

Meeting & Event Dates

WPRA:	WPRA - 3rd Thursday @ 6:30 p.m.* Jun 16 - Jul 21
City:	City Council - 2nd & 4th Tuesdays @ 7:00 p.m.* Economic Development Council - 2nd Thursday @ 12:00 noon* Finance - 1st Tuesday @ 5:30 p.m.* Land Use - 3rd Wednesday @ 6:30 p.m.* Plan Commission - 3rd Tuesday @ 5:30 p.m.* Public Safety - 3rd Wednesday @ 5:30 p.m.* Transportation - 2nd Thursday @ 6:30 p.m.*
Around the Town:	Boy Scouts - Every Monday @ 7:00 p.m.*** Garden Club - 3rd Monday @ 7:00 p.m.* Lions Club Regular - 4th Monday @ 6:00 p.m. Lions Club Board - 2nd Monday @ 6:00 p.m. Neighborhood Watch - 2nd Wednesday @ 6:30 p.m.* Township - 2nd Monday @ 7:30 p.m.**
What's Next:	Jamboree - Saturday, June 4**** Garden Birthday Party - Saturday, June 25, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.**** 4th of July Parade - Monday, July 4 @ 10:00 a.m.**** Concerts in the Park - Sunday, July 10, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.**** Annual WP Residents' Mass - Sunday, August 7 @ 10:30 a.m.**** Concerts in the Park - Sunday, August 14, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.****
Location:	*City Hall **Township Bldg ***City Garage ****See Article

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“Warm, Safe, & Dry”: Rebuilding Together 2011

Rebuilding Homes...Rebuilding Lives – that is the motto of Rebuilding Together, the nation’s leading nonprofit organization working to preserve affordable homeownership and revitalize communities. The network of more than 200 affiliates, in partnership with their communities, provides free rehabilitation and critical repairs to the homes of low-income Americans. “Warm, Safe and Dry” is the goal. The Peoria affiliate is entirely run by volunteers. Applications are accepted year-round. For more information, go to www.rebuildingtogetherpeoriaill.com

A Project of Our Own – the Peoria affiliate approached the City of West Peoria to sponsor a project for one of our home owners. The city reached out to the West Peoria Township and West Peoria Residents’ Association to partner with them. Once agreed, the home owner was notified that her project was chosen. While we don’t have enough space to list the numerous tasks completed, here are the milestones:

- April 9 - Wyman Roofing of Peoria Heights won the bid for the house roof and generously donated a new garage roof and new gutters. The roofing work was completed on April 16th.
- April 20 - Kaiser Electric, who won the bid for the electrical upgrade and a few other electrical needs, completed their work.
- Saturday, April 23 - “pre-work” day and the following week: caulked and repaired the outside of windows, scraped and primed the kitchen, minor indoor repairs, electrical work in the kitchen and basement.
- Saturday, April 30 - National Rebuilding Together Day. Dunkin Donuts donated donuts to start us off, served by Carole Stephens and Sharon Craig. Carole and Sharon also organized, prepared and served lunch consisting of BBQ sandwiches, hot dogs, chips, soda, water, and brownies.
- The following work was completed: Washed and re-hung window blinds; caulked the inside of win-

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dows; painted the kitchen, living room, entry foyer and bedroom; primed the dining room; removed items from the basement and garage for Clean-Up Day; scraped, primed and painted the garage; yard clean-up; electrical work in the basement and garage.

- May 3 - Pat Sullivan of S&H Flooring sent one of his crew to stretch carpet in the living room and hallway to remove a safety hazard.
- Sister Rose Madonna of the Immaculate Conception Convent washed windows inside and out and also cleaned up after the painters.
- Jim Stecher of WPFD has installed a smoke and carbon monoxide detector.
- Mid Illinois Companies sent volunteer apprentice painters to complete painting in all rooms, including the bathroom and stairwell to the basement. Born Paint donates paint to Rebuilding Together projects and kindly tinted the kitchen and bathroom paint at no charge.

We are grateful to the following people from the Rebuilding Together Peoria team who helped make our first project a resounding success: Joan Carroll and Pam Howe for bringing this project to John Carlson, our City Administrator; John Harms, President of Peoria Rebuilding Together; Todd Holzinger, our materials man; and Marty Clinch, board member who gave so much time and effort in so many ways to guide us through our first time.

To Mayor Dillon and the City of West Peoria, to Bob DeSutter and the Township of West Peoria, and to the Board of Directors and the West Peoria Residents' Association:

We are happy to report we have not only met Rebuilding Together's goal of “Warm, Safe and Dry”, but we were also able to give the homeowner a fresh, bright interior and garage. Many heartfelt thanks to all of our volunteers. We look forward to next year!

Sharon Kennedy, Township
Lynn Dempsey, WPRA
Maggie Moore, WPRA

Volunteers

John Walker	Richard Stayer
Andy O'Neill	Alexandra Howe
Jim Dillon	Lisa Bright
Carole Stephens	Derek Powers
Sharon Craig	Dave Balkema
Bob DeSutter	Lindsee Howette
Sister Rose Madonna	Breanna Payton-Simons
Harry Moore	Jared Deihs
Carolyn McCarter	Ross Garman
Mimi Evans	Kevin Unruh
Loretta Fehl	Jack Aylward
Keith Morrell	Kevin Godsill
Shawn Cullen	Mitchell Koilen
Terry Masters	Mark Stecher
Hal Schlicksup	Perry Johnson
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Andy O'Neill
John Walker



Sharon Craig
Carol Stephens



Sharon Kennedy
Mayor Jim Dillon
Maggie Moore
John Carlson



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Winifred Petro
Maggie Moore
Mimi Evans



Perry Johnson

WPRA June 16 Meeting Speaker

Amanda Hendricks
Admissions & Marketing Director
Courtyard Estates of Peoria

Beautification Committee

The WPRA Beautification Committee has been busy planting flowers at the corners of Rohmann & Sterling, the city signs, and filling planters at some business locations. The flowers that helped make West Peoria a more beautiful place were purchased from Best Buds.

The planters at the "Welcome Wall" on Western Avenue were filled by Geier Florist, compliments of the City. Other donations from WPRA, John Deal Insurance and monies raised from the Beautification bulb sales helped make this project a blooming success.

New WPRA Board Member

The WPRA would like to welcome Angie Robinson as our newest board member. Angie will serve as Secretary, replacing Beth Gilbert. We look forward to working with Angie, and thank Beth for her generous and outstanding years of service!



To the West Peoria Residents Association,
Many thanks for allowing me to be a part of such a tremendous team. I am eager to serve the West Peoria community and I am

ready for the new opportunities and challenges that lie ahead.

I grew up in Kickapoo, IL and graduated from Brimfield High School. I moved to West Peoria in 2008 with my husband, Steve, and my two daughters, Kaylee and Jackie. I currently work as the secretary at Calvin Coolidge Middle School, while also volunteering at Habitat for Humanity.

I am truly grateful for this opportunity and I look forward to serving the West Peoria residents for many years to come.

Sincerely yours,
Angie Robinson



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2011 WPRa Membership

The West Peoria Residents' Association now has 223 memberships for 2011. Although all residents receive the *WP News*, we wish to thank our members whose dues help to finance this publication and other WPRa projects. The WPRa cordially invites all West Peorians to attend our meetings and to become active in carrying out projects that benefit our community. These are the names of new members since our last *WP News* issue:

Capps, Linda
Carrescia, Caryl
Clarke, Lawrence D
Davison, Jerry & Debbie
Eaton, Jim & Florence
Farrell, Bonnie
Heintz, Steve & Judy
Hubble, John M
Malan, Mark & Judy
McWhirter, Revina
Menke, Jerome
Pascual, Lourdes L

Pilon, Susan
Robinson, Frank & Pam
Robinson, Ronald & Virginia
Rose, Donna
Ruhaak, Patrick
Stapleton, Lori
Thomas, Hazel
Tockes, Alice Diane
Voss, Tim & Connie
Witt, Daniel
Yentes, Kathy

2011 WPRa Membership Form

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Maggie Moore

WPRa, Treasurer

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West Peoria, IL 61604

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Economic Development Update

At the March 22 West Peoria City Council meeting, the following actions were taken:

- The property at 1317 Raber Road was annexed into West Peoria.
- The second amendment to T.I.F. I was adopted.
- A second T.I.F. District was created.

(To see a map of either T.I.F. District, please contact city hall.)

A variety of policies, programs, and strategies are often used to promote economic development in a community. On January 25, 2005, the City of West Peoria adopted T.I.F. District I. The expansion of T.I.F. I will enable the city to make additional public improvements to further enhance the redevelopment of the area throughout the remaining life of the district.

The city established T.I.F. District II to encourage redevelopment of property that is currently underutilized for commercial, residential and light industrial uses. The two T.I.F. Districts are development tools designed to increase the population, increase employment opportunities, expand and diversify the local tax base, manage growth and increase the overall value and quality of life of the community for the residents.

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New Resident Welcome Packets
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Proposed Peoria County Nursing Home in West Peoria

For several months the City of West Peoria has worked with Peoria County to bring the proposed new Bel-Wood Nursing Home to the current Cross Baptist Church site at 2223 West Heading Avenue (formerly St. Joseph’s Home).

As part of the agreement, the city will deed the former West Bluff Christian Church on Kellogg Avenue to Peoria County.

Peoria County will then include the church in its purchase of the Heading Avenue site and the former West Bluff Christian Church would be owned by Cross Baptist Church. Cross Baptist Church has indicated that they plan to develop a community center in the church.

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Farmington Road Entertainment District (FRED)

Farmington Road Entertainment District, otherwise known as FRED, received a nice mention in the May 2011 edition of InterBusiness Issues (pages 60 & 61). The theme of the issue is "Branding and Tourism". The many, varied attractions and the proximity to downtown are features mentioned in the article.



Businesses along and adjacent to Farmington Road between Main Street and Kickapoo Creek Road are invited to contact me regarding membership.

Daryl Klusendorf

Reminders from West Peoria City Hall

- ALL residents are required to sign up for garbage service with Waste Management. Please call (800)796-9696. You will be charged for this service.
- Landscape Waste Pickup **IS INCLUDED** in your Waste Management bill. It is picked up on Fridays.
- **GARAGE SALES** are only permitted once each quarter and for no more than three (3) days at one time.
- Funds are still available for the city sponsored **PAINT REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM**.
- **STORM DAMAGE: LIMB PICKUP POLICY** – From April 1 through December 31, Waste Management, as part of the Landscape Waste Pickup, will pick up storm debris on Friday's.
- **RESIDENTS** are **RESPONSIBLE** for keeping their property, from the middle of the street to the middle of the alley, free of weeds, debris, animal waste, and trash. Trash cans must have tight-fitting lids.
- **PERMITS** are needed for the following: additions, porches, decks, sheds, pools, garages, new driveways or sidewalks and new homes. Most permits are \$25.

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What's Been Happenin'



Government Day

The City of West Peoria and the West Peoria Township again co-sponsored Government Day. This is a day where students learn about their local government processes. This year, 32 students from Peoria Notre Dame, Manual, and Calvin Coolidge attended.



Haddad's Groundbreaking

On May 2, 2011, ground was broken for the new Haddad's West Peoria Market. Contractually, the building must be done by Halloween. Shelves will still need to be stocked, but Mark hopes to be open by Thanksgiving.



Clean-Up Day

The West Peoria Township sponsored the Annual Clean-up Day held on April 30. It was considered a HUGE success. Thanks to everyone that participated!

Calvin Coolidge

Many exciting things have happened at Calvin Coolidge this year and as we wrap up the year, we'd like to share highlights of the 2010-2011 school year.

- This year was a busy year for our Orchestra teacher, Dr. Marchan, with over 60 students in orchestra this year. The orchestra competed at Six Flags and last year our group won 1st place!
- Mr. Lewis and the Green Club recycled about 2,000 pounds of paper this school year. They also shoveled 10 driveways 4 times this winter. The Green Club also spent a Saturday morning cleaning up the garden on Western Ave.
- Every year, Mrs. Johnson and our Chorus group go out into West Peoria and sing Christmas Carols. They did a wonderful job and they also went to the local Neighborhood house and Nursing homes to carol.
- Student Council had an extremely busy year this year! The members and their parents rang bells for the Salvation Army at Christmas Time. They also received the Honor Council award at their conference which was April 15 and 16 at the Crowe Plaza Hotel and Convention Center in Springfield, IL.
- The students at Calvin Coolidge had a fund raiser for Haddad's this year. We had a carnival which raised about \$1,000 for the employee fund.
- Elective day was May 20. Elective day is when the students choose from a variety of activities including: manners, office skills, baseball, wood working, and many more.
- Mrs. McCaw and the Coolidge Crier staff put together many wonderful newspapers this year. In each month's issue they include: a special about a staff member, the students must interview and take pictures, a poem, upcoming events around the school, student and staff birthdays, and any special events that happened in school including all school assemblies and pictures of the events.
- Scholars Cup – Our 6th graders had a great time this year with Mrs. Caskey, Ms. Stafford, and Ms. Jessica. They worked really hard and learned valuable lessons about team work, hard work, and practice.
- Missiah Webster, a 5th grader at Calvin Coolidge,

was selected by Jehan Gordan's office to serve in Springfield as a "page for the day." Missiah is an outstanding young man with a bright future.

- On May 27, we held our annual Suzi Russell walk-a-thon at the Franciscan Center. The event was an all day event with all of the proceeds going to Haitian Hearts.

While the 2010-2011 school year may be coming to an end, there are things you can do to stay involved over the summer. Read on to find out how to participate and mark important dates on your calendar...

- The students' last day of school is Friday, June 10 which is a 1-hour day.
- Discover a good book! Congressman Aaron Schock's summer reading club challenges K through 8th graders to read 15 books over summer break. Have a parent or guardian sign and return the summer reading form to Congressman Schock's office by August 5 and your student will receive a celebration later in the summer. Ms. Angie has the forms at Calvin Coolidge.
- Do you shop at Schnucks? Calvin Coolidge PTO now has EScrip cards for Schnucks. If you are interested please email or Call Angie Robinson at 672-6506 or angela.robinson@psd150.org.
- Reminder: Physicals and Immunization Requirements for 2011-2012 school year. Students entering 6th grade must have a physical exam dated 8/22/2010 or later. A sports exam doesn't count for a 6th grade physical. Physicals must be on a state of IL form.

Computer Presentation to Calvin Coolidge

WPRA presented Calvin Coolidge Principal Tom Blumer and Secretary Angie Robinson with new laptops. Attending the presentation were WPRA officers and school board members.



What's Happenin' Next

Concerts in the Park

Come enjoy a family-friendly outdoor event when the sun is shining and the flowers are in full bloom. The West Peoria Residents Association and the Peoria Park District are co-sponsors for the Concerts in the Park event for 2011.

The first round of Concerts in the Park will take place on Sunday, July 10 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. on the front lawn of the FRC. The event will feature "The Peoria Pops Orchestra's Dixieland Band". Don't worry, if you can't make the first event, there will be another opportunity to enjoy a concert in the park. The second round of musical events will take place on Sunday, August 14 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. featuring "The Peoria Area Barbershoppers".

So bring a lawn chair, a picnic and your family and friends to enjoy an afternoon in the park!

Sisters of St. Francis



The Sisters of St. Francis of the Immaculate Conception on Heading Avenue are planning three summer events to celebrate the 120th year of their founding as a congregation. On Saturday, June 25 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., they will host a Garden Birthday Party with birthday

cake and ice cream, raffles, prizes, and walks to view the grounds and flower beds. Invitations will be sent, and the public will also be invited. There will be a minimal charge for admission and for the raffles. Watch for further announcements.

The sisters are also looking forward to their annual participation in the West Peoria 4th of July parade this summer. Their entry will give tribute to the 120 years of their existence. It will be another birthday celebration!

On Sunday, August 7 at 10:30 a.m. the Annual West Peoria Residents' Mass will be offered in the Motherhouse chapel on Heading Avenue. All West Peoria residents are invited. Please join the sisters for coffee and doughnuts following the mass.

REMINDER:

Jamboree Run/Scout Carnival/Jamboree

The 14th annual Jamboree Run will begin at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 4, and will be followed by an award ceremony for the winners.

Later from 3 to 10 p.m., the 26th annual Jamboree and Scout Carnival will be held at Franciscan Park with food, music, and fun for all.



Grand Marshal Nominations:

West Peorians are now invited to submit their nominations for a Grand Marshal to lead the 42nd Fourth of July Parade. Each year West Peoria honors a person who has had an impact on this community through social work, public service, or volunteer work.

The application process requires that anyone wishing to nominate a particular person should write a short letter explaining his/her choice. Anyone writing a letter is asked to include his/her contact information.

Please send the nominating letters to:

West Peoria Lions Club
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Robert DeSutter	Terry Capps 2001
Delores Spears	Jim Dillon 2002
Elmer Ehringer	Guydeen Roos 2003
Robert Stecher	Sharon McBride 2004
Fred Haddad Jr.	Maggie Moore 2005
Richard Steenrod	Dan Kerns 2006
Emil Henrich	Sue Roos 2007
Helen Tabor	Jeff Reagan 2008
Fred Huber	Jim McCarter 2009
Hoy Turner	Phil Roberts 2010

What's Happenin' Next

The West Peoria 4th of July Parade

The Community of West Peoria, Troop & Pack #11 and the West Peoria Lions Club extend to you an invitation to join our 4th of July Parade and flag raising celebration. This special day brings with it a feeling of community togetherness and heartfelt patriotism that truly touches the spirit. We proudly coordinate the longest-running 4th of July parade in Central Illinois and would be honored if you and/or your organization would march along with us.

Trophies will be awarded for the following: Most Patriotic, Best of Show, Service Organizations, Best Juvenile, and Grand Marshal. All entries need to be decorated in a patriotic theme. If you've never participated in a parade before, your patriotism is more than welcome in the West Peoria Parade! In previous years, the community has enjoyed viewing marching bands, classic cars, walking groups, dance

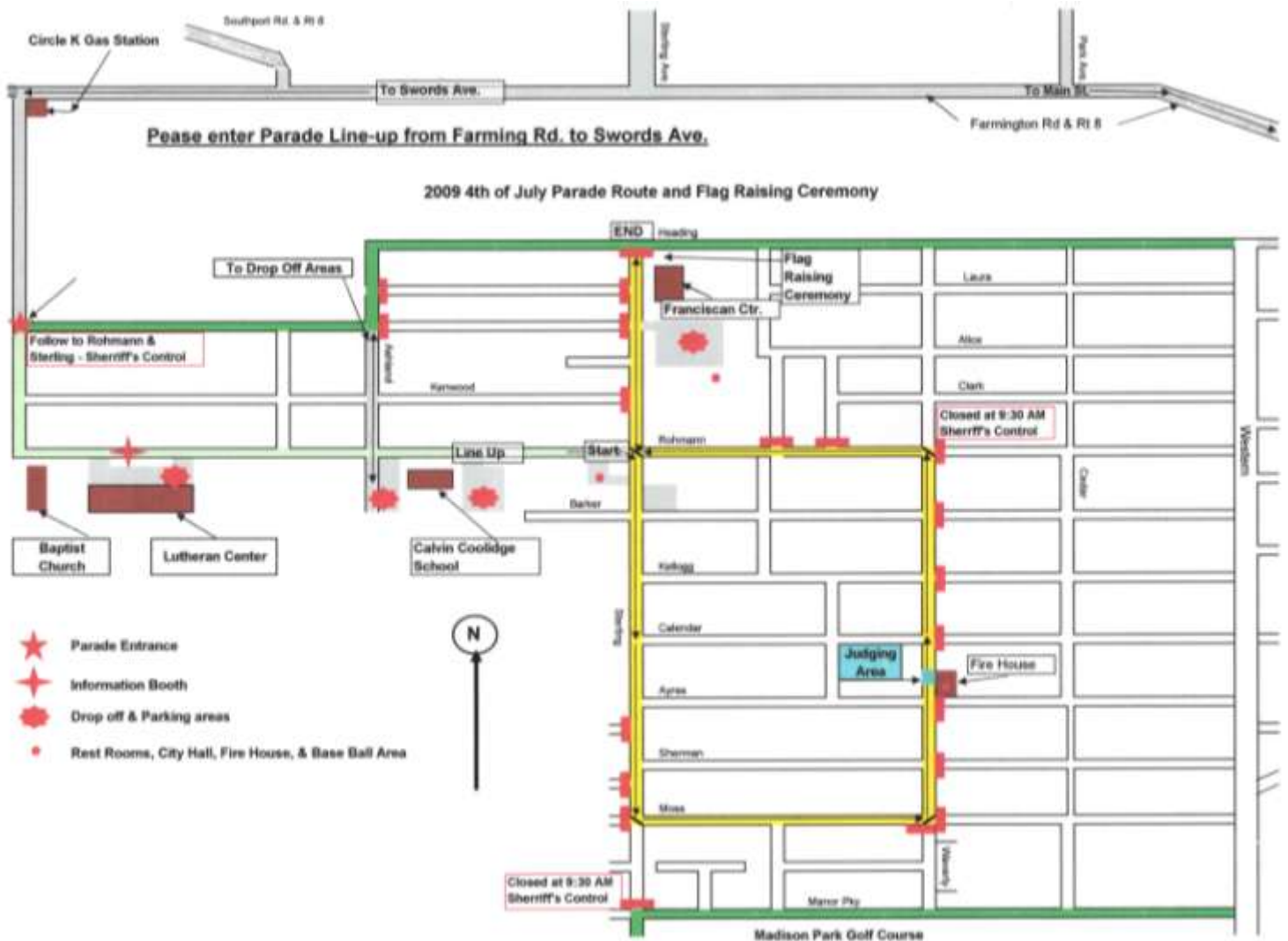
troupes, groups on bicycles and prestigious floats.

The 42nd annual parade steps off at 10:00 a.m. the morning of the 4th. Line-up begins at 8:30 a.m. on Rohmann Ave. Groups should be in place and ready to step off no later than 9:45 a.m. City streets will be closed at that time in preparation for the start of the parade. The parade will go on rain or shine, please be prepared for the weather as it can be extremely hot or pouring rain in July.

Once again we urge you to join us in West Peoria for our annual salute to and celebration of our country.

Please feel free to contact Jim McCarter at 309-673-6207 / jmmccarter@sbcglobal.net or Mark Wrhel at mwrhel@comcast.net with any questions.

You can also get up to date information on our website: www.wplions.org



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West Peoria Township News

The Annual West Peoria Township Meeting was held at West Peoria City Hall on April 12, 2011. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Clerk Jimmy Dillon.

The annual meeting consists of topics in the following categories: reading of minutes of 2010 meeting, financial reports, trustee's reports, assessor's reports, collector's reports, the clerk's report. The agenda concludes with discussion of community projects, other events that affect or take place in West Peoria, and the time and place for the next annual meeting.

Real Estate Taxes

Real estate tax bills were mailed in April and are due by June 7, 2011. West Peoria Township Tax Collector, Imeda Kelch, will be collecting them from her home at 2206 W. Barker Ave until the June due date, from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Installment stubs from the tax bills are required at time of payment and checks need to be made payable to: Peoria County Tax Collector. Taxes may also be paid at the South Side Bank in West Peoria or mailed to the courthouse. Anything paid after June 7, 2011, needs to be paid at the Peoria County Courthouse. The second installment, due September 7, 2011, may be paid at either South Side Bank or at the courthouse.

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Community Library

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Boy Scouts

West Peoria Boy Scout Troop 11 would like to congratulate Ryan Cushing for earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Ryan completed all his Eagle Scout requirements and passed his final Board of Review in March of this year. His Eagle Scout project involved a remodel of the Sacristy at St. Marks Church. Over the course of a few weekends last August, Ryan led teams of scouts and adults to give the Sacristy a fresh coat of paint, a new set of cabinets and a counter-top, as well as a general clean-up. In addition to his Eagle project he also completed over 21 merit badges, including 12 required for Eagle Scout. Ryan is the 61st Eagle Scout produced by Troop 11.

As any good Boy Scout can tell you, the secret to any successful adventure is to follow the Boy Scout motto of "be prepared." With that in mind, troop preparation for their big summer adventure to Isle Royale National Park in Michigan kicked off with a practice backpacking hike through Sand Ridge State Forest back in April. The boys are learning what it's like to carry all of their gear and food on their backs. Although the campout was cold and overcast, the boys really impressed their leaders with their ability to go the distance. With a departure date set for the end of July, the boys should have plenty of time to fine tune their skills before they leave.

Troop 11 meets at 7:00 p.m. on Monday evenings at the West Peoria City Garage. Any boy between the ages of 11 – 18 interested in joining should contact Robert DeSutter at 674-6668.

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June 1 - June 6 is Prescription Drug Overdose Prevention Week – let this be a time to remind you that an overdose mistake can be fatal.

Here are some steps to take to avoid an accidental medical drug overdose:

- Never take more than your doctor prescribes.
- If you wear glasses, have them on when taking your medication.
- If you can't remember, have someone to help with your medical schedule, and put your medication in a specifically designed "weekly" pill container.
- If you think that you have forgotten to take your meds, **don't take another dose just to "be sure"**.
- Never take prescription medication prescribed to others and don't offer yours as there could be severe or fatal consequences.

And...

- Keep your meds in a safe place and out of sight. This is especially true when there are young children in your home.
- Remember that medications have also been stolen to sell as "street drugs".

An overdose mistake is the last thing you need, so be sure to practice these safety procedures on a daily basis and ask for help when needed.

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Neighborhood Watch

Captain Kerns from the West Peoria Fire Department was the guest speaker at the West Peoria Neighborhood Watch (WPNW) April meeting. He gave a very informative presentation on Fire Safety in the home, illustrating the importance of having smoke and carbon monoxide alert detectors and fire extinguishers in proper locations in your home. Captain Kerns also stressed the importance of always calling the fire department no matter how small the fire is to insure that it is completely extinguished.

There were two guest speakers at the May meeting. Beth Bernard, Victim Services Coordinator, County Sheriff's Office, and Joyce DeRenzy, Director of Senior Services, the Center for Prevention of Abuse. Beth addressed the issues of fraud, scams, identity theft and the importance of protecting your personal information. She emphasized "never give information on the phone" unless you made the contact.

Joyce explained elder abuse which includes neglect, financial abuse and physical abuse. She discussed both the victims and the abusers. The WPNW is working with these agencies to incorporate an "elderly watch" within our neighborhood watch.

Elderly abuse is a crime. To report any suspected criminal victimization of an elderly citizen please call the Peoria County Sheriff's Office at 697-7855 or Senior Services at 637-3905.

The WPNW will meet Wednesday, June 8, at 6:30 p.m. at West Peoria City Hall.

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Lions Club

Rain, rain, go away...come back another day. That is what we were saying since the rain has prevented us from doing highway clean-up two Saturdays in a row. The Lions and Pack 11 Scouts did get out on a Monday night and cleaned up a stretch from Park and Farmington Roads to Best Buds and picked up eight large orange bags of trash. So you can see why we need help to clean up our community. Please give Carolyn a call to help, 673-6207.

We are doing a 50/50 to help pay the expenses we incur sponsoring the July 4th Parade. You can get yours at the Jamboree, on the parade route, or give us a call. The drawing will be at the flag raising celebration on July 4.

We recycle the following: tabs, cell phones, glasses, hearing aids, old keys, ink cartridges. Call us or give them to any Lion.

See you at the Jamboree on June 4 and again at the 4th of July Parade!

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Around the Town

Honored In Ireland

Jimmy Spears, owner of Jimmy's Bar on Farmington Road, led a trip to Ireland in April. A visit to Peoria's sister city of Clonmel, County Tipperary, was the highlight of the tour. Mayor Jim Dillon and his wife, Laurie, were welcomed with a mayoral reception. Jimmy Spears and Michael Carey, owner of Carey's Bar in Clonmel, became sister bars.



Clonmel, Ireland Mayor Siobhán Ambrose
West Peoria, IL Mayoress Laurie & Mayor Jim Dillon
Clonmel, Ireland Former Mayor, Ted Boyle



Clonmel, Ireland Carey Bar Owner, Michael Carey
West Peoria, IL Jimmy's Bar Owner, Jimmy Spears

West Peoria Military

The *West Peoria News* and the WPRA's website will publish the names of all those West Peorians or their family members who are currently serving in the military or those who have served in any of this country's military endeavors in the past. We would like also to remember those West Peorians who may now be deceased. Please provide the following information: person's name, relationship to a West Peoria family, branch of the military, place stationed, time period serves(d), and any interesting anecdotes related to his/her service.

Call or e-mail information to any of the *West Peoria News* staff listed on the back page.

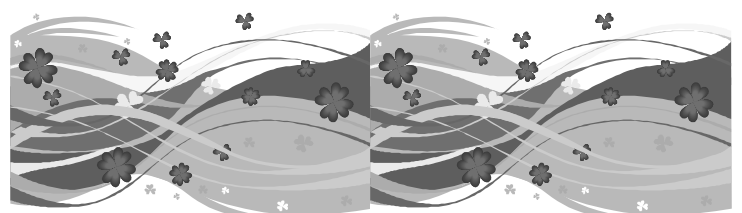
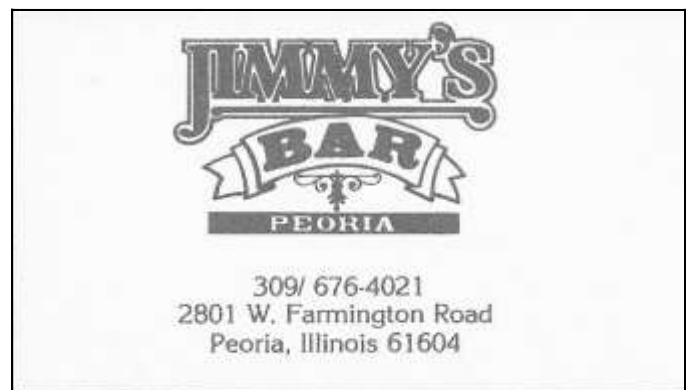


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