

## HOMETOWN HAPPENINGS

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**Monday - Friday**

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## MAYOR'S COLUMN

"Wow, (insert name here), you haven't changed in (insert significant time frame here)! How often have you thought of saying something similar to someone whom you have known for a long time, or someone whom you are getting reacquainted with after not seeing them for a long time? This happened to me recently, and as you might suspect if you are a regular reader of the Mayor's column, it got me thinking about one of my favorite themes, change.

In the above-referenced instance, having learned that it is usually prudent to filter my thoughts before gifting them to the world, I kept this observation to myself, because, well, you never know. Some folks might welcome such an observation about themselves. Others, might be offended. I confess that I am, at least in this instance, most comfortable in the company of the "others". One of my favorite things that my son, Ryan, ever said to me he remarked after he had been away for several years, and in the interim, I had become Mayor. "Boy, Dad, you sure have come out of your shell!" From my perspective, high praise indeed.

Of course, change, or lack of it, could be a positive aspect of who you are, or not. I don't think many of us would be pleased to acknowledge that those good qualities, strengths, marks of character, and virtues that we consider the core of who we are have diminished with the passage of time. So saying we haven't changed, in this context, would be music to our ears. We would be hearing: "Keep up the good work! You remain a rock-solid, principled, fine human being, and I am pleased to be able to count on you for that!"

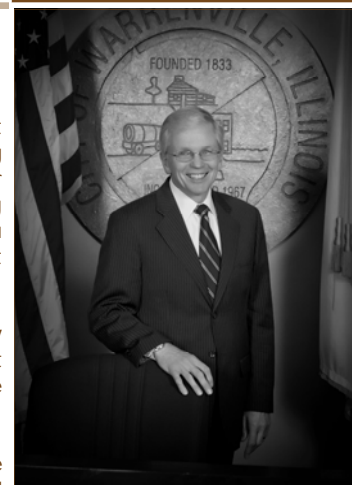
Having someone remark on your lack of change in the context of growth, however, might be something less welcome to our ears: "Goodness! What have you been doing? I would expect that, after all this time, you would be more interesting, to have grown, to have a more nuanced perspective, to be in a different place than when I saw you last. Umm, good to see you. Got to run!"

Kurt Vonnegut, Jr. was my favorite author in college. He mused in one of his writings that a person's life could be compared to a novel, with prologue, story, and epilog. Each of us determines how long these elements are for us. If your "novel" is to last for 70 years, how many years do you want to be "story"? The least desired life would consist of a prologue, a short story and a lengthy epilog ("Gosh! You haven't changed in 40 years!"). The most desirable outcome for a life would be a short prologue, a long story followed by a short epilog ("Holy Cow! I can't believe where you have been, what you have accomplished and who you have become!").

It is no stretch for me to see change or lack of it as a central element in the story of our community. Some things about Warrenville we hold dear and we struggle to never change, especially the caring and compassionate elements of our small town heritage, and the safe, comfortable and welcoming neighborhood atmosphere. Other things, especially physical aspects, will continue to change. They have to. Every good story involves change and growth. What you do with these inevitabilities is what makes your story interesting. Take them out of the story, and the story is pretty much over, and you have begun the epilog. Deal with the evolution of the community in positive and imaginative ways, and the story continues, and each chapter brings new delights along with the inevitable challenges, which if faced forthrightly, build character.

What I want to hear from a former resident who has returned to our town for a visit after a long absence would be along the lines of: "Ah, Warrenville! You still feel like home!" I would not be so pleased to hear: "Ah, Diddy Wah! You look exactly like I remember you on the day I left!"

I love our prologue, but I'm always seeing the next chapter in our story as maybe the most interesting yet!



**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](http://www.warrenville.il.us) (630) 393-9427  
Warrenville Public Library District: [www.warrenville.com](http://www.warrenville.com) (630) 393-1171  
School District #200: [www.CUSD200.org](http://www.CUSD200.org) (630) 682-2000  
Warrenville Fire District: [www.warrenvillefire.com](http://www.warrenvillefire.com) (630) 393-1381  
Warrenville Park District: [www.warrenvilleparks.org](http://www.warrenvilleparks.org) (630) 393-7279  
Warrenville Historical Society: [www.warrenvillehistorical.org](http://www.warrenvillehistorical.org) (630) 393-4215  
DuPage Forest Preserve District: [www.dupageforest.org](http://www.dupageforest.org) (630) 933-7200

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

## Municipal Electrical Aggregation Program

The Electric Aggregation Program was successfully adopted by Warrenville voters on March 20. The referendum gives the City authorization to negotiate for electric rates for its residents and small businesses.

In order to implement the program, a Plan of Operation and Governance must be adopted. A copy of the proposed Plan of is available for review at City Hall from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday and at the Warrenville Public Library, 28W751 Stafford Place, Monday through Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday, 9:30 a.m. - 7 p.m., Saturday, 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., and Sun 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. A copy of the proposed Plan is also available online at [www.warrenville.il.us](http://www.warrenville.il.us) under Forms & Documents.

The City is proposing two Public Hearings be held in order to inform the public and obtain their input on the plan and program. The Public Hearings will be held on **May 14, 2012** and **May 21, 2012** at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the City Hall, 28W701 Stafford Place, Warrenville, IL 60555.

Questions about Electrical Aggregation can be directed to Assistant City Administrator Jennifer McMahon at [jmcmahon@warrenville.il.us](mailto:jmcmahon@warrenville.il.us) or (630) 393-9427. Written and oral comments will be accepted during the Public Hearings.

## Refuse Sticker Price Increase

Beginning **May 1, 2012**, refuse and yard waste stickers will increase from \$2.86 to \$2.97 each. Additionally, cart service will increase to \$27. Recycling continues to be free of charge and can include plastic items numbered up to five, glass, steel, aluminum, paper, and cardboard products. Waste Management provides single stream recycling, so there is no need to separate recyclables. Also, please remember, yard waste pick-up begins April 1 and runs through November 30. For more information call Waste Management at 1-800-796-9696.



**EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARY:**  
Congratulations to the City employee celebrating an anniversary in May:  
Debra Swinden—Community Development Department  
5 years

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

## Route 56 Update

IDOT has announced that Winfield Road through the Butterfield Road intersection will be reduced to one lane in each direction until mid-June.

The Butterfield Road, or Illinois 56, improvement project consists of adding a second lane in each direction, reconstructing the roadway and building a 30-foot grass median from west of Illinois 59 to Naperville Road. The entire \$52.6 million project is scheduled to be complete, and all four lanes open to traffic in late fall, according to IDOT.

Until then, motorists should expect delays and allow extra time for trips through this area. IDOT asks that drivers obey the speed limit, observe closure signs and remain alert for workers.



## 7th Annual Bike Rodeo

The Warrenville Park District and the Warrenville Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC) will co-host the seventh annual Warrenville Bike Rodeo. The event will be on **Saturday, May 19, 2012, from 9:00 a.m. to noon.** at the City Hall parking lot on Stafford Place, near the Gazebo.

The Warrenville Public Library, Liberty Mutual Insurance, Midwest Cyclery, Central DuPage Hospital, and Minuteman Press are the event sponsors. Each sponsor will have some fun giveaways as well as educational materials about bicycle safety, including great raffle prizes, like bicycles and helmets.

Children will have an opportunity to ride a safety course and Police Officers will be on hand to register bicycles. *Working Bikes Cooperative*, a not-for-profit cooperative that diverts bicycles from the waste stream in Chicago by repairing them for sale and charity, will be participating. So bring any old and dilapidated bikes and turn them in for this great cause. To learn more about *Working Bikes*, visit their website at <http://workingbikes.org>.

The Bike Rodeo is free of charge and children may register with a parent or guardian on the day of the event. For more information, contact the Warrenville Park District at (630) 393-7279 or visit [www.warrenvilleparks.org](http://www.warrenvilleparks.org).



## Annual Document Shredding Day

The Warrenville Police Department would like to remind everyone of the risk associated with Identity Theft. The Chicago Tribune recently reported that identity fraud is costing Americans a staggering \$37 billion dollars, and the Federal Trade Commission ranked Illinois 10<sup>th</sup> in the nation for filed identity theft complaints.

In order to take a proactive stance against this type of crime, the Warrenville Police Department will be conducting its 5<sup>th</sup> *Annual Document Shredding Day*, to be held on Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. The event will be held at the Warrenville Public Works facility, which is located at 3S346 Mignin Drive. This free event is open to all residents of the community. Residents are invited and encouraged to drop off paper documents they wish to have shredded. Due to the size of the event, residents are asked to please limit the quantity of items to be shredded to three banker-sized boxes.

Shredding will be conducted by *Docu-Shred* and may take place on-site. Questions regarding this event may be directed to Community Service Technician April Garcia, or Deputy Chief Tony Dutkovich at (630) 393-2131.

For more information, facts, and tips on Identity Theft prevention, please visit the Office of the Attorney General's website at: [www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/consumers/hotline.html](http://www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/consumers/hotline.html)

## Holiday Waste Pickup

**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 at 630-393-9050.



### MEMORIAL DAY 2012

For love of country  
they accepted death...  
-James A. Garfield

## Independence Day

A donation box appears on the May utility bills for an opportunity to make a tax deductible donation to the 2012 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.

The 2012 Independence Day parade will take place on Tuesday, July 3, at 6 p.m. from downtown, heading towards Cerny Park via Warren Avenue. The parade theme is "Made in the USA", and vendor/parade applications are available online at [www.warrenville.il.us](http://www.warrenville.il.us).

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

## Upcoming NATO Summit and its Possible Effect on Warrenville

While the G8 Summit has been moved to Camp David, the NATO Summit is still planned for the City of Chicago from May 19 through May 21, 2012. At this time, it is unknown what impact the Summit will have on the City. Warrenville Police and Fire Departments are well aware of the upcoming event, and have been involved in pre-event strategy meetings and preparations. ***Please be assured that there is no anticipation, or information at this point, that any significant incident(s) will occur within the City,*** and Warrenville residents may expect the same level of security they have come to know and trust.

Being part of the community, residents and business owners have the unique opportunity to be observant and are encouraged to report suspicious activity, especially graffiti. It is one of the most basic indicators that certain extremist groups are making an appearance. Flyers advocating direct actions against government, businesses, or other institutions are another indicator of suspicious activity. For more information, please visit the City's website at [http://www.warrenville.il.us/c\\_news](http://www.warrenville.il.us/c_news) and call 9-1-1 to report anything suspicious, or 630-393-2131 for more information.

## Volunteer Opportunity

Mayor Brummel has announced an opening on the Environmental Advisory Commission (EAC). The EAC's mission is to act as a resource and advocate to the City Council and the community at large to help develop educational and informational programs and materials that promote environmental awareness and behavior, as well as to promote and coordinate the City's beautification efforts, and to conduct an annual Arbor Day activity in Warrenville.

They meet the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. Interested applicants may contact Mayor Brummel at [davidbrummel@warrenville.il.us](mailto:davidbrummel@warrenville.il.us) with a letter of interest and resume, and are invited to join the EAC at a regular meeting to learn about their current projects.

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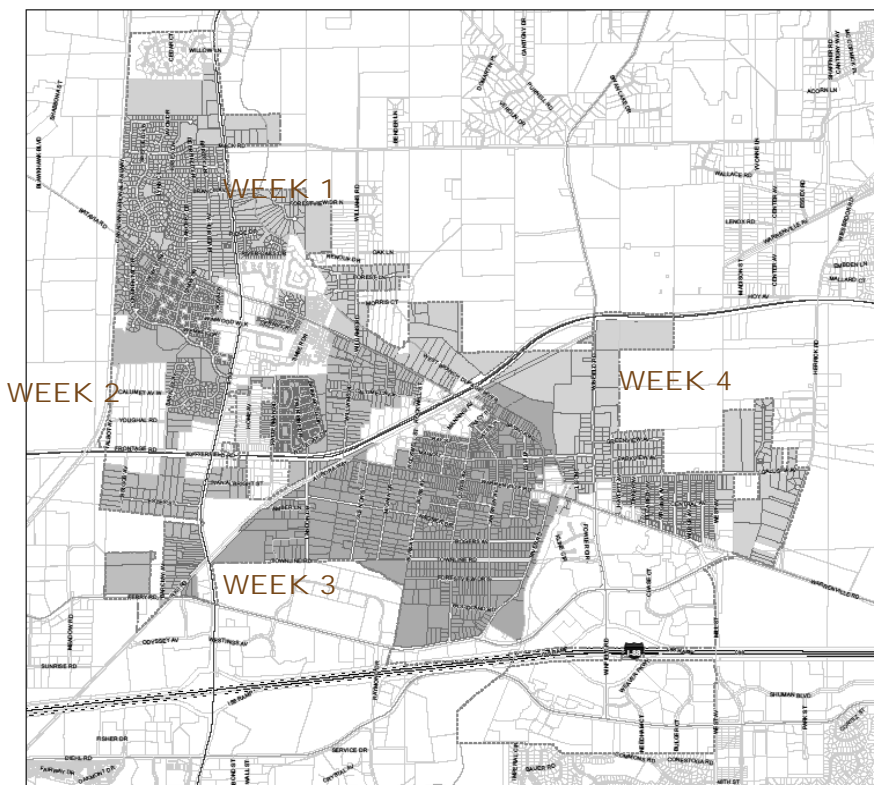
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## Brush Pickup Continues During May and June



The 2012 brush pick-up service began April 1 and will continue through June 25. No brush pickup service will be provided in July and August, but the service returns from September 1, through October 22. When placing brush out for pick-up, please follow these guidelines:

- Brush piles cannot be more than 3' in height
- Branches cannot be longer than 8' in length
- Branches cannot be larger than 8" in diameter
- Brush pickup is limited to trimmings from bushes or shrubs or trees located on the property

Other items such as logs, root balls, stumps, grass clippings, flowers, weeds, plants, leaves, and 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 pickup. Brush may also be placed as early as 8:00 a.m. on the Friday prior to your pick-up date.

Questions may be addressed to the Public Works Department at (630) 393-9050.

## *Hometown Happenings Online* -Don't Miss Out-

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 June issue will be the next online publication, with the May 2012 issue being published in hard-copy and mailed. 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 or stop by City Hall and fill out a request form.

**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](http://www.warrenville.il.us) under Living or Business, then General Information and choose the Newsletter page. There is a link on the bottom of that page to the Laserfiche database called *View past issues of the Hometown Happenings*, then choose the folder titled City Newsletter. Issues date back to 1997.

### **OUTDOOR WARNING SIRENS**

**Warrenville's outdoor warning sirens are tested on the first Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m.**

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