



HOMETOWN HAPPENINGS

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OLD TOWN PROJECT UPDATE



On February 17, City Council approved a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Denver Capital to develop 1.39 acres at Batavia and Warrenville Roads.

The proposal includes:

- A three-story mixed-use building
- First-floor commercial space
- Upper-level residential units
- Public open space
- Pedestrian-friendly design

Next steps: Staff review of plans, a public Plan Commission hearing, and final City Council action. Watch for future meeting dates and opportunities for public comment.

Learn more on the City's website, warrenville.il.us.

MINUTE WITH THE MAYOR

"I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival.

It ought to be commemorated, as the Day of Deliverance by solemn Acts of Devotion to God Almighty.



Mayor Andy Johnson

It ought to be solemnized with Pomp and Parade, with Shews, Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this

Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more."

- John Adams, writing to his wife Abigail, July 3, 1776.



(Shews is old English for Shows ... not a typo.)

The 4th of July this year happens to

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

HOUSEHOLD BATTERY RECYCLING

Battery recycling update for Warrenville! **Warrenville Ace Hardware accepts all household batteries** (except leaking or defective batteries) for recycling. Just bring them in, and staff will take care of the rest.

Warrenville Ace Hardware,
2S541 Route 59 | (630) 393-1882
Hours:
Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
Saturday: 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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HOLIDAY CLOSING

City offices and the Police Department lobby will be closed **Friday, April 3.**

For emergency assistance during closed Police Department lobby hours, please use the red telephone located between the Department's front entrance doors or dial 9-1-1 from your cellular phone.

Police emergency response will not be affected.



A public safety message for you on...

CELEBRATIONS

If you're celebrating anything, celebrate safely!

**DON'T
DRINK
&
DRIVE**

-  Designate a non-drinking driver for your group.
-  Ask a non-drinking family member or friend to pick you up.
-  If at a friend's house, ask if you can stay overnight.
-  Call for a ride-share.

Stand strong, and make a difference!



Community Health & Wellness Fair

Hosted by the Warrenville Park District

Wednesday

April 8

9:00A-Noon

Recreation Center Gym
3S260 Warren Avenue
Warrenville, IL

*Free for you . . .
All for you . . .
With you in mind!*



- 40+ vendors providing you loads of information for all ages!
- Giveaways
- Drawings throughout the morning
- FREE Food Samples
- Blood Pressure Checks

630.393.7279 www.warrenvilleparks.org

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be the 250th anniversary of our nation's Declaration of Independence, also known as a **semiquincentennial** ... quite a mouthful, so let's just say **America250**. It's easy to feel weighed down by everything happening around us, yet the coming celebration should remind us of something far greater: The enduring spirit of freedom and resilience that defines us as a nation. Even in difficult times, celebrating this day is a powerful way to remind ourselves that we can overcome adversity together.

We are fortunate to have the "Warrenville Friends of the 4th" volunteer committee to organize our annual two-day Independence Day celebration, featuring a July 3rd parade, fireworks, live music, and festivities at Cerny Park. The 2026 celebration theme is, appropriately, America250. And I have it on good authority that the parade Marshal will be none other than the author of our Independence himself, Thomas Jefferson. How they managed to line him up, I don't know. Look for a complete schedule of events soon and please plan to participate.

There's a core of 10 board members and many volunteers to help with the various elements of the parade, entertainment, food and beverages, fireworks, and parade judges. Each of these elements has a team pulling all the pieces together. Our long-time parade chair, Karen Johaneck, has retired, as has our fireworks leader, Carl Voda, and we need to express a deep thank you to them for their efforts over the years!

Karen and Carl leave big shoes to fill but our "Friends" Chairman, Colin Wilkie, assures me they'll have it well in hand come July. Nonetheless, it just reinforces the need to have a deep bench to draw from, especially as some of the more seasoned team members look to shift their attention to other pursuits.

While people-power is important to make the festivities happen, they also need to fund-raise to pay the entertainers who fill Cerny Park. The City provides a portion of the support they need, but the whole affair runs nearly \$70,000/year. The fireworks alone tally nearly \$30,000 of that number, and word is it will be even more expensive in 2027. (My hope is to one day see drones incorporated into the show, but, that too, is pricey.)

You can help by scanning the QR code provided below this column and by making a donation via your water bill from March-June. The Friends have a Facebook presence and are also available direct via email at friendsofjuly4th@gmail.com. I hope you will take a moment to consider how you may support the Friends of the Fourth and please consider volunteering. Nothing happens without volunteers!

Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or comments about City issues. I can be reached at ajohnson@warrenville.il.us or at 630-797-0188. I am at my City Hall office most Tuesdays if you'd like to make an appointment to chat.



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!



STAFF MILESTONES

Hometown Happenings highlights new City employees, staff promotions, and staff anniversaries.

WELCOME

CONGRATULATIONS



Hailey Corcoran
Accountant
Finance Department
Started February 23, 2026



Kevin Dahlstrand
Finance Director
Finance Department
Celebrating 20 years

10 Minute Challenge
Drop food coloring in the tank and replace the flapper if color shows in the bowl.

American Water Works Association | **Illinois** Section | WATER AMBASSADOR

FREE EVENT! ALL AGES

2026 FAN CON

SATURDAY, APRIL 11 • 9:30 AM-2 PM

- AUTHOR VISITS**
- COSPLAY**
- PRIZES**
- SWAG BAGS**

March Lead-Up events include:
Fandom March Madness
Cosplay Costume Contest

PARTNER NEWS

Warrenville Fire Protection District
Get the latest news and events on their website. warrenvillefire.com

Warrenville Historical Society
The Museum reopens March 1. New hours: 12:00-3:00 p.m. warrenvillehistorical.org

Warrenville Park District
The Flashlight Egg Hunt is March 27! warrenvilleparks.org

Warrenville Public Library District
Sunday Music Matinee: *The Twangtown Paramours* on March 29. warrenville.com

Warrenville Veteran's Center
Check their website for community events! warrenvilleveteranscenter.com

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Dial 9-1-1 for Police, Fire, and after-hours water and sewer emergencies



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CITY IN BRIEF

UPCOMING CITY MEETINGS:

Regular meetings held in City Hall Council Chambers.

- **City Council, 6:30 p.m.**
March 2 & 16
- **Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals, 7:00 p.m.**
March 5 & 19
- **City Council Budget Workshop, 9:00 a.m.**
March 14

For agendas, scan the QR code on the right.

Or, visit our website at: warrenville.il.us/agendacenter



MARCH 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 March, we celebrate **Women's History Month** to recognize the contributions and achievements women have made over the course of American history.

Learn more at:

<https://womenshistorymonth.gov/>

IDEC welcomes feedback, ideas, and suggestions to further the mission of inclusivity and respect for all in Warrenville. Submit comments to: idec@warrenville.il.us.

Correction for February's Celebration:

Lunar New Year began February 17, 2026, and this is the Year of the Horse. We apologize for the earlier error.



SPRING BRUSH PICKUP BEGINS MONDAYS IN APRIL

Guidelines:

- All brush must be bundled securely with twine, not wire.
 - Bundles must not exceed 50 pounds.
 - Put out pile prior to 7:00 A.M. on the day of pickup.
 - Limit to one pile of trimmed brush per address.
 - No logs, lumber, yard waste, thorns, or root-balls.
 - Pile size cannot exceed the following dimensions: 3 feet high, 8 feet wide, and 15 feet long.
 - Branches do NOT exceed 8 inches in diameter.
 - Branches do NOT exceed 8 feet in length.
 - All brush under 2 feet long is considered yard waste and should be placed in yard waste bags with a yard waste sticker to be picked up by the City's contracted garbage company on your designated garbage day.
 - Place cut ends extended toward the street.
 - Do not place brush in plastic bags or other containers.
 - If brush does not comply with the guidelines, you will receive a notice, and the pile will not be picked up.
 - Once the pile complies with the guidelines, contact the Public Works Department and they will arrange to pick up the pile.
- Get details: **Use the QR code above or go to: warrenville.il.us/809/Brush-Pickups-Wood-Chips**

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

STATE OF THE CITY EVENT:

Mayor Johnson's first State of the City address will take place **April 15** in Council Chambers, 28W701 Stafford Place.

More details coming soon!



TAX HELP FOR SENIORS:

Winfield Township, AARP, and the West Chicago Park District offer **FREE income tax services** for eligible residents 55 years old and older.

Appointments are required and limited. Call Claudia at Winfield Township to reserve your spot: 331-240-2665.

Location: West Chicago Park District ARC Center, 201 W. National Street, West Chicago.