



# HOMETOWN HAPPENINGS

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## WINFIELD TOWNSHIP MENTAL HEALTH SURVEY

Winfield Township is creating a plan to improve local mental health, substance use, and developmental disability services. Residents are invited to **take a short survey** about their experiences and what services they feel are needed. The information you share will help **strengthen care in our area**.

Approximately three-quarters of Warrenville lies in Winfield Township. Your **responses are anonymous**, and you may skip any question you do not want to answer. The results will help the township direct future funding and support. **Questions? Email [WinfieldMHB@gmail.com](mailto:WinfieldMHB@gmail.com).**

## Mental Health Matters

La salud mental importa.

**Take the survey:** Help shape programs and services that matter to you.



Participe en la encuesta. Ayude a dar forma a los programas y servicios que son importantes para usted.



**STAY CONNECTED ON THE GO**

- PAY BILLS ONLINE
- MANAGE YOUR ACCOUNT
- MAKE SERVICE REQUESTS
- APPLY FOR PERMITS

DOWNLOAD NOW

GET IT ON Google Play | Download on the App Store

## 'Appy New Year!

The City of Warrenville App lets you:

- **Report problems** in your neighborhood.
  - **Pay your utility bill** anytime and manage your account.
  - Apply for **permits and licenses**.
  - **Report issues** (like streetlight outages or tree limbs down)
  - Make and track **service requests**
- Convenience, right at your fingertips. Get started at:

<https://warrenvilleil.citysourced.com>

Or download the app. Use the QR codes above for Android or Apple.

## MINUTE WITH THE MAYOR

It's been over nine months now since I took office and I'd like to share a few things I've learned and observed.

First, I've got to tell you how fortunate we are to have an **INCREDIBLY** dedicated professional staff across ALL City departments! While they may not all live in Warrenville, you'd never know it by the way they work to keep us safe, provide excellent services, and help



**Mayor Andy Johnson**

plan for the future of the City we call home.

Second, we are not alone. As your Mayor, I've been connected to an important network known as The DuPage Mayors & Managers Conference.

Representing Warrenville, I've met

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**The first 9 months on the job.**



**Shop with a Cop**

## GIVING SEASON

On Saturday, December 6, Officers Landolina, Barma, and Law helped make the holidays brighter for two local kids as part of the **Shop with a Cop** event.

Hosted by the DuPage County Sheriff's Office and the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 109, this annual event supports children across DuPage County and builds great connections between officers and the community.

## TOYS FOR TOTS: THANK YOU!



This year's Toys for Tots collection was another **amazing show of community spirit**. Warrenville police loaded up **28 large 40-gallon contractor bags** full of toys and delivered them to the Toys for Tots DuPage County distribution site.

The Warrenville Police Department is proud to be part of a City that steps up to make the holidays brighter for local children.

Thank you to everyone who donated and helped make a child's Christmas a little more special!

## EMA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The **Warrenville Emergency Management Agency (EMA)** is a volunteer entity of the City that is overseen by the Police Department.

Volunteer applicants must be 18 years of age or older and will assist Police and/or Fire personnel during and after a natural or man-made disaster.

Volunteers may also be called to assist with emergency lighting, electric generation, or with traffic control during City events or major traffic incidents.

### To volunteer:

- Complete a volunteer online application, available on the City's website at [www.warrenville.il.us/331/Emergency-Management-Agency](http://www.warrenville.il.us/331/Emergency-Management-Agency)
- Contact the EMA liaison at the Police Department 630-393-2131 during business hours.
- Scan the QR code on the right.



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with many neighboring Mayors, City Administrators, and Managers, and we're all dealing with the same issues: development, traffic safety, E-bikes/scooters, ICE activities, technology, taxes, etc.

**I believe that keeping good relationships with and learning from our neighboring communities is a good thing.**

Third, I've learned that a common theme of many personal and social media interactions is: "Why doesn't the City do \_\_\_\_?", so I'd like to address this in a general way. Why doesn't the City get a particular business/restaurant/grocery to move to town?

**For a business to move to town, they require a critical mass of people to support it.** It's important to remember that "the market" drives these businesses to locate here and not the City government. "The market" in this case is people, i.e. shoppers. These people/shoppers need housing, and these days, more people are looking for maintenance-free apartments or townhouses.

As people want these types of housing, we need to be open to considering them where appropriate, so Warrenville will have thriving shopping and dining opportunities opened to us as well as supporting the local businesses already here.

**Why doesn't the City put out speed bumps to slow traffic or simply lower the speed limit?** Our police are in the public safety business and take concerns about speeding very seriously. When they observe, or are notified of, safety concerns due to speeding, they work through a process of evaluating the conditions to determine steps to be taken to help address them. There are safety, engineering, and cost considerations that must be evaluated before any permanent or semi-permanent traffic calming devices, like speed bumps/cushions, can be installed.

**The City is currently undertaking a large traffic study** to evaluate speed limits. The engineers will also provide a clear process for the City to review and respond to concerns about speeding/traffic safety and recommend traffic calming solutions.

**Why doesn't the City make my neighbor trim his bushes?** Did you know we have an app for that? I encourage you to use the City Engagement App to report code enforcement issues. I fully understand that not everyone knows their neighbors, and I hope you'll try to get acquainted, but if you're not comfortable asking them to spruce things up, please do use the app or call the Community Development Department for assistance. Learn more about the app on page 1 of this issue of Hometown Happenings.

**Our City staff were recently advised of a property falling into disrepair** and they took the initiative to check into the situation further. Staff found that a neighbor had fallen on tough times and they were able to connect them with local resources to make improvements. That may be the case with your neighbor, too. While it would be nice to wave a magic wand to address these and other questions and desires, I've found that it isn't that simple.

**I've truly enjoyed these first months as mayor**, seeing firsthand how the processes work, becoming acquainted with the staff, and discussing our shared experiences as Warrenville residents with so many of you. I've also learned that ribbon cuttings for new businesses are now my new favorite thing. Best wishes for a safe and prosperous New Year!

# STAFF MILESTONES

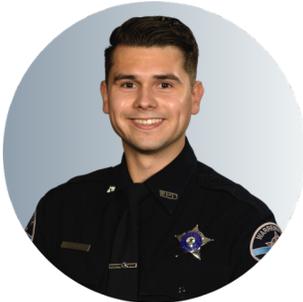
Hometown Happenings announces new employees, staff promotions, and staff anniversaries.



**Ben Elizarraraz**  
Utility Maintenance Worker  
Public Works  
Celebrating 20 years



**Carlo Romero**  
Police Detective  
Police Department  
Celebrating 10 years



**Colin Pickens**  
Police Officer  
Police Department  
Celebrating 5 years

**WARRENVILLE FITNESSNOW PARK DISTRICT**

**OPEN HOUSE**  
Saturday, January 3  
9:00A-Noon

**Your Move - Because Every Great Journey Starts with One Rep**

- Giveaways
- Membership Specials
- Healthy Snacks
- Class Demos
- Drawings
- Q & A with Personal Trainers

Warrenville Park District  
3S260 Warren Avenue  
Warrenville, IL  
630.393.7279 | [www.warrenvilleparks.org](http://www.warrenvilleparks.org)

## IT'S TIME TO RENEW DOG LICENSES

- Licenses are valid January 1 to December 31
- Purchase licenses at City Hall or the Police Department
- Provide proof of rabies vaccination for each dog

**Cost:**

- Neutered dog: \$4 (Senior owners 65+, no fee)
- Non-neutered dog: \$8 (Senior owners 65+, \$4)
- Seeing Eye Dog/ Dog Assisting Hearing Impaired: \$0

Learn more at [warrenville.il.us](http://warrenville.il.us) under "News & Spotlights"

## PARTNER NEWS

**Warrenville Fire Protection District**  
Get the latest news and events on their website. [warrenvillefire.com](http://warrenvillefire.com)

**Warrenville Historical Society**  
The Museum is closed January/February and reopens in March. [warrenvillehistorical.org](http://warrenvillehistorical.org)

**Warrenville Park District**  
The Vendor & Job Fair is 4:00-6:00 p.m. January 6. [warrenvilleparks.org](http://warrenvilleparks.org)

**Warrenville Public Library District**  
Have you signed up for the Winter Challenge? [warrenville.com](http://warrenville.com)

**Warrenville Veteran's Center**  
Check their website for community events! [warrenvilleveteranscenter.com](http://warrenvilleveteranscenter.com)

Warrenville's 2026 4th of July bash marks 250 years since the Declaration of Independence was signed!  
Be part of something special: Donate today.  
**Scan the QR code to chip in!**

**WARRENVILLE FRIENDS OF THE 4TH**

## CITY IN BRIEF

### UPCOMING CITY MEETINGS:

Regular meetings held at 7:00 p.m.,  
City Hall Council Chambers.

- **City Council**  
January 5 & 19
- **Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals**  
January 8 & 22
- **City Department Budget Presentation**  
January 26

For agendas, scan the QR code on the right.  
Or, visit our website at:  
[warrenville.il.us/agendacenter](http://warrenville.il.us/agendacenter)



### JANUARY CELEBRATIONS:

The Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Awareness Commission (IDEC) honors federally recognized heritage and history months as part of its work to build an inclusive community.

In January, we recognize **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day** on the third Monday in January.



It is also a national day of service.

Things you can do:

- Donate or volunteer with food banks and pantries
  - Deliver meals and groceries to seniors
  - Check on your neighbors, friends, and family, especially those who are older or maybe alone.
  - Serve in your community - Giving DuPage lists ways to give back at: [givingdupage.galaxydigital.com/](http://givingdupage.galaxydigital.com/)
- IDEC welcomes community feedback at [idec@warrenville.il.us](mailto:idec@warrenville.il.us)

### Warrenville Warming Center Info

**Warrenville Park District Recreation Center**  
3S260 Warren Avenue  
Monday-Thursday: 5:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Friday: 5:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
Saturday: 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



DuPage County Warming Center Info:  
Online: [211dupage.gov](http://211dupage.gov) or Dial 2-1-1

### WINTER SAFETY TIPS:

#### NO STREET PARKING AFTER 2" SNOWFALL:

The City prohibits on-street parking for 24 hours after two inches (2") or more of snow falls, or until the street or roadway has been cleared. This allows crews to efficiently and safely remove snow curb-to-curb. They plow primary streets first, followed by side streets, cul-de-sacs, and school crossings near schools.

**SHOVELING SNOW:** Pile snow to the right of the driveway to reduce the amount of snow that plows push into your driveway.

**KEEP HYDRANTS CLEAR:** If there is a fire hydrant nearby, consider digging a path around it to help fire staff.

**BE SALT SMART:** Too much salt damages vehicles and infrastructure, harms pets and plants, and degrades rivers and wetlands.

Learn more at: [warrenville.il.us](http://warrenville.il.us) under "News & Spotlights."

### HOLIDAY CLOSING:

City Hall and the Police Department lobby will be **closed Wednesday, January 1.**

For police help when the lobby is closed, use the red phone at the entrance or call 9-1-1.  
*Emergency response is not affected.*  
**We wish our community a safe and happy New Year!**

### WATER SURVEY MAILING:

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) requires every public water supplier to run a Cross Connection Control Program to prevent drinking water contamination.

A cross connection happens when drinking water pipes connect to a non-drinking water source. That can allow contaminated water to flow back into the public water system.

**In January 2026, Aqua Backflow will mail residents a short survey.**

It takes only a few moments to respond to the free survey. Learn more at [warrenville.il.us](http://warrenville.il.us)

### TELECOMMUNICATIONS TAX REBATE FOR SENIORS:

**APPLICATIONS ARE DUE APRIL 30** for senior citizens to be reimbursed for Telecommunications Taxes.

- Qualifying seniors have a total household income of \$40,000 or less in the previous calendar year.
  - The rebate applies to tax payments made the year the senior turns 65.
  - Applicants must occupy the property as their principal residence and pay the taxes.
  - Payment occurs annually for the preceding calendar year.
- Questions? Call 630-836-3050 .  
Get the application at:  
[warrenville.il.us/416/Telecommunications-Tax-Rebate](http://warrenville.il.us/416/Telecommunications-Tax-Rebate)

### PREVENT PIPES FROM FREEZING WHEN IT'S COLD OUTSIDE



- Close garage doors if pipes run through them
  - Open cabinet doors
- Let a small stream of water run
- Shut off and drain vacant rentals
- Low pressure? Pipes may be freezing. Call for help
  - Insulate exposed pipes in unheated areas (basements, crawl spaces, attics, garages)