

## HOMETOWN HAPPENINGS

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**Monday - Friday**

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## MAYOR'S COLUMN

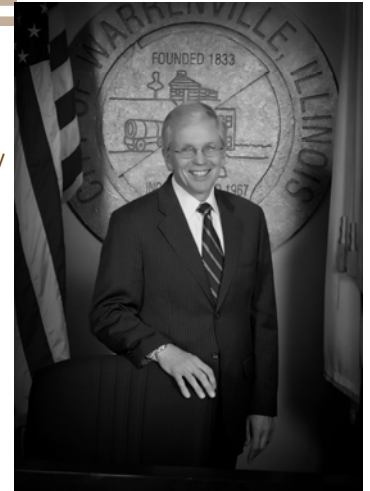
For the past year, I have been privileged to serve as the President of the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference. My term ended on May 20, at our Annual Dinner and Recognition Ceremony, and I have now become a member of the "Past Presidents Club". I do remain as a member of the Board of Directors and automatically inherit the Chair of Nominating Committee position. So, I will still have to attend as many meetings, I just won't have to chair Board meetings.

Leading this group of DuPage municipal officials has been a special experience, and I learned much. You haven't really lived, meeting-wise, until you have to run ones composed of your peers - all people who are used to running meetings themselves - chairing for the chairs so-to-speak. The goal, as always, is to get through the agenda in a reasonable timeframe, while paying particular attention to favorable outcomes for the action items. Getting consensus was often a challenge, as you might imagine, working with a roomful of successful, experienced, knowledgeable, articulate and forceful personalities, many of whom have been doing this municipal business thing for far longer than I.

The biggest challenge, and I suppose this is really universal for anyone wielding a gavel, is getting everyone to stick to the agenda. Part of the difficulty was that a lot of the far-ranging discussions, while only tangentially connected to an agenda item, were really informative and interesting. And a lot of the "back stories", especially when politics and political personalities were involved, were downright fascinating. Many of the humorous and wry comments that surfaced during these little side-issue expeditions were worthy of Jay Leno, or Will Rogers even.

All of which leads to the sensitive part: You want everyone to be heard, you need to be respectful of your colleagues, you want the agenda item to be fully vetted and you desire a positive decision that moves things forward, but you also want to get out of the meeting before you have to shave again. Of course, as with so many things in life, about the time I became reasonably adept at navigating these tricky waters, my time was up, and someone else now has the gavel.

All is not lost, however. Running Board meetings for a year for DMMC was good training, that hopefully, will help me do a better job chairing Council and special meetings here in Warrenville. So, there's that. Not to mention, and please don't share this with anyone connected with the DMMC, I really enjoyed the experience. Wouldn't want them to get the idea that I'm not happy to be a member of the Past Presidents Club.



**Mayor David L. Brummel**

## Summer Festival Volunteers Needed

Warrenville's summer festivals are just around the corner and volunteers are needed for two fabulous community events: Anyone interested in volunteering for the Independence Day celebration happening on July 3 and 4 should contact Vivian Lund at 630-393-1186; and for the Summer Daze event on August 5 and 6, should contact Michelle Savage at the Warrenville Park District, 630-393-7279. These events rely heavily on volunteer help for their success and there is no better way to give back to the community. Join Warrenville's "giving spirit" this summer.



## 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 next paper edition will be in July 2011.

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.

## Meet Leah Goodman Alderman for Ward 4

Meet the junior Alderman from Ward 4: Leah Goodman was born and raised in Warrenville. She is a graduate of Stanford University, University of London, and University of Michigan Law School. She is a managing partner at Clarity Law Group LLC and has served on the City's Plan Commission since 2005.



Alderman Goodman looks forward to serving Ward 4 and her community and she can be reached at:

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## 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.

**CONCERTS ON THE COMMONS**

EVERY Wednesday  
in June, July & August  
Bob Walters Commons @ Warrenville Library  
28W751 Stafford Place, Warrenville IL  
see [www.warrenville.com](http://www.warrenville.com) for schedule

Pack a Picnic,  
Bring the Family,  
Listen to Music

warrenville public library district 2011  
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**LIBRARY CONCERTS**  
Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.  
Bob Walters Commons  
on Stafford Place between  
the Library & City Hall

Sponsored in part by the Warrenville Hotel/Motel/Tax Grant Fund. The season's concert schedule and additional details can be found at [www.warrenville.com](http://www.warrenville.com)

## Summer Safety Tips

As warm weather approaches, more time is spent on outdoor activities. Here are a few tips from the Warrenville Police Department to help keep you and your property safe:

- Make sure all gate latches, garage, and shed doors are closed and locked when not in use.
- Bicycles, lawn mowers, and other valuables should be stored in a locked garage or shed.
- Make sure all doors are locked at night and each time you leave, including the door leading from the garage to inside the home.
- Remove garage door openers from vehicles parked outside.
- Remember to change the code on your garage door keypad periodically.
- Get to know your neighbors, and keep an eye out for them.
- When spending time in the back of your home, make sure all entrances at the front of the home are closed and locked.
- Make a list of serial numbers for all of your valuables and keep them stored in a fireproof safety box.

[For more home safety tips, please visit the Home Safety Council website](#)

## Farmer's Market New Location



The Warrenville Park District's Annual Farmer's Market has moved to the Courtyard Banquets parking lot on Route 59, south of Batavia Road. Held every Wednesday from June 8 through September 21, it will showcase fresh produce, bakery goods, and seasonal wares from local vendors. The Farmer's Market is open from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., followed by a Concert in the Commons at Bob Walters Commons on Stafford Place. Wednesdays in Warrenville are summertime favorites.

The Farmer's Market is sponsored in part by the City of Warrenville's Hotel/Motel Tax Grant Fund. More information can be found at: [www.warrenvilleparks.org](http://www.warrenvilleparks.org)

## Summertime Tips and Pointers

**Brush Pick-Up:** Brush pick-up service is currently active and continues through October 24, 2011. When placing brush out for pick-up, the following guidelines must be met: 1) Brush piles cannot be more than three (3) feet high, 2) Branches cannot be longer than eight (8) feet long, 3) Branches cannot be larger than eight (8) inches across, and 4) Brush must be limited to trimmings from bushes, shrubs, or trees located on the property. Logs, root balls, stumps, grass clippings, flowers, weeds, plants, leaves, or lumber will NOT be picked up. All brush must be placed on the parkway with the larger cut end toward the street by 7:00 a.m. on the morning of scheduled pick-up. Brush may be in place as early as 8:00 a.m. on the Friday prior to the pick-up date. The pickup schedule can be confirmed by the Community Development Department at 630-393-9050.

**Leaves:** Leaves and grass cuttings must be contained in either a 30-gallon biodegradable paper bag, or a standard 35-gallon garbage container, which must clearly display a YARD WASTE ONLY decal. Decals can be obtained free of charge at City Hall. However, all containers and/or bags still require the use of refuse/yard waste stickers. The cost of Waste Management yard waste stickers is \$2.86 as of May 1. Yard waste is picked up on the same day as trash and recycling pickup. The City Code prohibits trash receptacles and landscape waste bags be placed at the curb prior to 6:00 p.m. the night before scheduled pick-up. Receptacles must be removed from the curb by 7:00 p.m. the day of scheduled service.

**Holiday Refuse Pickup:** No collection services will be provided on Memorial Day, Monday, May 30. Because the holiday falls on a weekday, collection will be delayed by one day Tuesday through Saturday.

**Composting:** Composting is a viable, environmentally friendly option for leaves; however, meat scraps, pet waste, and other garbage that attracts vermin or animals is strictly prohibited. The compost pile must meet setback requirements depending on its location on the property. The Community Development Department can provide information on setback distances and requirements.

**Sump Pump Discharge:** Spring rain often sends sump pumps into overdrive in order to remove water from properties. Remember that the discharge point for any sump pump line must be a minimum of five (5) feet away from the property line. Sump pump discharge cannot be directed across City sidewalks or rights-of-way. For suggestions on how the City may be able to assist homeowners in preventing discharged water across sidewalks and rights-of-way, contact Code Enforcement at 630-393-9050.

**Weeds and Tall Grass:** With the warmer weather and rain, the grass is already growing at an accelerated rate! Remember that grass and weeds must be maintained at a height not to exceed eight (8) inches tall.

**Open Burning:** Recreational fires and landscape waste burning that does not exceed two (2) feet by two (2) feet by two (2) feet is allowable without permit as long as the fuel is dry branches and limbs from the property and the location meets the required setback from temporary or permanent structures. For recreational fires and landscape waste burning larger than two (2) feet by two (2) feet by two (2) feet, but smaller than five (5) feet by five (5) feet by five (5) feet, an open burning permit is required and takes a minimum of three business days to process. Open burning that requires a permit but continues without the necessary permit is subject to a court citation. Plan ahead and call Community Development if you have any questions.

**Garage Sales:** Garage and yard sales are limited to a maximum of ten (10) calendar days in one year.

**Scavengers:** Unwanted household items should not be placed at the curb in the hope that someone will come along and take them. Please take such items to a resale shop or donation center where they help support those less fortunate in the community.

## Commercial Projects Under Review

Be on the lookout for several private-commercial projects that are gearing up to start or continue construction this summer:

**DynaCom Office Building Reconstruction:** Conversion of a laboratory/office facility at 4580 Weaver Parkway (formerly occupied by D.A. Stuart) into multi-tenant office building and expanding the parking lot with 48 additional spaces.

**Eddie Merlot's Restaurant:** Proposed remodel of an existing vacant restaurant facility at 28254 Diehl Road (formerly occupied by Max & Erma's Restaurant) into an Eddie Merlot's Restaurant, including a dining room addition.

**Sant Nirankari Mission:** Construction of a one-story, 375-seat, religious facility is being constructed on the northwest corner of Route 59 and Mack Road.

Additional information on current development projects is available on the City's website at [www.warrenville.il.us](http://www.warrenville.il.us) under Bulletin.

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## 2011 Construction Season

The City recently awarded contracts for three construction projects. The **Emerald Green Lift Station Rehabilitation** will be performed by Genco Industries. The **Gates Place Pavement Reconstruction Project** from Warren Avenue to Batavia Road will be performed by Schroeder Asphalt Services, and the **2011 Road Program** will be performed by Geneva Construction and consists of the following east side streets:

- Haylett Avenue: Central to Galusha Avenues;
- Tinker Avenue: Central to Galusha Avenues;
- Elizabeth Avenue: Warrenville Road to Galusha Avenue;
- Virginia Avenue: Warrenville Road to Galusha Avenue;
- Lorraine Avenue: Warrenville Road to Galusha Avenue;
- Wilbur Avenue: Warrenville Road to Galusha Avenue;
- Melcher Avenue: Warrenville Road to Galusha Avenue;
- West Street: South dead end to Galusha Avenue; and
- Central Avenue: Haylett Avenue to West Street.

The **Williams Court Sewer and Water Extension Project** includes a 500-foot extension of City water main and sanitary sewer to serve Williams Court, south of Warrenville Road and will be performed by Copenhagen Construction of Gilberts, IL.

The Public Works and Engineering Departments will be coordinating these projects.

Please contact  
(630) 393-9050

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## Route 56 Widening Project



IDOT opened bids on both sections of the Route 56 Widening Project on January 21, 2011. The Warrenville section begins west of Route 59 near the railroad and ends east of Winfield Road. The Wheaton section continues east to Naperville Road. IDOT awarded both contracts to K-Five Construction. The final completion date specified in the contracts for both sections is October 26, 2012.

City staff will monitor construction progress and attending meetings throughout the project, which will include relocation of utilities, installation of erosion control, temporary traffic signals, and mass grading. There will be some limited interruptions to traffic during this phase. Once the eastbound lanes have been constructed, traffic will be switched to the new pavement so the existing pavement can be removed and the westbound lanes can be constructed.

IDOT has developed a project website for those who want more information: <http://www.dot.state.il.us/IL56/index.html>.

## Donate to the 4th of July Festival



Please note a donation check-off box on the next water/sewer bills for an opportunity to make a tax deductible donation to the 2011 July 4th festival. The contribution amount may be added to the utility payment. Donations are greatly appreciated and help keep festival activities and entertainment free of charge to all.

The 2011 Independence Day parade will take place on Sunday, July 3, at 4 p.m. from downtown, heading towards Cerny Park via Warren Avenue. The parade theme is "The American Dream LIVES!" featuring the American advantages that lure immigrants to our shores.

July 4th is jam-packed with activities and entertainment for the entire family. Come join the fun at Cerny Park around noon and stay for the fireworks at dusk.

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