

HOMETOWN HAPPENINGS

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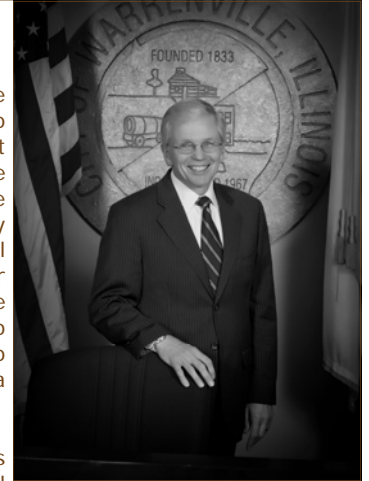
MAYOR'S COLUMN

Took a little spin around town last week to have a look-see at some ongoing projects. Those who cherish the status quo might wish to see less "progress", but those who want to see something different have to be smiling. Our little town continues to evolve, and while we elected officials do our best to manage change and promote improvement, as opposed to change for change sake, the messy period during which change is actually accomplished can be a real bother. Just ask anyone who has to regularly traverse Route 56, or someone who lives along the West Branch and has to watch the cleanup alter the landscape of their back yards. Or someone who grew up with the Warrenville Grove dam, on their first visit back to the area, now without the dam. It's gonna take awhile to adjust to a lot of this.

Some of these things are precipitated by issues beyond our borders and control, for sure. Butterfield Road is a SRA, Strategic Regional Arterial, under the control of IDOT engineers, whose mission is to make sure people in cars get from point "A" to point "B" efficiently and safely. As a state agency, it is not their job to manage local concerns about how to mitigate the multiple impacts or maintain the local character, but we have been able to work with the folks at IDOT to alter designs and plans to accommodate our local concerns. I'm sure that we are into hundreds of hours over the past couple of years advocating the tailoring of their plans to protect the character of Warrenville as much as possible. While we were not successful on everything we wanted, we were able to find mutually acceptable alternatives for what we needed. I'm hopeful that a couple of years down the road, if you'll pardon the expression, the result will be not as bad as we expected and better than we hoped.

The river cleanup thing, of course, did not originate in Warrenville, but north of us at a factory, decades gone, that allowed radioactive waste products from their manufacturing process to enter the river and drift downstream and settle. This operation is very nearly complete, but boy, things along the river sure look different! Vistas are now open that haven't been so for many, many, years. Add into this mix the dam removal/alterations and the prospect of proposed flood mitigation efforts funded by DuPage County necessitating further changes, and after all the dust settles, people who have not been in town for awhile may have to take a moment or two in order to get their bearings. Why, it's enough to make a person shout: "Stop! That's about enough change!"

Almost. Those of us who have been around the block a few times know that, as hard as change is to swallow sometimes, we can't stop it, only do our best to manage it. Communities have to continue to evolve or they begin to wither. Warrenville is not about to wither and is certainly evolving. It is no longer the town of my childhood or my father's childhood. The good news is that much of what is happening, from my perspective, will ultimately be good for Warrenville. Route 56 will be safer and get folks through town quicker. Prairie Path and pedestrian crossings will be improved and safer and we got some things into the plan that will enhance future redevelopment of our Civic Center and the river. Take some time to visit north of us where the restoration has had a little time to take hold. It is simply beautiful. Standing by it, I find myself thinking that this is what it used to look like 80 years ago. I can almost see my Grandpa and my Dad meandering along the shoreline with their poles, their eyes peeled for that perfect spot to drop in their lines and maybe catch something for supper. Now, that's progress!



FREE WINTER WEATHER PREPAREDNESS BOOKLET

On November 1, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) teamed up with the National Weather Service (NWS) and American Red Cross to develop the Winter Storm Preparedness Guide. The guide provides winter weather safety tips. IEMA and NWS also recommend stocking up on emergency preparedness kits for homes and vehicles with items ranging from batteries to non-perishable foods. Visit www.ready.illinois.gov for more information on emergency preparedness, or write to Illinois Emergency Management Agency, 2200 S. Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, IL 62703.

HOLLY DAYS

Join the City, Chamber of Commerce, and Park District for a great community celebration from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, December 2, 2011, on Warren Avenue in front of the Recreation Center and Community Building. The new location provides an opportunity to hold part of the event indoors.

Enjoy Santa's Arrival Parade with the Tunes of Glory Bagpipe Band, followed by Mayor Brummel lighting the official City Christmas tree in front of the Police Station. There will be horse drawn wagon rides, holiday songs, music by local school and community groups, hot chocolate, coffee, and cookies. Additional food for sale includes pizza, soup, and Buffalo Wild Wings.

The night will be highlighted by a visit with Santa inside the Recreation Center. He will give each child a candy cane.

Dress appropriately for the weather, and bring the family to enjoy a great way to begin the holiday season! For more information contact the Warrenville Park District office at (630) 393-7279.



BOAT, CAMPER, AND MOTOR HOME STORAGE IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Campers, trailers, truck campers, boats, motor homes, jet skis, all-terrain vehicles, and similar recreational vehicles (RVs) can be stored on single-family residential properties between November 16 and March 14, but are required to comply with the following restrictions:

- Only one (1) RV can be stored on properties between 7,000 and 26,999 square feet in area. Up to two (2) RVs can be stored on properties between 27,000 and 46,999 square feet in area. Up to three (3) RVs can be stored on properties at least 47,000 square feet (approximately 1.1 acres) in area.
- All RV storage is **prohibited** on lots containing attached single-family dwelling units (townhomes) or apartments.
- RVs may not be located in front of a house, or on the side of a house facing a street (corner side yard).
- All street-legal motorized travel trailers shall be stored on the driveway, or widening thereof.
- Camping trailers, truck campers, boats, jet skis, all terrain vehicles and similar RVs may be stored on a non-paved surface, provided the yard area is not torn up and no permanent ruts are created.
- All RVs being stored must be located a minimum of three (3) feet from the garage and principal building and five (5) feet from interior and rear lot lines, unless the RV being stored is five (5) feet or less in height, in which case, it may be stored not less than one (1) foot from a side or rear lot line if adjacent to a solid wood fence with a minimum height of one (1) foot taller than the height of the RV, and installed on the same property on which the RV is stored.

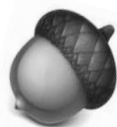
All RVs must have current licensing and registration present on the vehicle at all times. RVs without current registration are subject to citation.

Please contact the Warrenville Community Development Department Code Enforcement Officer at 393-9050 for more information. Copies of the complete recreational vehicle parking and open storage ordinances are available upon request.

City Hall will be closed for the Holidays on Friday, December 23, Monday, December 26, and Friday, December 30.
In case of an emergency, contact 9-1-1 for immediate assistance.



To find the business directory, go to www.warrenville.il.us, look for the "Shop Warrenville" link in the lower right corner and click on the acorn icon, or call Community Development Department at (630) 393-9050 for assistance.



Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

When you recycle...	You can save...
10 cans per week	Enough energy for 30 hours of TV watching per week
4 Sunday papers per month	4 trees per year
15 plastic bottles per week	Enough fiber to make 156 T-shirts per year
1 glass bottle	Enough energy to light a 100-watt light bulb for 4 hours, power a TV for 20 minutes, or a computer for 30 minutes

Senior Citizen Telecommunications Tax Rebate

Senior citizens (65 years or older) with a total household income of \$40,000 or less may receive a rebate of the City portion of the Telecommunications Tax. Reimbursements will be made for the 2011 calendar year payments only. Those who qualify must complete an application form.

The application form and instructions are available on the City website at www.warrenville.il.us under Forms and Documents then Living Community, or may be picked up at City Hall. All completed applications must be submitted by April 29, 2012. Please call (630) 393-9427 for further information.

Energy Savings Ideas for the Home

ComEd's Smart Ideas for Your Home is providing discounts on ENERGY STAR® qualified CFLs and fixtures while supplies last. Instant shelf discounts can be found on a select variety of CFL bulbs at participating retail stores. There is a 12-bulb limit and 6-fixture limit purchase per customer. The Warrenville Ace Hardware, 2S541 Route 59, is a participating retailer for this energy savings offer. Used CFL bulbs can also be brought back to Ace Hardware for recycling.



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Electronics Ban Goes Into Effect January 1

Effective January 1, 2012, a statewide electronics landfill ban will go into effect. This means that residents will no longer be allowed to dispose of items such as computers, monitors, printers, televisions, fax machines, recorders, mp3 players/iPods, video consoles, DVD players, computer accessories, scanners, digital convert boxes, cable receivers, satellite receivers, or DVRs by placing them at the curb. The waste hauler will not be allowed to take them without incurring fines by the EPA.

Citizens disposing of this type of equipment do have several options. Retailers such as Best Buy and Target are now accepting these items; however a fee may be applied. Throughout DuPage County, there are several free drop-off locations as part of DuPage County's Electronics Recycling Program. A list of the locations can be found on the County's website at: www.dupageco.org/EDP/Waste_Recycling_and_Energy/1549.

Please note that the City's Code Enforcement Officer will be monitoring for electronics that are left at the curb or dumped on other properties. Anyone violating the property maintenance code with respect to electronic refuse will be ticketed accordingly. Questions about this new state law or where to dispose of electronic equipment can be directed to Assistant City Administrator Jennifer McMahon at (630) 393-9427 or jmcmahon@warrenville.il.us.



Refuse Collection Schedule

Christmas and New Year's Days fall on Sunday this year, and City offices will be closed on December 23 and 26, as well as December 30. Garbage pickup for the week of December 19 will not be affected, but Waste Management will not operate on Monday, December 26 so refuse and recycling collection will be delayed by one day that week and the week of January 2 for their New Years' observance. Christmas trees may be placed at the curb from January 2 to January 13. Please follow these simple steps to ready Christmas trees for collection:

- Cut trees over 6' tall in half;
- Do not put trees in plastic bags;
- Make sure tree is not buried in snow.

Christmas tree collection after January 13 will require a sticker. For more information, call Waste Management at (800) 796-9696.



Sign Up for the Online Version

The editor of *Hometown Happenings* is taking requests from residents who would like to receive notice via email with a link to connect to the bi-monthly online only edition of the newsletter. The December issue will be an online publication and the January 2012 issue will be published in hard-copy and mailed. Please contact Ana Vainisi at 630-(630) 393-9427 or avainisi@warrenville.il.us and request to be added to the e-mail list.

HISTORICAL COPIES: Residents may also view current and past issues of *Hometown Happenings* on the City's Laserfiche system. Simply go to 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 date back to 1997.

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Anticipating Winter

MAILBOX TIPS

Checking the condition of private mailboxes before winter snowstorms arrive, might prevent damage. With the large amounts of snow Public Works must clear from roads, snow plows might inadvertently knock down a mailbox in poor repair. To avoid damage, if the mailbox is leaning to one side, or is not posted into the ground firmly, be sure to make any necessary repairs.

BASKETBALL HOOPS

Please move portable basketball hoops away from the street before winter so they do not interfere with snow plowing operations.

OPEN BURNING

The Warrenville City Code prohibits the burning of any material other than dry limbs and branches for limited periods of time during the weekends. Please refer to the City's website: www.warrenville.il.us or call (630) 393-9050 for details.

2012 DOG TAGS

The 2012 dog tags will go on sale in December 2011. In order to purchase a dog tag, proof of current rabies inoculation must be presented. If a dog does not display a City dog tag, a \$25 fine may be charged. For further information, contact the Police Department Records Division at (630) 393-2131.

TIPS FOR PREVENTING FROZEN WATER LINES

- Remove garden hose from outside spigot
- Allow warm air to circulate around water meter
- Seal tightly any vents or access areas in crawl space
- Run water at a trickle on extremely cold nights

FIRE HYDRANT CARE

Please help firefighters by keeping the fire hydrants free and clear of snow and ice during the winter months.

NO ON-STREET PARKING AFTER 2" SNOWFALL

Police have no control over when the plows will begin removing snow from specific residential streets, therefore, they will ticket violators when the snowplows are out in order to clear the streets so the snowplows can remove snow from residential roadways without having to detour around parked vehicles. The Police Department is also empowered to tow vehicles parked in violation of this ordinance. Towing of vehicles is predicated on various factors, which include the length of time the vehicle was parked illegally and the type of hazard it presents. Questions should be directed to the Police Department (630) 393-2131.

Looking for more tips? Visit our website at www.warrenville.il.us

Hometown Happenings recognizes employees celebrating milestone 5, 10, 15, 20 or 25 years of employment.

EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES:

Congratulations to City employees celebrating anniversaries in December:

K-9 Police Officer Tom Bellinger—5 Years
Community Service Tech April Garcia—15 Years

THERE'S ALWAYS SOMETHING TO DO in WARRENVILLE:

Check out these local organization websites or give them a call:
City of Warrenville: www.warrenville.il.us (630) 393-9427
Warrenville Public Library District: www.warrenville.com (630) 393-1171
School District #200: www.CUSD200.org (630) 682-2000
Warrenville Fire District: www.warrenvillefire.com (630) 393-1381
Warrenville Park District: www.warrenvilleparks.org (630) 393-7279
Warrenville Historical Society: www.warrenvillehistorical.org (630) 393-4215
DuPage Forest Preserve District: www.dupageforest.org (630) 933-7200

For more current events, check out the
Channel 10 message board

www.warrenville.il.us