

WEST PEORIA GOLF CLASSIC RAISES OVER \$15,000

By: Zak Edmonds

The 3rd Annual West Peoria Golf Classic teed off on the morning of October 8th, 2022. The weather had its moments but THANK YOU to the 140 golfers and 25+ volunteers who shared their Saturday with us!

This does not happen without each and every one of our sponsors and donors. A big 'THANK YOU' to the City of West Peoria, Prairie Home Alliance, The Trolley, Muir Omni Graphics, Sun Collectors, CEFCU, AASAP Appliance, Joey Olson COUNTRY Financial, Stecher's Automotive, INB, 160 Driving Academy, Lisa Crocker of Keller Williams Revolution, MES Fire, The Hands Group (Great Clips), ServiceMaster, Pinnacle Gun and Ammo, Pinnacle Uniforms, Jay Edmonds Law, Powers Law P.C., Stanley Steemer, Haddad's West Peoria Market, The O'Brien Team with Jim Maloof Realty, Busey Bank, Renewal by Anderson, Owl's Nest, Anytime Fitness, Jimmy's Bar, Dillon for Mayor, Slater Wealth Management, Fastenal, Par-a-Dice Casino, Illini Golf, RC Outfitters, Clubhouse Indoor Golf, Express Liquors, Chic-fil-A East Peoria, JK Williams Distilling, Mid-Illini Doors, LevelUp Seed & Garden Supply, Eric Sutter & Friends of EPIC, Lost Art Design & Print, Fairfield by Marriott, the Donuts Mo's Dough, the Photo Booth from MWC Advertising (1470 WMBD, Mix 106.9, 104.9 the Wolf, 93.3 the Drive, KZ 102.3, 102.7 Super Hits, Freedom 95.9) and the after golf reception held at Raber Packing Company!!!



Fire Chief Terry Schadt accepts check from Alderman Zak Edmonds.



Special shoutout this year to my wife, Nicole Edmonds, for allowing me to plan a golf outing on our 6th wedding anniversary!

Thank you again to everyone! The hard work, dedication and participation was greatly appreciated and we were able to raise \$15,241.29 for the West Peoria Fire Department!

Mark your calendars for September 30, 2023! Join us as a golfer, sponsor, volunteer, or even on the planning committee. Contact me: WP-Ward4-@cityofwestpeoria.com.

Hope to see you there!

Meeting and Event Dates

All event dates listed in this issue are subject to change. Check the City of West Peoria website, the West Peoria Community page on Facebook, or call the contact person for the event.

December

Wednesday, December 7

Finance 5:30 p.m.
Land Use 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 13

City Council 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 14

Neighborhood Watch 6:00 p.m.
Maggie Moore, April Silver
Co-Coordinators

Wednesday, December 21

Transportation 5:30 p.m.
Public Safety 6:30 p.m.

Monday, December 26

City Hall Closed

Tuesday, December 27

Planning/Zoning 5:30 p.m.
City Council 7:00 p.m.

January

Monday, January 2

City Hall Closed

Wednesday, January 4

Finance 5:30 p.m.
Land Use 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 10

City Council 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 11

Neighborhood Watch 6:00 p.m.
Maggie Moore, April Silver
Co-Coordinators

Wednesday, January 18

Transportation 5:30 p.m.
Public Safety 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 19

Residents' Association 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 24

Planning/Zoning 5:30 p.m.
City Council 7:00 p.m.

Please note: All meetings are at City Hall unless otherwise noted.
*Township Building, 2516 West Rohmann

WPRA News

President's Message

The Residents' Association Board members have continued to meet throughout the past year, working with the City of West Peoria in planning and coordinating community events. And more community events are being planned for 2023!

It has been our goal with each edition of the newsletter to continually keep you informed of West Peoria news and events. We hope we have achieved that goal!

In addition, I would like to extend an invitation to all West Peoria residents to attend City Council meetings, Committee meetings, Neighborhood Watch meetings and Residents' Association meetings. Attendance at any of these meetings will keep you informed about governmental decisions and actions, as well as ongoing activities in the City of West Peoria.

On behalf of the West Peoria Residents' Association Board members, we extend best wishes for a Happy Holiday season and may 2023 be a happy, healthy, and prosperous year for you and our family!

Bonnie Farrell, President

A Very Special Thank You

We hope you enjoyed the addition of color on the front page of our newsletter. This is compliments of our friends at Leonard Unes Printing and we sincerely appreciate their thoughts and ideas!

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City News

Winter is Coming!

With a cold and icy forecast for this winter, please remember that all streets in West Peoria are considered snow routes. **When 2 inches or more of snow are predicted in the forecast, all cars must be removed from the streets.** Stay tuned to local forecasts, and for alerts, check out the City website at: www.cityofwestpeoria.org, the Facebook Community page, or our Simplicity app. All vehicles obstructing snow removal may be towed at the owner's expense and will be ticketed. No exception!

Lawn Waste Pick Up

Waste Management Yard Waste Pickup continues every Friday through the last Friday in December. Please remember to bundle your tree limbs and bag your leaves. If rain is forecast overnight, please ensure that your bags are not getting wet. The collector is not responsible for cleaning up leaves from broken bags. "Yard Waste" stickers for your cans or plastic containers are available at City Hall.

Storm Damage: During the Waste Management Yard Waste Pickup period, homeowners are responsible for cleaning up after a storm using Waste Management services. HOWEVER, between January 1st and April 1st, please remember to go to the City website, the Facebook Community page, the Simplicity app or call City Hall (309-674-1993) for instructions on how to proceed with storm damage clean-up.

Keeping Neighborhoods Safe

The City still has funds available for the Neighborhood Safety Program. The Safety Grant is available to all West Peoria residents for purchasing outside security cameras with recording capabilities. The City will reimburse qualified residents 50% of the cost up to \$300! This not only gives residents peace of mind, but it is proving to be a valuable tool for our County Sheriff's department in solving crimes! So, before you buy, stop by City Hall or call and ask for details today.

The Next Big Step Towards Community Safety

By: Kinga Krider, City Administrator

The West Peoria City Council voted last month and is now waiting on Peoria County Board approval to officially increase police protection in our Community. Although the Peoria County Sheriff's Department has always been in West Peoria to help and to keep everyone safe, the City decided to contact with the Department for 24/7 coverage. Please note that this would not have been possible without some State Grants provided by Senator Koehler, and this WILL NOT affect residents' property taxes. However, we do believe that this will have a significant impact on our community and on our community's safety. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact members of the City Council or me directly at City Hall.

City of West Peoria Resource Information

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Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

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Email: office@cityofwestpeoria.com

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mayor@cityofwestpeoria.com

City Administrator Kinga Krider

administrator@cityofwestpeoria.com

City Clerk Margie Barnes

city_clerk@cityofwestpeoria.com

Code Enforcement & Zoning Officer Roma Wallace

code-zoning@cityofwestpeoria.com

City News

Consolidated Elections, 2023!

By: Mary M. Barnes, City Clerk

The next Consolidated Election for our City is April 4, 2023. Why is it so important to start now? To get names on the ballots! The following positions are up for election/re-election:

- Mayor
- Clerk
- Treasurer
- Alderperson Ward 1
- Alderperson Ward 2
- Alderperson Ward 3
- Alderperson Ward 4

If you want to help make decisions regarding our City, please consider running for office. Every candidate must have lived within the City limits for a year and lived in the Ward they would represent for a year. Terms for each of these positions are for four years. Descriptions for any of these positions are available in my office or on the City Website under Government.

Petition packets are available through me, and some have already been picked up. I can help explain the process to those who have a desire to serve our City better, but who have not had any governmental experience. None is needed! A good heart, some extra time, (not a lot -- which is often at a premium but is well worth the time), and a willingness to serve others makes for a great candidate!

Petitions must be returned to City Hall filled out no later than December 19, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. From that time they will be filed with the Local Election Commission as names to be placed on the ballot.

No one has picked up a packet for Ward 2. We have a retiring Alderman from that Ward. We need to find someone willing to help our City representing the citizens of that Ward. Could it be YOU? Would you please think about it? Come, see me for a packet!

For more information, contact me at City Hall. My hours are T/W/TH from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. or by email: city_clerk@cityofwestpeoria.com.

Keep Gas Meters Clear in Winter

Air must circulate freely around the equipment that brings natural gas into your home or business to operate properly. In the winter, if snow has accumulated on the meter, use a broom to sweep it off gently. Don't hit or shake the meter or use tools with sharp edges. Be sure to keep furnace and water heater vents clear of snow and ice as well.

Happy Holidays!

As this year draws to a close, we wish you and your family a holiday season filled with warmth, peace, health, and happiness. We hope that you will find time to reflect during this busy season, and build meaningful connections to friends and family.

From our families to yours...

Mayor James Dillon. Members of West Peoria City Council and City staff

Our City

A lot has happened in 2022, and more to come in 2023. The bridge on Swords Avenue was rebuilt entirely by Peoria County. Due to some help from residents, a portion of Laura Avenue and Cortland Avenue received new sidewalks and we hope to have new sidewalks for Idaho Street next year. UnityPoint is bringing the Young Minds project to the former Heddington Oaks building. Peoria County Regional Office of Education will lease a portion of the Franciscan Center to move its Regional Learning Center from its current location in Wildlife Prairie Park. The Peoria Park District started to offer some programs at the Franciscan Center in November. Unfortunately, some businesses have closed, but new opportunities and developments are in the works.

Around The Town

In Memoriam

Jerome B. Meisner

Died September 22, 2022

Former City of West Peoria
Alderman/Ward 2

Former Chairman of Finance
Committee

Former member of the Planning/
Zoning Board

Horseshoe Bottoms/Rocky Glen News

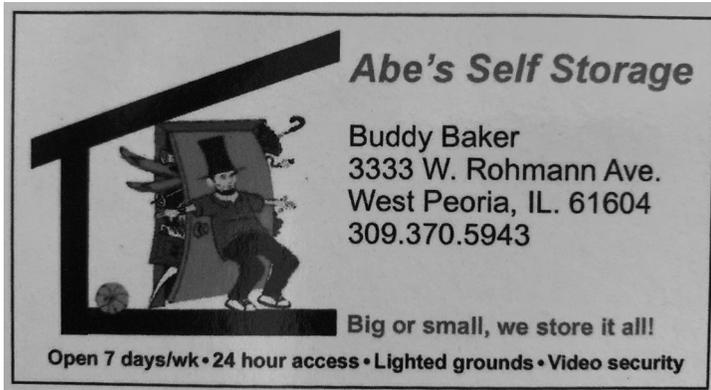
By: David Pittman

The natural world seems to be sleeping during these cold early winter days. While most grasses and flowers have died back to the ground, the beauty of the outdoors is exceptional. Hikes and restoration workdays continue but please call to confirm in case of cancellation due to bad weather.

Friends of Rocky Glen offer free Horseshoe Bottoms hike and workdays on the first Saturday of every month: December 3, January 7 and February 4. Both workday and hikes begin at 9:00 a.m. with everyone meeting at the far west end of St. Mary's on Sterling. Please dress appropriately; shoes and pants that can get muddy and will prevent contact with poison ivy! Liability waivers are required and hikes last about 90 minutes. Workdays last about 2-3 hours. Contact Dave Pittman (309-573-2354) to confirm all events.

Rocky Glen Park workdays will be December 4, January 8 and February 5. Volunteers meet at the Rocky Glen Parking lot at 9:00 a.m. for 2-3 hours work. This workday is more physically demanding than the Horseshoe Bottoms.

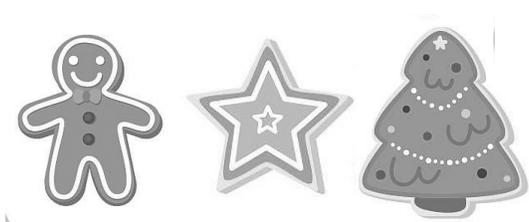
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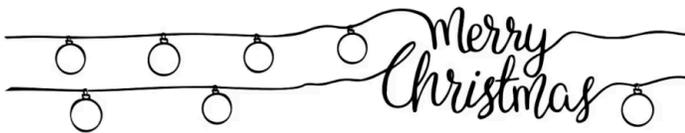
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Beautification Committee

The holidays are here and the Beautification Committee welcomes in the season decorating the "Welcome Wall" with the beauty of fresh green garland, sparkling lights and Christmas wreaths. Little snowmen at Rohman and Sterling corners go along with the theme "Tis the Season" of Happy Holidays.

"Thank you" to the members of the Beautification Committee for keeping West Peoria beautiful through all the seasons!



Neighborhood Watch

By: Maggie Moore, Co-Coordinator

Jamie Harwood, Coroner for Peoria County, will be the guest speaker at the Wednesday, December 14th meeting, 6:00 p.m., at City Hall. Hope to see you there!

The West Peoria Neighborhood Watch is wishing everyone a Happy Holiday Season! Here are some suggestions that can help make the holidays and every day a little safer:

- Keep yard and porch lights on at night
- Keep doors and windows locked at home and vehicles locked
- Never leave a "warming up" vehicle unattended
- Be alert and aware in parking lots
- Don't allow yourself to be a victim....
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West Peoria Fire Department News

By: Chief Terry Schadt

In September the Fire Department responded to 72 emergency calls and to 80 calls in October.

Family Day brought a good turnout! Kids and families enjoyed getting out of the house and having a few hours playing on the fire pole, taking pictures with the kids in fire gear, riding on the fire truck, and especially enjoying homemade snacks from the Ladies Auxiliary.

In September, several of our Firefighters were presented with a Life Saving Award. These firefighters were among those who responded to a cardiac arrest on June 29th and were able to revive the person and this person was able to walk out of the hospital in a few weeks. On behalf of the fire department, Fire District Trustees, we are very proud of these Firefighters as well as the rest of the firefighters who respond to emergencies and use their training to save lives!

A big "THANK YOU" to Zac Edmonds and the West Peoria City Council for another wonderful golf outing to benefit the fire department. This year Zac presented a check in the amount of \$15,241.29! There are not enough words to express our thanks and gratitude to all who helped with special event!

A lucky winner picked the winning number for the "Cash Ladder" jackpot! Cash Ladder is held every Monday night from 5:30-8:30 p.m., at the Owl's Nest. Tickets are \$1 and all proceeds help the Fire Department purchase fire and rescue equipment. Thank you to all the West Peoria and Peoria citizens for their support!

Need a quick meal? Save 30% on "online orders" at Papa John's. Use Promo Code "WPFD40" when ordering online: papajohns.com. The WP Firefighters' Association receives 10% of the discounted price and you save 30%!

Garden Club

By: Priscilla Peterson

Like many of you, the garden tools are cleaned, sharpened, and put away for the winter. Christmas cactus and amaryllis are ready to add a festive touch to the holiday season. While the newest varieties of poinsettia plants are attractively displayed in garden centers, it won't be long before our thoughts will be turning to planning our gardens for next year.

Garden Club members will resume regular meetings in February, 2023. At that time we will plan the year's programs, including summer garden tours, flower and vegetable programs, and community projects.



(L to R) Terrance Hubbard, Proctor EMS Coordinator, Firefighter/EMT John Harris, Firefighter/EMT Maddie Bozik, Captain/EMR Dan Wilson

Around The Town

West Peoria Holiday Decorating Contest!

Yes, it's back! Join the fun! Participation in the contest is very simple... decorate your residence, fill out the coupon below or nominate a neighbor....and drop the coupon off at City Hall. Judging will take place the week of December 12th.

Cash prizes:
3rd place - \$25.00
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Around The Town

Halloween Highlights

The weather on Halloween night was perfect for “trick or treating”! The “Trunk `n Treat” event held at the City Hall parking lot was filled with lots of residents handing out candy from their vehicles, cool decorations, and many costumed characters!

Pictured below are some of the attendees at this joint community endeavor between the City of West Peoria and the West Peoria Residents’ Association.



Forty Leaders Under Forty Awards

Peoria Magazine held its 29th annual “40 Leaders Under Forty” awards recognition event on October 27th. This is an annual celebration of emerging leaders in the Greater Peoria area. Nominations are solicited throughout the area and the Class of 2022 includes West Peoria resident Nick Baker.

Having completed his MBA at Bradley University, Nick teaches part time at Illinois Central College, and also is the owner of British Automotive Specialists. An Eagle Scout, Nick is actively volunteering with the West Peoria Boy Scout troop, working with the scouts as they earn their individual merit badges. He is also currently serving on the West Peoria Resident’s Association Board. His community involvement extends to the board of Peoria Promise and the Peoria Rotary and Peoria Boat clubs.

Congratulations, Nick!

Thank You!

Members of Cub Scout Pack 11 and Boy Scout Troop 11 would like to thank all the residents who purchased trash bags, Butter Braid bread, popcorn, and/or Christmas wreaths this past year.

Your support for all of these fundraising efforts is greatly appreciated!

Around The Town

Support Our Local Businesses

By: Priscilla Peterson

Why should we support our local small businesses? Small businesses add character and success to the community. Shopping locally ensures that important decisions are being made by people who live in it.

There are four major reasons to shop local:

1. Small business owners made the decision to locate their business in our community. They have invested their knowledge, money, time and labor to provide goods and services to their family, employees, and our residents. Being our friends and neighbors also allows the opportunity for better customer service.

2. Small businesses create and provide jobs to our residents. How many people do you know acquired their first job with a local business? Two in my family!

3. Small businesses are strong supporters of local charities and community events. Donations to bike rides, raffles, the annual golf tournament, and Night Out Against Crime are a few examples of ways they reach out to support the community.

4. Taxes - Civic economics shows that for every dollar spent at a local business, three times more money is returned to the local economy compared to spending money at the larger stores. Sales tax provides money to the City budget for law enforcement, street maintenance, grant programs, and other services to our residents.

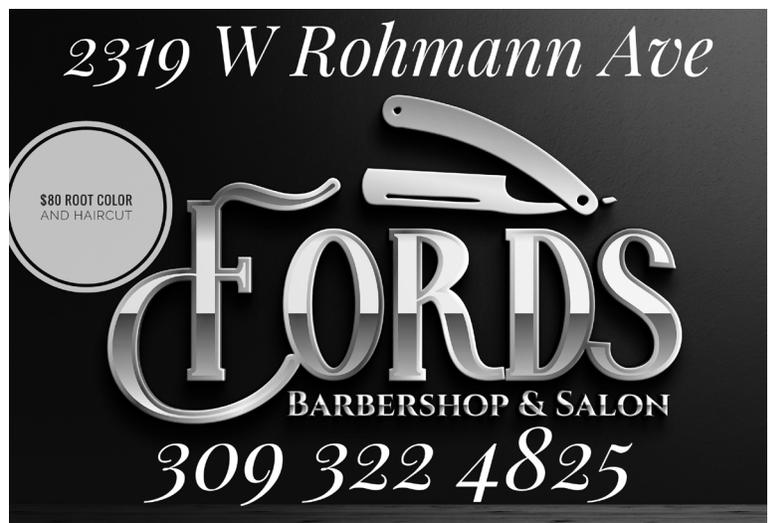
As you plan for upcoming parties, family events, meetings with friends, etc., consider our local businesses and what they have to offer. Gift cards may also be available.

You may also support our local businesses by spreading the word about them to your co-workers, friends, and family. When you visit a local business, say

'Thank you for supporting the City of West Peoria!'

Special thanks to the Lighting District!

The City of West Peoria Lighting District has purchased additional Christmas street lighting decorations. We hope you enjoy these new decorations in your evening travels! (And special thanks to Maintenance Manager, Charles Hess and his staff for their hard work in attaching all the decorations to the poles along our city streets!)



Around The Town

Congratulations to Honor Roll Students!



In November, members of the West Peoria City Council, "Harold B. Dawson" school staff, and volunteers, served a special breakfast to honor roll students in grades 5-8 at the Harold B. Dawson School. Students and parents alike enjoyed scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuits and gravy, etc., as well as sharing a special time together.

Thank you to the City of West Peoria and all the volunteers for helping with a such a nice event!

Annual Cub Scout Christmas Caroling is Planned!

Members of Cub Scout Pack 11 will be riding the Christmas float and traveling the streets of West Peoria the week of December 12th, (weather permitting).

An ongoing tradition for the Scouts, they will be excited to wish all the residents a "Merry Christmas"! Be "watching and listening" for this "motorized sleigh" full of young carolers!

Holiday Package Delivery Safety Tips

1. Deliver to your office

If your workplace allows it, have your packages delivered right to your office. You may not be able to get weekend delivery.

2. Use pick-up points

See if you can have your packages delivered to the UPS box at the bottom of Swords Hill or other delivery points.

3. Use a temporary PO Box

Check your local listings to find a location near you, then rent the PO Box through the season. Be mindful of contract times and fees.

4. Request a re-route or re-delivery

Call UPS of FedEx once you have a tracking number and have them hold the package at their facility for pickup later or re-route to another location.

5. Use a neighbor's house

Ask a neighbor if they would be willing to accept deliveries for you if you are working during the day. If you're home all day, offer to do it for your neighbors and friends.

6. Use a wireless home monitoring system

Use a door monitor that allows you to see your porch. You can set off alarms for snoopers, as well as ask questions to those approaching.

7. Request a signature confirmation

This ensures that the package isn't just dumped. They might charge a small fee for this option.

8. Request a knock

It helps to know if your package has been delivered. So request it in the notes on your order form or call your delivery service with your tracking number.

9. Create a delivery corner

You may be able to hide smaller package deliveries behind planters or decorations on your porch.

10. Insure your holiday packages

It may be wise to insure your packages this time of year. This way, if your package is stolen, you can be reimbursed for your loss.

11. Be mindful of garbage pickup

What you put on the curb could be a shopping list for the wrong person. Break down the boxes and store them in garbage bins for pickup.

Around The Town

Grant Money Recap

By: Sharon Kennedy

This is a recap of the monies given by the City of West Peoria to assist our residents with exterior home improvement projects. These funds become available May 1st of each year and are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

City of West Peoria budgeted \$75,000 for assistance in redevelopment funding known as RDG grants. Examples of eligible projects are tree trimming and removal, roof replacement or repairs, windows, doors, garage doors, sidewalk repairs, etc. **The work cannot be started before May 1st of next year, and must be completed within 4 months in order to qualify.**

The maximum grant is \$1,000.00, and this will be 25% of any project from \$1.00 to \$500.00, or 50% of projects of \$501.00 to \$1350.00; anything from \$1351.00 and over will receive the maximum of \$1,000.00. Eighty-seven residents applied for grants this year.

There is a simple application to fill out. City staff will assist with the application, and further information will be given next spring when the programs open for next year.

Another program offered by the City of West Peoria are TIF fund grants. These funds are available in designated areas which include mainly the blocks off Western Ave. and Cedar Ave. There are also various other locations throughout the city. With this program, 75% up to \$1,000.00 maximum is awarded. For more information, call City Hall and ask for Chris. The city budgeted \$40,000 for projects, and there are still funds available. So if you are interested, call right away. So far, 16 people have applied.

The city also offered a program for our local businesses, however it is currently not available. This money is intended to help improve the building facade, and thereby improve the neighborhoods. So far three businesses have applied. This covered 50% of the project cost up to \$2500.00. The city is working on revisions to this program for next year.

West Peoria also offers a paint program which pays for 50% up to \$250.00 and covers the cost of paint only, and is only for the exterior of a house, garage, shed, or fence.

The Neighborhood Safety grant program is ongoing to assist with the purchase of security cameras. The city budgeted \$2500.00 and pays 50% up to \$300.00, and funds are still available. So far, nine residents have applied.

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