that corruption, malfeasance, mismanagement, power mongering and moperly are not the exclusive province of federal and state government. Pick up the newspaper, listen to the radio, go online, watch the news, talk to people who are unhappy for one reason or another, and you will eventually begin to feel that all government is bad, and if a decision is made that actually benefits the citizens, this is an unintended consequence of a decision that was made to enhance the power/wealth of either those making the decision or their friends.

By now you're probably thinking: "Why thanks, Mayor, I feel so much better now. Thank you for highlighting everything that reminds me that the present is a mess and the future is a scary place." I hope you're also thinking that I have framed this discussion in such a way in order to make a point, and that point is *not* that there is no hope, government is just always going to be a huge disappointment and it doesn't work.

I have been involved in local government in Warrenville for 14 years now. Here is my experience. Many of us overlook and take for granted the many things that government does well every day, week after week, year after year. We underestimate the amount of work, time and good will that local elected officials put into providing the services necessary to have a safe, well-run, and sustainable community. For every scandal or misstep, there are literally hundreds of things that get done consistently that benefit the citizens. Those who staff local government, especially in Warrenville, believe in service and act accordingly. The majority of mayors and other elected officials that I have met and worked with over the years love their communities and work hard to make them a better place. I'm sure this is true at the state and federal levels also, although I say that with some qualifications, as I have no direct experience at those levels.

Not to put too fine a point on it, I hope you don't judge government and your elected officials by the scandal de jour. I see so much evidence every day that tells me most of the people in government are well-intentioned, and expend considerable effort to make responsible decisions based on the principles of representative democracy. That having been said, things are better when citizens keep an eye on us and communicate with us.

Sooooo... one more thing. Are you familiar with the proposed CIP for Warrenville, what it is, why the community needs it and the financial consequences to you and the community depending on whether it is passed or not? No? Then, get going! Read my column from last month to start. It and lots more information about this important decision, including much input from your fellow citizens, is available at [www.warrenville.il.us](http://www.warrenville.il.us). Or call or email any elected official or senior staff member. Help us make the best decision for the future of Warrenville.



**Mayor David L. Brummel**

## Online Edition—Sign Up Today!

The editor of *Hometown Happenings* is taking requests from residents who would like to receive notice via e-mail with a link to connect to the bi-monthly online edition of the newsletter. The September 2011 issue will be published in hard-copy and the October issue will be an online publication.

Please contact Ana Vainisi at 630-393-9427 or [avainisi@warrenville.il.us](mailto:avainisi@warrenville.il.us) and request to be added to the e-mail list.

**GOOD NEWS:** Residents may now view current and past issues of *Hometown Happenings* on the City's Laserfiche system. Simply go to [www.warrenville.il.us](http://www.warrenville.il.us) under News, Living or Business, and choose the Newsletter page from the General Information tab. There is a link on the bottom of that page to Laserfiche in a folder titled City Newsletter. Issues go back to 1997.

### EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARY:

Congratulations to City employees celebrating anniversaries in August:

Pamela Lowe—PT Crossing Guard—20 years

## Volunteer Opportunity

Want to give back to the community by volunteering? The City of Warrenville currently has a volunteer opportunity in Ward 2 for a member of the Plan Commission. Go to <http://www.warrenville.il.us/maps/wards-map.pdf> for a map of Ward 2.

The Plan Commission is responsible for making recommendations to the City Council on planning and zoning-related requests, including new development projects, Planned Unit Development (PUD), PUD Amendments, Subdivisions, Special Use, Rezoning, Comprehensive Plan, etc. The Commission meets twice a month on Thursday nights and members are compensated at a rate of \$20 per meeting.

Letters of interest and resume should be addressed to Mayor David Brummel at [davidbrummel@warrenville.il.us](mailto:davidbrummel@warrenville.il.us) or 28W701 Stafford Place, Warrenville, IL 60555.

## DuPage Improves 9-1-1 Response Capabilities with Smart911

DuPage Public Safety Communications (DU-COMM) has announced the launching of the Smart911 program. Smart911 is a free-to-the-user *secure and confidential program*, which allows citizens to enter personal information to be displayed when 9-1-1 is called from a landline or cellular phone.

In a leading step to improve incident outcome, the Smart911 program is aimed at strengthening and expanding the current 9-1-1 program by providing additional critical information about the caller to the 9-1-1 call taker. The program, which includes basic information such as home address, is also capable of including information on disabilities, medical and rescue-related conditions, and children's photos. The registrant is provided the opportunity to enter the information he or she wants made available to the 9-1-1 dispatch center.

Additionally, Smart911 is a national program allowing the caller's information to be made available in areas of the country *where the service is also provided*. The same information that the registrant provides in DuPage County would also be available to the 9-1-1 call taker outside the DuPage County area when 9-1-1 is dialed.

To decide if the Smart911 service is right for you and your family, or to simply sign up, please view the link: <http://www.co.dupage.il.us/smart911/>

## Treating Heat-Related Conditions

In recent years, excessive heat has caused more deaths than all other weather events, including floods. A heat wave is a prolonged period of excessive heat, often combined with excessive humidity. Generally temperatures are 10 degrees or more above the average high temperature for the region during summer months, last for a long period of time and occur with high humidity as well. These are the Red Cross published tips on recognizing heat related emergencies:

**Heat cramps** are muscular pains and spasms that usually occur in the legs or abdomen caused by exposure to high heat and humidity and loss of fluids and electrolytes. Heat cramps are often an early sign that the body is having trouble with the heat.

**Heat exhaustion** typically involves the loss of body fluids through heavy sweating during strenuous exercise or physical labor in high heat and humidity. Signs of heat exhaustion include cool, moist, pale or flushed skin; heavy sweating; headache; nausea; dizziness; weakness; and exhaustion. If heat exhaustion is suspected, move the person to a cooler place. Remove or loosen tight clothing and apply cool, wet cloths or towels to the skin. Fan the person. If the person is conscious, give small amounts of cool water to drink. Make sure the person drinks slowly. Watch for changes in condition. If the person refuses water, vomits, or begins to lose consciousness, **call 9-1-1**.

**Heat stroke** (also known as sunstroke) is a life-threatening condition in which a person's temperature control system stops working and the body is unable to cool itself. Signs of heat stroke include hot, red skin which may be dry or moist; changes in consciousness; vomiting; and high body temperature. Heat stroke is life-threatening. **Call 9-1-1** immediately and move the person to a cooler place. Quickly cool the person's body by giving care as you would for heat exhaustion. If needed, continue rapid cooling by applying ice or cold packs wrapped in a cloth to the wrists, ankles, groin, neck, and armpits.



## August 5 and 6

**Near the Intersection of  
Butterfield & Batavia Roads**

### Friday, August 5th

- 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Amusement Rides!
- 5:00 PM - 11:00 PM Food Booths
- 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Business Booths

### Main Stage Entertainment

- 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM Battle of the Bands
- 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Parrots of the Caribbean
- 9:30 PM - 11:30 PM 7th Heaven

### Saturday, August 6th

- 8:00 AM Car Show Registration
- 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Art on the Prairie Art Fair
- 10:30 AM - 3:00 PM Car Show sponsored by
- 11:00 AM - 11:00 PM Food Booths
- 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM Business Booths

### Main Stage Entertainment

- 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM Amusement Rides!
- 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Radio Disney sponsored by
- 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM 95.9 The River - Live
- 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM Gallery
- 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM Chicago Tribute Anthology
- 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM Neveryly Brothers
- 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Suburban Cowboys
- 9:30 PM - 11:30 PM Brooze Brothers

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### Art on the Prairie Art Fair

9 AM to 5 PM Saturday, August 6th

Art on the Prairie is a juried fine art and craft show. Jewelry, ceramics, paintings, photography, and many more media forms will be exhibited and sold by the artists. A children's hands-on art station will be available free with guest artists from Four Winds Waldorf School, Warrenville Arts Council, and the Warrenville Park District. Art on the Prairie will feature the following performing artist on the Bob Walters Commons Stage: DancEncounter Studio, Warrenville Park District Performing Arts, Dona & Dan Benkert of Warrenville Folklore Society, and more to be announced.

**FREE ADMISSION!**

## Citizens Police Academy

The Citizen's Police Academy (CPA) is being offered by the Warrenville Police Department to its residents. Anyone interested in becoming a police officer, or just wanting to know more about how local police perform their duties should register for this ten week course. Receive instruction on topics like: *Police Officer Selection Process, Patrol Functions / Interview and Interrogations, Police Weaponry, Defensive Tactics, Crime Scene Investigations, K-9 Unit, Traffic Patrol / Accident Investigations / DUI Enforcement, and more....*

Classes will be conducted on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., beginning October 4, 2011, through December 6, 2011. Graduation takes place during the last evening of the course. This **free** opportunity is open to all adult Warrenville residents or business owners, age 21 and over.

Please complete and submit an application no later than September 13, 2011. Space is limited to the first fifteen applications accepted. To obtain a printable version of the application, please visit the City's website at: [www.warrenville.il.us](http://www.warrenville.il.us) on the **Police** page. Applications are also available at the front counter of the Police Department, 3S245 Warren Avenue, or may be mailed upon request. Anyone with questions should call (630)393-2131 and ask to speak with Deputy Chief Schar.

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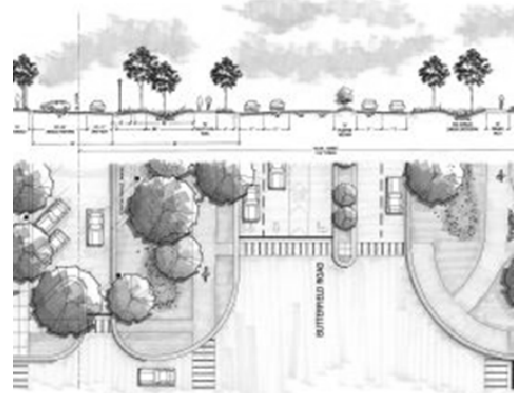
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## Route 56 Widening Project

Construction began in May 2011. The completion date for both sections is October 26, 2012.

The initial stage of construction includes various utility companies relocating their facilities that are in conflict with IDOT's proposed improvements and the installation of temporary traffic signals. Most of the construction activities in 2011 will occur in the south half of the right-of-way to build the proposed eastbound lanes.

When those lanes are complete, traffic will be switched to the new pavement so the contractor can work on the proposed westbound lanes in the north half of the right-of-way where the road exists today. The final landscape plans for the project and other timely updates can be viewed at: [http://www.warrenville.il.us/b\\_road\\_56expansion.aspx](http://www.warrenville.il.us/b_road_56expansion.aspx)



### Services Available at City Hall:

- Sale of Dog Tags
- "No Solicitor" Cards
- Notary Public
- Payment of Water/Sewer Bills
- Voter Registration
- Purchase of Refuse Stickers
- Temporary Handicapped Parking Cards

## National Night Out

Please join the Police Department in celebrating *National Night Out 2011 ~ America's Night Out Against Crime*, at Cerny Park on Tuesday, August 2, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The spirit of the event is to promote neighborhood relationships and police-community partnerships in a joint effort to make our nation safer. The cost-free event will include food, beverages, games, prizes, music, face painting, emergency equipment and police K-9 demonstrations, and much, much more!

For more information on National Night Out visit the calendar at [www.warrenville.il.us](http://www.warrenville.il.us)



### THERE'S ALWAYS SOMETHING TO DO?

Check out these local organization websites:

City of Warrenville: [www.warrenville.il.us](http://www.warrenville.il.us)  
Warrenville Public Library District: [www.warrenville.com](http://www.warrenville.com)  
School District #200: [www.CUSD200.org](http://www.CUSD200.org)  
Warrenville Fire District: [www.warrenvillefire.com](http://www.warrenvillefire.com)  
Warrenville Park District: [www.warrenvilleparks.org](http://www.warrenvilleparks.org)  
Warrenville Historical Society: [www.warrenvillehistorical.org](http://www.warrenvillehistorical.org)  
DuPage Forest Preserve District: [www.dupageforest.org](http://www.dupageforest.org)

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from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
daily, all year long.

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