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A tradition at Willowbrook

Willowbrook High School held its annual Silver and Blue Community Night event in the school's stadium on Friday evening. The celebration featured introductions of the school's fall sports teams. One photo shows senior Julia Amin (No. 7 - top right) waving to the crowd during the introductions of members of the varsity girls volleyball team. The teams of the Villa Park Warriors youth football and cheer program, which includes more than 400 children, were also introduced, and the program's cheerleaders gave a brief performance on the field. Willowbrook's flag football team, which advanced to the IHSA state quarterfinals last year, conducted a brief scrimmage during Friday's event. Willowbrook's football team closed out the evening with its scrimmage against Fenwick. Junior Nate Jerkovic (No. 10 - above) of the Warriors is pictured while throwing a pass during the scrimmage. The Warriors' football team will open its 2025 season with this Friday's contest against Glenbard East in Lombard.

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Warriors vs. Dukes

A great start for the Warriors

Willowbrook High School's girls tennis team opened its 2025 season with last week's home meet against Fenton. The Warriors won all seven matches of the Aug. 21 meet to earn a 7-0 victory. Willowbrook senior Shannon Freer is pictured (above left) during her 6-4, 6-1 win in the No. 1 singles match. Junior Claire Brennan (above right) earned a 6-3, 6-3 win in the No. 2 singles contest, while sophomore Elena Maxse prevailed 6-0, 6-2 in the No. 3 singles match. Willowbrook's No. 1 doubles team of seniors Hannah Gawat (below right) and Kiki Smalling (bottom right) posted a 6-1, 6-2 victory. The Warriors' No. 2 doubles duo of senior Kamira Henry and junior Anna Miehl rolled to a 6-0, 6-0 win. Willowbrook's No. 3 doubles team of senior Heidi Urrieta and sophomore Anika Urbonas also delivered a 6-0, 6-0 victory, as did the No. 4 doubles team of senior Alicia Martinez and sophomore Cara Casey. On Saturday, the Warriors won the championship plaque at Riverside Brookfield's Bob Hegner Invite, which took place at Morton High School's west campus in Berwyn.

Willowbrook's girls golf team began its 2025 season with last week's meet against York. The Dukes defeated Willowbrook in the Aug. 20 meet at the Warriors' home venue—Twin Lakes Golf Club in Westmont. One photo (above left) from the meet shows Willowbrook junior Alyssa Hirsch, who fired a 9-hole score of 46 in the team's season-opening meet. Another photo (above right) shows sophomore Abigail Tompkins, who shot a 47 for the Warriors. Hirsch and Tompkins played with two Dukes in the meet's lead group. Not pictured is Willowbrook senior Mary Smith, who posted her team's best individual score—a 44—during the meet.

• Events

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higher. This event is a 21 and older event. For more information, visit <https://villapark-brewfest.com>.

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Now through Oct. 27 District 205 Take a Hike! Elnhurst

Take a Hike! Challenge 2025 Presented by District 205, you are invited to join The Conservation Foundation and Endeavor Health Take a Hike! Challenge. For eight weeks, enjoy the healthy benefits of being active and spending time outdoors. It's a great opportunity for all ages—plus you can earn a prize for completing the challenge. Look for special programming from local community partners and ideas to elevate your hike each week. Participation is free and easy. Visit the District 205 website to learn more and sign up.



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Bronco Jamboree

Montini Catholic High School's fall sports teams participated in Friday's Bronco Jamboree. The event featured scrimmages and exhibitions from the Broncos' fall sports teams. The teams in action on Montini's stadium field included the boys soccer team, which conducted a scrimmage. The cheerleading team and the dance team—the Bronettes—gave separate performances on the stadium field. After an introduction of all of the Broncos' fall sports teams on the stadium track, Montini's football team wrapped up the event with a scrimmage. The Broncos, who won the IHSA Class 3A state football championship last year, will begin their 2025 season with this Friday's home game against the Titans from Lumen Christi Catholic School in Jackson, Michigan. One photo from Friday's Bronco Jamboree shows the seniors on Montini's girls volleyball team. Pictured left to right are: Francesca Lorenzo, Ava Mihelich, Ariana Spizziri, Giuliana D'Argento and Audrey Ruddy.

Warriors open their season at the St. Laurence Invite

Yopchick leads Willowbrook with an 18-hole score of 82

The Willowbrook High School boys' golf team opened its 2025 season by competing in the St. Laurence Invite at Green Garden Country Club in Frankfort on Aug. 14. The Warriors placed 12th in the team standings of the 16-team competition.

Tommy Roelle both turned in scores of 92. Junior Ben Rattana carded a 96 for the Warriors.

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 Sealed bids for the following material will be opened and publicly read aloud at exactly 9:30 AM on Friday, September 12, 2025 at the Lombard Park District Administrative Offices at 227 W. Parkside Ave., Lombard, Illinois, 60148:

Printing of the 2025 Quarterly Activity Guide (Winter 2025, Spring 2025, Summer 2025, and Autumn 2025)

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The Lombard Park District may reject any and all bids on any basis without disclosure of a reason. The failure to make such a disclosure shall not result in the accrual of any right, claim, or cause of action by any unsuccessful bidder against the Lombard Park District.

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Ready for fall sports

Willowbrook High School's Silver and Blue Community Night, which was held in the school's stadium on Friday evening, included the introductions of the school's fall sports teams. The scrimmages that took place on the stadium field included a brief scrimmage by the Warriors' flag football team. One photo (above left) from that scrimmage shows senior quarterback Marll Smrz (No. 6) throwing a pass as senior Leigh Bernardo (No. 2) provides defensive pressure. Another photo (above right) shows (left to right) juniors Lily Rich and Melanie Marinier of the varsity girls volleyball team.

Election lawyers, Obama alumni renew Illinois redistricting reform push

Republican Ray LaHood, Democrat Bill Daley to lead effort

By Andrew Adams
 CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

A group of former Obama administration officials and election lawyers announced last week they are attempting to reform the way the state draws district maps for the state legislature.

They want to do this by passing a state constitutional amendment via a ballot initiative during the 2026 general election.

They say the current legislative redistricting process leads to overrepresentation of Democrats and few competitive legislative districts, meaning politicians must do less to serve their constituents.

Former U.S. Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood, a Republican, and former Secretary of Commerce Bill Daley, a Democrat and member of the Daley political family, are leading the effort. Both served under President Barack Obama, with Daley as his chief of staff.

Former State Board of Elections Chair Bill Cadigan and election lawyer Michael Dorf, whose past clients include the Democratic Party of Illinois and several sitting statewide officials, also are backing the effort.

12-member redistricting commission

The proposal would create a 12-member "Legislative Redistricting Commission," appointed by the top Democrat and Republican in each legislative chamber. Each legislative leader would appoint one member

of the General Assembly and two members who are not lawmakers.

Commissioners would be barred from considering political party registration or voting history data when drawing maps. Districts also would be required to be compact, contiguous and drawn along existing county and municipal lines where possible.

The amendment would apply to the redistricting process for the state legislature. It would not apply to congressional districts, which would still be drawn by state lawmakers.

The amendment would also change the size of the state legislature, so that if the state's population significantly increases or decreases, so too would the number of districts.

This model is based on Iowa, Arizona and Pennsylvania. The Princeton Gerrymandering Project, which analyzes how severely gerrymandered states' legislative maps are, gives Illinois a "B" grade for the state House and an "F" for the state Senate. Iowa and Arizona received A grades for their state maps and Pennsylvania received "B" grades.

"I've talked to people in Iowa and I've talked to people in California," LaHood said. "They love the idea that politicians are not drawing their maps. And if you look at their maps, they're compact and contiguous. And people like that."

The amendment, according to its backers, will need about 320,000 valid signatures to

appear on the 2026 November ballot. Because some signatures might be invalid, Cadigan said they'll aim for roughly double that.

LaHood said the effort would need "3 to 4 million" dollars, "primarily to pay people to help us get the signatures."

Failed 2016 effort

In 2016, the state Supreme Court case threw out an effort to reform legislative redistricting on a 4-3 vote. The court

ruled along partisan lines that the wording of the amendment didn't comply with the state's constitution's narrow wording on citizen initiatives.

The Supreme Court now has a 5-2 Democratic advantage after the General Assembly redrew its district lines in 2021.

The 2016 effort was itself a response to a 2014 court case that tossed out a proposed constitutional amendment that year.

Answers

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PUZZLE 2

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