



# Village of Westchester

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## GROW Ecological Commission Regular Meeting

**August 4, 2022 @ 6:30pm**

**Village Hall Board Room**

### 1. Call to Order

### 2. Pledge

### 3. Inspiration

- a. L. W-Chase
- b. Next Month:

### 4. Roll Call

### 5. Public Participation

- In order to give as many visitors as possible an opportunity to speak and in the interest of adjourning the meeting by 8:00 p.m., please limit your comments to 3 minutes in length, unless further time is granted by the Commission.

### 6. Review of Minutes

- a. Approval of 6-2-22 minutes
- b. Approval of 7-7-22 minutes

### 7. New Business

- a. Depave Chicago (Lee)  
<https://www.depavechicago.org/>
- b. Vote Yes Campaign for the Cook County Forest Preserve referendum on Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> ballot (Diane)
- c. Anti-Liter Campaign (Nicole)  
<https://wordcc.com/anti-litter-campaign/>
- d. Bee City USA (Nicole)  
<https://beecityusa.org/>  
Aug 25 10-11a Bring Back Pollinators online event  
<https://beecityusa.org/event/bring-back-the-pollinators-get-the-word-out/>
- e. ComEd Funding Opportunities for Municipal Electrification (Liz)  
<https://www.comed.com/News/Pages/NewsReleases/2022-07-06.aspx>
- f. Funding Opportunities for Pedestrian and Bicyclist Friendly Transportation (Liz)  
[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1YokpWmA7v\\_niN\\_6ha\\_dgLhGTTVwxd8zPqH\\_VFNEt2c/e/dit?mc\\_cid=3005845146&mc\\_eid=UNIQID#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1YokpWmA7v_niN_6ha_dgLhGTTVwxd8zPqH_VFNEt2c/e/dit?mc_cid=3005845146&mc_eid=UNIQID#gid=0)

### 8. Old Business

- a. *Update* - Open Meeting Act Due w/in 90 days - OMA Training, all commissioners
- b. *Update* - Village consideration re: participation in Metropolitan Mayors Caucus' Solar Clearinghouse (end date for application 8/31/22) – (Evie)

- c. *Discussion:* Comprehensive Development Plan (Lee)
- d. *Update:* IL Lead Service Line Replacement and Water Meter Replacement (Diane)
- e. *Discussion:* Waste Management Expectations (Who, What: renewal timeline, recycling change, expectations, yard waste, compost, educational event on recycling, opportunity to pair with GRC scoring?)
- f. *Continuous Discussion:* Tree Canopy Replenishment
  - Tree Canopy Replenishment - Upcoming Grant Opportunity for Trees (LeeAnn)  
<https://chicagorti.org/program/urban-community-forestry-grant/>
  - Tree City USA – process for Tree Board formation (Nicole)
- g. Quarterly Report – (Nicole)

## 9. 2022 Goal & Priority: Community Outreach & Engagement

- a. GROW presence at businesses / table set-up / environmental education QR
- b. Budget (\$1,500 for GROW booth materials and community outreach events)
- c. Expenditures (\$0)
- d. Commissioner interests/participation
  - i. Downs
  - ii. Kaufman
  - iii. Kruszynski
  - iv. Molinaro
  - v. Scott
  - vi. Wiseman-Chase – Clean Air, Clean Energy, Climate Action Plan, MMC-EC

### Environmental/Educational Events

#### 1. Upcoming Events:

- a. 8/11 @ 6pm – Westchester Park District, Public Input Meeting High Ridge Park Master Plan @ High Ridge Park
- b. 8/27 & 8/28 @ 9am – (Liz) - Grow Solar Power Hour by Citizens Utility Board (CUB) and MW Renewable Energy Association (MREA) sponsored by GROW EC
- c. 9/10 – (Nicole) Native Plant Educational Event at Westchester Public Library featuring Dave from “I Love Plants” and Nicole
- d. 9/10 @ 10am – Prairie Fest at Wolf Road Prairie Nature Preserve
- e. 9/17 (raindate 9/18): (LeeAnn) – Reusa-Palooza Village Giveaway/Community-Wide Yard Sale sponsored by GROW EC
- f. 9/24/ - (Nicole) – Community Shred Event/Medication Takeback sponsored by GROW EC
- g. 10/1 – (Nicole) - Native Plant Sale w/ MWRD Compost and Dave from “I Love Plants
- h. *Update:* (Diane) - House Rep. Ann Williams, Energy & Enviro Committee sponsored by GROW EC

#### 2. GROW Participation in Past Events:

- a. Date – Village Shred/Medication TakeBack, MWRD Compost and Tree Giveaway (Kaufman/Molinaro/Scott/W-Chase)
- b. Date – Arbor Day Tree Planting at Westchester Primary School (Molinaro/Scott/W-Chase)

- c. 6/16 – Westchester Public Library West Prairie Ribbon Cutting Event (Molinaro/Scott)
- d. 7/4 – Village of Westchester - Fourth of July Parade (Downs/Kaufman/Molinaro/Scott/W-Chase)

## 8. Monthly Newsletter (DUE 15th of prior month)

- ii. August - (Liz) Solar
- iii. September – (LeeAnn) Reusa-Palooza
- iv. October -
- v. November -
- vi. December –

## 9. Adjournment

The Village of Westchester will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. Any one who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Village of Westchester, should contact the office of the Fire Chief, 10300 W. Roosevelt Road, Westchester, IL, (708) 345-0441, as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

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## Community Calendar

- a. **Park District Meetings @ 7pm**
  - i. 8/8, 9/12, 10/10, 11/14 & 12/12
- b. **Village Board Meetings @ 6pm**
  - i. 8/9, 8/23, 9/13, 9/27, 10/11, 10/25, 11/8, 11/22, 12/13&12/27
- c. **Economic Development Committee @ 7:30am**
  - i. 8/8, 9/12, 10/10, 11/14 & 12/12
- d. **Library @ 7pm - CoW 2nd Monday / Reg 4th Monday (Dec 3rd Monday)**
  - i. To attend virtually contact Library Director Fidencio Marbella at [fidenciom@westchesterpl.org](mailto:fidenciom@westchesterpl.org) / 708-562-3573
- e. **Grassroots Garden Group Meetings @ 6:30pm**
  - i. 8/29, 9/26 & 10/24
- f. **Save The Prairie Society**