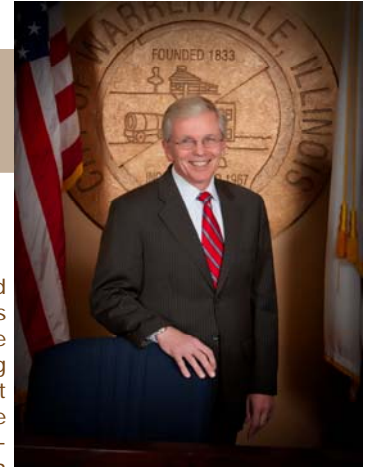


HOMETOWN HAPPENINGS



Mayor David L. Brummel

MAYOR'S COLUMN

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I have owned my own business for nearly 35 years, and as the world changed with the advent of the Internet, I didn't evolve with it. That's not because I don't know how to use technology – I do! It's because with my tight margins, I have to keep overhead low, so developing and maintaining a website was just not in my budget. I'm certainly not alone. I know many Warrenville small business owners who are in the same situation. They don't have the expertise, time or money to develop a website. The problem is, that in today's technology-driven world, my fellow small business owners and I *need* to use technology to reach a whole host of potential customers. More and more people go to the Internet, and increasingly, their smart phones, not the phone book, to find what they need. For most young people, the phone book has gone the way of the Sears catalog. I have long realized that I needed a presence on the web, but how?

My community to the rescue! In July, the Warrenville City Council supported a recommendation by staff to contract with a website developer that would provide mini-websites to Warrenville businesses – small and large – for free. They provide an easy tool that allows people like me to develop a web presence that is posted on the City's website at a link called *Shop Warrenville*. I even got training on how to use the tool.

The *Shop Warrenville* business is great for citizens too, as it gives access to webpages of local businesses. These businesses can display information such as new merchandise or services, current coupon offerings, available job openings, product photos, and much more. The directory helps make the Warrenville business community more available and more vibrant. With *Shop Warrenville*, citizens go to one central location to search for local businesses. They have the ability to print out coupons, see menus, ask questions, determine store hours, join mailing lists and find a business location, among a host of other capabilities.

To find the Warrenville Business Directory, go to www.warrenville.il.us, look for the *Shop Warrenville* link at the bottom of the homepage. You'll recognize it because it has a little acorn next to it. Citizens or business owners who need assistance in utilizing this program can contact Administrative Assistant Marie Lupo in the Community Development Department at (630) 393-9050 or mlupo@warrenville.il.us.

If you have a small business in Warrenville, do take advantage of this opportunity, this *free* opportunity, to get the word out about what your business has to offer. As with so many other things, people have rediscovered "local" and how it makes sense on so many levels to use and support local vendors. Let us help you take advantage of this healthy trend by becoming more accessible to the very people who appreciate your being here and want to support Warrenville and patronize our businesses!

**Police, Fire, and
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Dial911
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5:00 p.m.
Monday - Friday**

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Tips for Safe Halloween Fun

This year, Halloween is on Monday, October 31. The Police Department is recommending that "Trick or Treat" take place between 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. All "Trick or Treat" activity should cease by 7:00 p.m. It is strongly recommended that all Halloween participants be accompanied by a responsible adult and follow these safety tips: Never approach strangers in vehicles for any reason, wear reflective clothing, and if possible, wear face paint rather than masks. Costumes should allow freedom of movement and should not be cumbersome. Adults and children should carry flashlights so they can be seen at dusk, avoid walking on the street, obey all traffic rules, and cross roads only at intersections using sidewalks. No one should ever dart out into the street!

Anyone participating in handing out treats should turn on a porch light. A house with no porch lights on should be skipped. The Police Department should be notified of any "treats" that appear suspicious or tampered.

The Warrenville Police Department wishes everyone a happy and safe Halloween!



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 only edition of the newsletter. The the October issue will be an online publication and the November 2011 issue will be published in hard-copy and mailed as well as online. Please contact Ana Vainisi at 630-393-9427 or 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 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.

Police Solicitations

The Warrenville Police Department does not solicit donations, nor does it benefit from donations made to the Metropolitan Alliance of Police or any of the numerous solicitations efforts made by telephone or door to door by other police-affiliated organizations.

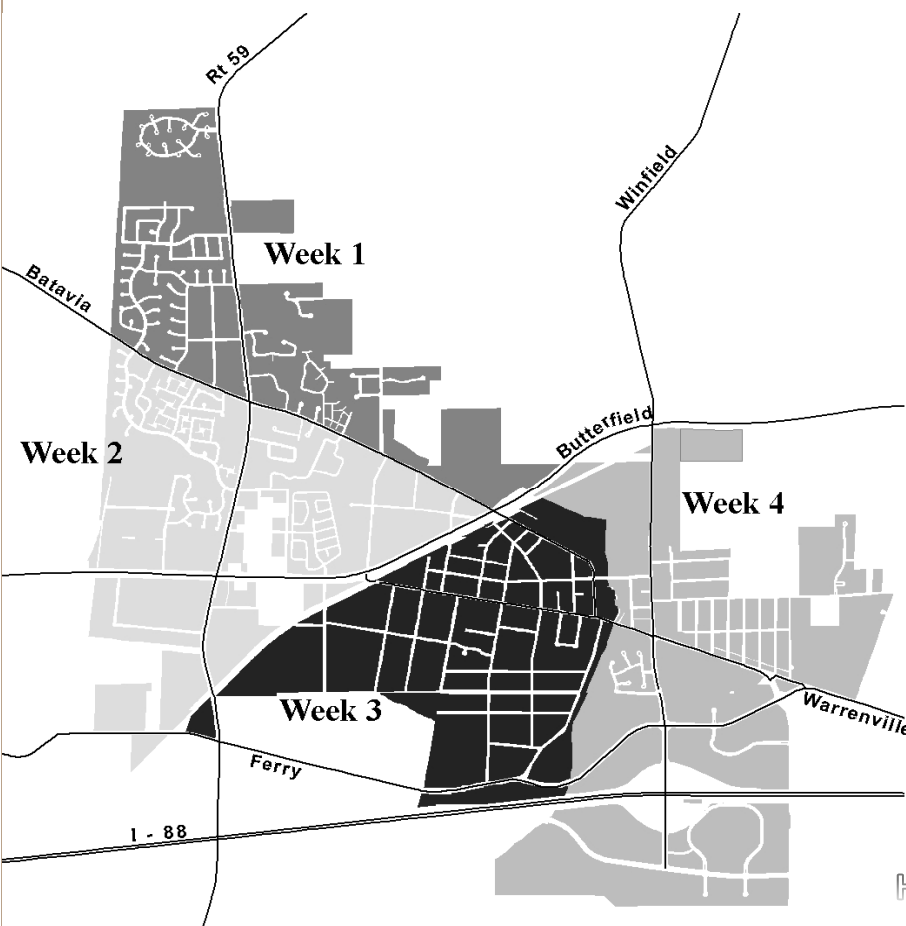
To clear up any misunderstanding, residents should ask the caller which fund or organization would benefit from the donation. Anyone with questions or concerns about solicitations in Warrenville should contact the Warrenville Police Department at (630) 393-2131.

LAST CALL FOR BRUSH PICKUP

The enhanced brush pickup program will end for the season on October 30. Brush must be out on Monday by 7:00 a.m. for the week scheduled (see map).

Brush pickup is limited to trimmings from bushes or shrubs, as well as branches from trimming and/or pruning trees. Other items such as logs, root balls, stumps, grass clippings, flowers, weeds, plants, leaves, lumber, or anything in plastic bags or other such containers will NOT be picked up. All brush must be cut in lengths no longer than eight (8') feet and no larger than eight (8") inches in diameter.

All brush must be placed on the parkway with the larger cut end towards the street and the brush pile should not be more than three (3') feet high. Brush piles not conforming to these standards will not be picked up and a notice will be left on the front door knob. The program is scheduled to run through the last full week of October and will restart on April 1, 2011.



Help keep your vehicles safe!

Reduce the risk of your vehicle being broken into:

- Remove all items of value from your vehicle
- Keep your vehicle locked at all times



A message from the Police Department



City of Warrenville
SHOP WARRENVILLE
 FOR A DIRECTORY OF WARRENVILLE BUSINESSES AND MERCHANTS VISIT
http://citygovhelp.infc/warrenvilleil/_cs/supporthome.aspx



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.

Free New Service: Smart911



The City of Warrenville now offers a free, new service to improve 911 response. Once a family is signed up, first responders will be provided important information that will help them address emergencies at the residence. This information - including current medical issues and location - can help Police, Fire, and EMS locate and help you and your family in times of emergency.

Smart911 information can help police in numerous ways. Today, when a child goes missing, it takes time for police to obtain a photo of the missing child. With Smart911 police will have that photo instantly and can begin a wide scale search sooner. Additionally, this service helps police locate you if the 9-1-1 call is dropped for any reason, and the firefighters to know exactly how many people live in the house (including pets) to ensure everyone is rescued during a fire. Smart911 requires information about your family's medical issues – like heart conditions, allergies, and stroke history, in order for EMS to respond with the appropriate

equipment. For those who have a family member with Alzheimer's, Autism, or who is deaf, this service helps as well, because the 911 operator knows the caller's condition and location without having to rely on verbal communication. Personal information provided is kept 100% private and secure and shared only with 911 dispatchers and first responders in the field and only when you or a family member dials 911.

Sign up today at smart911.com

Autumn Leaves

The City does not have a leaf pick-up program and street sweepers are not designed to pick up leaves. Instead, autumn leaves may be raked or blown into a compost pile, used as mulch, or bagged for pick up. If bagged for pickup, stickered yard waste bags may be put out with the trash until the last full week in October.

Do not burn leaves or blow them onto the sidewalk or street, as both are illegal and may result in fines. Sonya Shearer, Code Enforcement Officer advises that the City Code prohibits the depositing of leaves upon any public street, roadway, highway, or sidewalk and doing so may subject the offender to a \$75 fine. Leaves clog storm water drainage structures/inlets and cause flooding of streets and adjacent properties.

For more information on how to dispose of fall leaves, please contact CEO Shearer at sshearer@warrenville.il.us or 630-303-9050.

Recipe for Composting Fall Leaves

Try shredding leaves before composting them. Shredded leaves are much easier to turn in a compost pile, and will break down much faster than whole leaves. Leaves do not need to be shredded, but it is easily done by running over them with a lawn mower.

When adding leaves to a compost pile, try to bury them deep into the pile, just like when adding any new material to the pile. Covering the leaves will help the compost pile turn into soil quicker.



October 2011

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REFUSE STICKER OPTIONS

On September 19, 2011, the City Council eliminated the \$.04 limit on service charges that can be added to the cost of refuse and yard waste stickers by local retailers. Going forward, the local retailers will determine the amount of this service fee. Stickers can be purchased at Family Foods, 2S501 Rt. 59; Hometown Pantry, 3S029 Rt. 59; and Ace Hardware, 2S541 Rt. 59. Any resident who does not wish to pay a service fee can still purchase stickers at City Hall for the base rate of \$2.86 (price valid through April 30, 2012) during regular business hours. Questions about the City's residential waste hauling contract can be directed to Assistant City Administrator Jennifer McMahon at (630) 393-9427 or jmcmahon@warrenville.il.us.

EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARY:

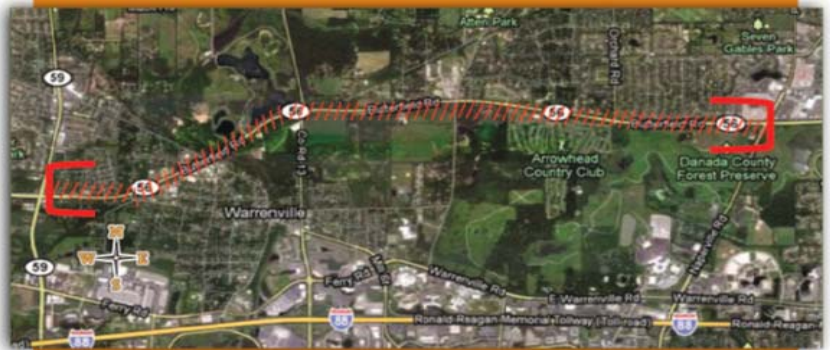
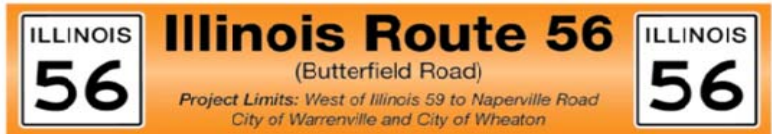
Congratulations to City employees
celebrating anniversaries in October:
Assistant City Administrator Jennifer McMahon
10 years

ADA POLICY

The City recently appointed Assistant City Administrator Jennifer McMahon its Accessibility Coordinator. This position coordinates the efforts of the City to comply with Title II of the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) and administers the City's ADA grievance procedure.

In accordance with the requirements of title II of the ADA, the City of Warrenville will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

The Accessibility Coordinator can be contacted at: Assistant City Administrator/Accessibility Coordinator, City of Warrenville, 28W701 Stafford Place, Warrenville, IL 60555, Phone: (630) 393-9427 • Fax: (630) 393-6948 • Email: jmcmahon@warrenville.il.us.



Due to the delays associated with the utility companies, the contractor will not be able to complete the Route 56 crossing over the West Branch of the DuPage River and some of the pavement to the east of the bridge before winter. Where possible, traffic will be shifted to the new pavement before winter with a transition back to the existing pavement from west of Batavia Road to somewhere east of the river. The location east of the river depends on resolution of the few remaining utility conflicts.

At this point, the contractor anticipates having Route 59 opened up to two lanes in each direction by winter, and it appears that the three-week shutdown of the south lane of Batavia Road at the intersection with Route 56 will not happen until the 2012 construction season.

THERE'S ALWAYS SOMETHING TO DO?

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

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