

the Village  
of Willow Springs  
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Fall 2016

# Neighbor to Neighbor



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

This fall, local voters will not only choose between candidates for the next president of our country, but also to advise your local officials on topics closer to home. Keep in mind that the questions you will be asked on the **Tuesday November 8 ballot are advisory only**. As we have done in the past, the Village Board is reaching out to residents to keep you informed and involved. We want to hear from the entire electorate as much as possible on pertinent issues. We encourage you to exercise your right to vote. The questions you will be asked are:

Village of Willow Springs, Red Light Cameras Shall the Village Board pass an ordinance allowing red-light cameras to be installed at the intersection of Archer and Willow Springs Road in the Village of Willow Springs and fines assessed for violations of stoplights?  Yes  No

Village of Willow Springs, Speed Cameras Shall the Village of Willow Springs support efforts to have the Illinois General Assembly authorize the use of automated speed enforcement systems (speed cameras) in school zones on school days in the Village of Willow Springs?  Yes  No

Village of Willow Springs, Police Operations Shall the Village of Willow Springs explore cost saving options by consolidating police department operations with nearby departments?  Yes  No

Though I have not been an advocate of red light cameras, many residents have asked about placing them at Archer and Willow Springs Road due to increased traffic and speeders passing through who take advantage of our town. Cameras may cause motorists to slow down.

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The next question asks whether your local officials should support the State initiative to place speed cameras in school zones to slow down traffic and protect our children. I believe that if there is a place for such technology, this certainly would be the best use. From cell phone users to speeders, motorists seem to ignore school zone warnings.

Consolidation of police services means combining independent strengths to enhance our ability to fight crime. Willow Springs consistently ranks among the safest communities, not only in the region but in the entire State. With that goal in mind, we constantly strive to improve our capabilities and plan for "what if" scenarios. This has never been more important as now, given the condition our State finds itself in financially. Local towns must work together to build a plan to offset uncertain levels of assistance coming from the State.

Simply said, consolidation does not mean closing or eliminating our police department or merging departments. What it does mean is ending waste and working with neighboring agencies to cut taxes for local homeowners. It would also allow us to utilize special units of policing that a Village of our size cannot afford. Shared services means joining forces to create more manpower and greater capabilities at the same, or more often reduced costs.

For example, many Public Safety agencies utilize joint task forces to handle major crimes or deal with auto theft rings. Sharing specialty equipment, detectives, drug prevention, and community outreach/education officers is a means of reducing taxes in participating communities. Working together with our neighbors is the means of raising the level of public safety while holding the line on costs. Creating a stronger public safety presence does not need to place any additional burden on local taxpayers. Again, no merger or elimination of our police department. Simply combining strengths and resources to fight crime.

On the topic of Public Safety, the Village continues to upgrade the level of professionalism and service of its Police Department. A few years ago the Village implemented an in-house training program for career-minded individuals who were hired as community service officers and sponsored for training in police academies. The Village is committed to a policy of hiring police professionals from within who display a calling to law enforcement based on the principles of community policing.

I take Public Safety to heart as the most important challenge that faces our Village on a day to day basis. It is the reason fire services have been upgraded through a partnership with Tri-State Fire Protection District which places our Village in the top 1 percent in the nation. There is no reason to expect any less from our Police.

Our Village remains one of the lowest crime areas in the State. Check for yourself on our website where listed is the latest Illinois State Police crime statistics and safety rankings provided by independent reviewers.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the name 'Alan', written in a cursive style.

Alan

## Clerk's Office

Registering to vote has never been easier or more convenient. You can register online, in person or you can download registration forms and register through the mail.

### Polling Locations

Township/Precinct	Location	Address	Municipality	Zip
7900023	Willow Springs Community Center	8156 Archer Ave	Willow Springs	60480
7900049	Willow Springs Community Center	8156 Archer Ave	Willow Springs	60480
7900046	Pleasant Dale Park District	7425 Wolf Rd	Burr Ridge	60527
7900053	Pleasant Dale Park District	7425 Wolf Rd	Burr Ridge	60527
7900041	Trinity Lutheran Church	11500 German Church Rd	Burr Ridge	60527
7900063	Trinity Lutheran Church	11500 German Church Rd	Burr Ridge	60527
8800022	Willowbrook Ballroom	8900 Archer Ave	Willow Springs	60480

### Election Day Registration and Voting on November 8

This is the first Presidential Election to offer Election Day Registration. On November 8, voters who are not registered to vote can register and vote at their **home precinct only**, on Election Day.

*For more information on voting call Elections Department – Suburban Cook County (312) 603-0906*

*Or visit [www.cookcountyclerk.com/elections](http://www.cookcountyclerk.com/elections).*

## Congratulations Class of 2016

*Mayor Nowaczyk, the Board of Trustees, and the Village Staff congratulate our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduates!  
May your successes carry on to high school!*

Paige	Arturi	Kristina	Kesic	Steven	Van Der Stuyf
Kevin	Barker	Patrick	Leach	Zachary	Veroeven
Luke	Becker	Taylor	Lebron	Daniel	Vie
Jovan	Borojevic	Luciana	Ligammari	Elise	Vorpahl
Viktorija	Buntinas	Zachary	Lisowski	George	Yiannopoulos
Monica	Busza	Nicolas	Mahler		
Caroline	Calvano	Cara	Merkle		
Isabel	Carlson	Austin	Mikuta		
Kenneth	Carlson	John	Mulvenna		
Benjamin	Cassioppi	Sierra	Nelson		
Alexa	Catezone	Andrew	OConnell		
Logan	Costello-Southfield	Teagan	OFlaherty		
Kellie	Courtney	Kylie	Orrick		
Mitchell	Gilman	Maxwell	Rockrohr		
Sophie	Grabis	Jannetta	Shvetsova-Saban		
Elizabeth	Gremer	Madeline	Smith		
Michael	Ibrahim	Christian	Smoley		
Alec	Jabr	Matthew	Urban		



# Volunteer of the Year

Member of the Willow Springs Senior Club and long-time resident Sandra Munch was nominated by the Village of Willow Springs for Age Options "Volunteer of the Year" Award in recognition of her outstanding volunteer service to older adults and with gratitude for the time, talent and resources she has shared with the entire community of Willow Springs. In addition to her involvement with the Senior Club, Sandy has dedicated countless hours to the Village Events Committee, volunteering for events such as the Sweetheart Pancake Breakfast, Children's Easter Egg Hunt, Halloween Party and Benefit Car Show. Thank you for all you do, Sandy!



# Senior Club News

The Senior Club enjoyed their annual picnic in spite of the heat. We enjoyed the shade of the Pavilion at Lions Park, homemade horderves, plenty of beverages, box lunch and a variety of deserts. Visiting and games made for a lot of laughs. The seniors meet once a month (third Tuesday) at 11:00a.m. We a "lively group" and so far, no one has tried ordering fast food from the Village mail boxes. Come check us out.

For more information call Sandy Munch (708) 839-2585 or Jean Mrkasek (708) 839-1491.



# Willow Springs Historical Society News

We want to let everyone know that we have entered the 21st century. Our newest member, Ron Leppert has volunteered to put us on Facebook. This can be a benefit for us to reach everyone and let them know we are a viable organization, busy recording the history of the village and surrounding area and hopefully receiving and sharing stories, pictures and family histories with those that share our interest in preservation for future generations to come. As always, we continue to collect information for our files and invite new members to our meetings held on the third Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. We also open the museum on the first Saturday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Hope to see you in person or on the web at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/WillowSpringsHistoricalSociety/>

## Village Center gets boost from new businesses, Courtright's back

The very successful Imperial Oak Brewery, 501 Willow Boulevard, is in the process of expanding its operations to accommodate customers. The craft brewery is in the process of adding washrooms and other amenities as well as securing additional parking space to accommodate its guests.

If you'd rather learn how to make your own craft brew or wine, Winchester Brewing Co. in the Village Center features all the supplies and know-how to instruct you on making your own batches. Winchester also features a tasting room to allow you to sample products or hold private sampling parties.

Right next door, please welcome the newly opened "Snowflake Healing," a boutique featuring unique gift and spiritual items.

The latest entry in the field of fine dining experiences from the Courtright family, "Jen's Guesthouse," is set to open within weeks at the former signature restaurant location at 8989 Archer Avenue. Set in impeccable surroundings that rival any dining choice in the Chicagoland area, proprietors Michael and Jen Courtright aim for an opening in November.

Many of you are very familiar with the history of the outstanding food and service found at Courtright restaurants. Setting itself an identity of its own, the menu at "Jen's Guesthouse" will feature steaks, seafood and "small plate" items to share. Be sure to make plans to book a table early for the opening.

*(Note: The Village is in the process of negotiating with two new restaurateurs who plan to open in 2017 as part of a plan to revitalize the Old Willow Shopping Center. More details to come.)*

## Seniors to gain affordable option to remain part of WS community

Seniors on a fixed income or those looking to downsize from a larger household is what Willow Springs Horizon Senior Living Community aims to serve. The proposed facility, at Archer and Poston Road, calls for the construction of a 52-unit independent living center built on roughly 1.6 acres of land.

The proposed site plan includes one three-story, brick masonry apartment building with a lower level. The building will be certified under the National Green Building Standards and Energy Star programs and provide ample parking. The Village Plan Commission will review the proposed plans on November 9.

The building will offer 42 one bedroom and 9 two bedroom apartments with amenities including emergency call buttons; Energy Star ceiling fans in the bedrooms and living rooms; cabling for high-speed Internet access; and modern kitchens with Energy Star dishwashers, refrigerators and stove/ranges. Six units will be fully accessible for wheelchairs and 2 will accommodate sight or hearing impaired seniors. The remainder of the units will be handicapped adaptable.

There will be coin-operated laundry facilities on each of the three floors. Residents will enjoy common area amenities such as: a community room with a big-screen TV and kitchen (for parties, not for daily meal service); an outdoor patio with a gas grill and gazebo; an exercise room with fitness equipment; a game room with a billiards table; a computer lab with Internet access; and a quiet library with a fireplace. The grounds also include a manager's office and a live-in caretaker's apartment.

Although Willow Springs Horizon will offer independent living, there will be a number of organized activities and events for the residents, including arts and crafts classes; movie nights; special dinners and holiday parties; field trips; seminars on a range of topics, including health care and finance; blood pressure screening; bingo; and lots of other activities.

Willow Springs Horizon will be restricted to seniors, age 62 and up; a younger spouse may be permitted in the unit, but must be over the age of 50. All of the apartments will be affordable to seniors on fixed incomes, with rents ranging from \$332 to \$738 for one bedroom apartments and from \$710 to \$840 a month for a two bedroom apartment. Residents will be responsible for gas heat and apartment electric (for cooking, other appliances, lighting and air conditioning.)

Willow Springs Horizon will be The Alden Foundation's 14th affordable senior living development in the Chicago suburban area. Some other locations include Barrington, Bloomingdale, Mount Prospect, Oak Forest, Shorewood and Woodridge. The foundation recently broke ground in Huntley and will break ground next year on another development in New Lenox.

The Village of Willow Springs Car Show Committee thanks everyone who came out to support the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Benefit Car Show on August 4<sup>th</sup>. It was another successful show featuring over 300 of the finest classic automobiles in the Midwest. A big thank you to all show car owners who participated, volunteers, and our generous sponsors. The Car Show Committee is proud to make charitable donations to Camp Corral, Disabled American Veterans, Homes for our Troops, Hines Fisher House, Honor Flight of Chicago, Vietnam Veterans of America #311, Wounded Warrior Project.



Thanks again to our Little Helper Megan Monteleone, who raised \$85 selling lemonade on August 6<sup>th</sup> during the car show and donated the proceeds to the Car Show fund.



# Thank You to Our Generous Sponsors Willow Springs 9th Annual Benefit Car Show

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Special thanks to the Willowbrook Ballroom, Our Lady Mother of the Church, Royalty West Banquets, and Old Willow Center for providing parking to our visitors.



## Building Department

### Building and Planting on Village Easements Prohibited

Residents are prohibited from building on easements. Anything built on easement area is at your own risk and the Village is not responsible for damage. Easements are the legal designations that allow individuals or entities, such as the Village, to use portions of your property. Residents are responsible for maintaining their own easements.

### Building Permits

Building permits are required for any construction, installations, or remodeling of homes and businesses indoor or outdoor, large or small. Call (708) 467-3700 before you start any construction. We are more than happy to assist you through the process and answer any questions you have.

All building work requires a contractor to submit insurance. This protects YOU and other homeowners.



- ✓ **Insurance**
- ✓ **Registration**
- ✓ **License**

### Call 811 (J.U.L.I.E) Before you Dig

Before you do any type of digging, call to have underground utilities marked. Call 1-800-892-0123.

## Public Works

### Fall Leaf Collection Begins October 3

**South Side – 1st & 3rd Monday**

**North Side – 2nd & 4th Monday**

Pile leaves on your easement by 7 a.m. on Monday. DO NOT pile leaves in the street. It is a potential safety hazard for vehicles and pedestrians. DO NOT pile leaves on any of the storm sewer inlets. This causes blockage, backup, and flooding.

### Friendly Reminders...

- Properly dispose of household grease from meat fats, lard, baking goods, butter and margarine, cooking oils, food scraps, sauces and dairy products by collecting these substances in a container and throwing them in your garbage can.
- Fats, oils and grease can build up in pipes, preventing your wastewater from making its way through the sewer pipes. When your wastewater is unable to move through the sewer pipes, raw sewage can back up into your home or yard or overflow into local streets and streams.
- Bulky items like diapers and hygiene products can also clog pipes, causing backups and overflows of sewage into streets, homes and streams.
- Never flush or pour household chemicals like cleaners, medications, auto fluids, used motor oil, paint or lawn care products down a drain.
- Hazardous chemicals can cause significant damage to sewer pipes and diminish the effectiveness of the wastewater treatment process. Pesticides, solvents and other cleaning materials can corrode plumbing and release toxic fumes through the sewer system. In addition, chemicals and contaminants that are not removed from the wastewater during the treatment process will be released into local streams along with the treated wastewater.

# Car Burglars Prey on Crimes of Opportunity

Lately Willow Springs has joined the list of towns where car burglaries have occurred. Willow Springs Police Department constantly monitors crime activity in our area and works cooperatively with neighboring departments to address all issues promptly and professionally.

While Willow Springs consistently ranks in or near the top 10 Illinois communities in “Safest Neighborhoods” surveys, it is not immune to criminals looking to take advantage of easy targets. Safeguarding a community takes everyone’s vigilance and some preventive measures that are relatively easy to adopt into your busy lifestyles.

In recent weeks there have been about a dozen car burglaries or attempted burglaries. In nearly every case, the victim’s car or car windows were unlocked. Thieves passing through the neighborhood, or even local misfits, have simply used their eyes to spot valuables inside cars, and their hands to walk by and try fishing for open car locks. People don’t lock their car when they’re “just running into” the store or their home or “they’ll only be a minute.” Less than a minute is all the time it takes to break into an open car.

The following is list of things most of us already know and do. However, it never hurts to review safety tips and share them with your families.

- 1). Move valuables, or even accessories and empty boxes of valuables, out of sight. If you have any valuables, such as an iPod, purse or video camera, store it under the seat or in the glove compartment. Put anything that looks like it could contain something valuable, such as a box or briefcase, in the trunk. Keeping a “showroom clean” car is more than a personal preference—it’s a deterrent for thieves.
- 2). Turn off your car and lock your doors and windows each and every time you exit your car. Leaving your keys in the ignition is like sticking a “Steal Me!” sign on your car. The same goes for leaving your unoccupied car idling.
- 3). Do not leave your wallet or purse inside your car.  
(If either of these items were swiped, not only would there be property loss, but also potential identity theft.)
- 4). Keep jackets out of sight. Jackets, especially suit jackets, alert potential thieves that something like a phone or wallet may be in the pocket. The following safety tips can make your car less appealing to thieves:
- 5). Always lock up: It may seem silly to lock your car when you’re just popping in to pick up a sandwich. Taking 5 seconds to do it can save you from weeks of headaches and paperwork.
- 6). Shut your windows and sunroof: Leaving them open, even just a crack, encourages break-ins. If you’re worried that your car will get too hot, invest in windshield sun shades.
- 7). Follow the light: Parking in well-lit areas is safer for you and your car. Since light makes it easier for car thieves to be spotted and identified, odds are they’ll be less likely to mess with a car that’s parked under bright lights.
- 8). Most of the time when people think of alarms, they think of the one that accidentally goes off in the parking lot and the owner isn’t there to turn it off. The next time this happens, take notice that there are no car thieves around that noisy car.

Once again, if anything looks suspicious, or raises a concern, pick up the phone and call the Police Department. Your eyes and ears are what help the Police keep your town safer.

## Village Welcomes Officer to Full-Time Post



Mayor Alan Nowaczyk welcomes Police Officer Michael Hosteny as the Willow Springs Police Department’s newest full-time officer, as his brother, sister and parents join him at the June 23 Board Meeting. Officer Hosteny spent the past year as a part-time member of the Department. Officer Hosteny comes from family of law enforcement professionals.

## Police Academy Graduates Officers to Patrol Willow Springs



Willow Springs Police Chief Peter Kokkinis (center) flanked by new police officers (from left:) Erica Marin, Jordan Koster, Bogdan Hodorowicz and Kyle Berg following the NEMERT police training academy graduation ceremony in June.

“We are committed to constantly evaluating and reevaluating our Public Safety policies and performance levels provided to our residents,” commented Mayor Alan Nowaczyk, who was on hand to welcome the new recruits.

# Wicked Willow



*Thank you to Joe Galica From Paradise Banquets and Carriage Rides for donating the hay rides*



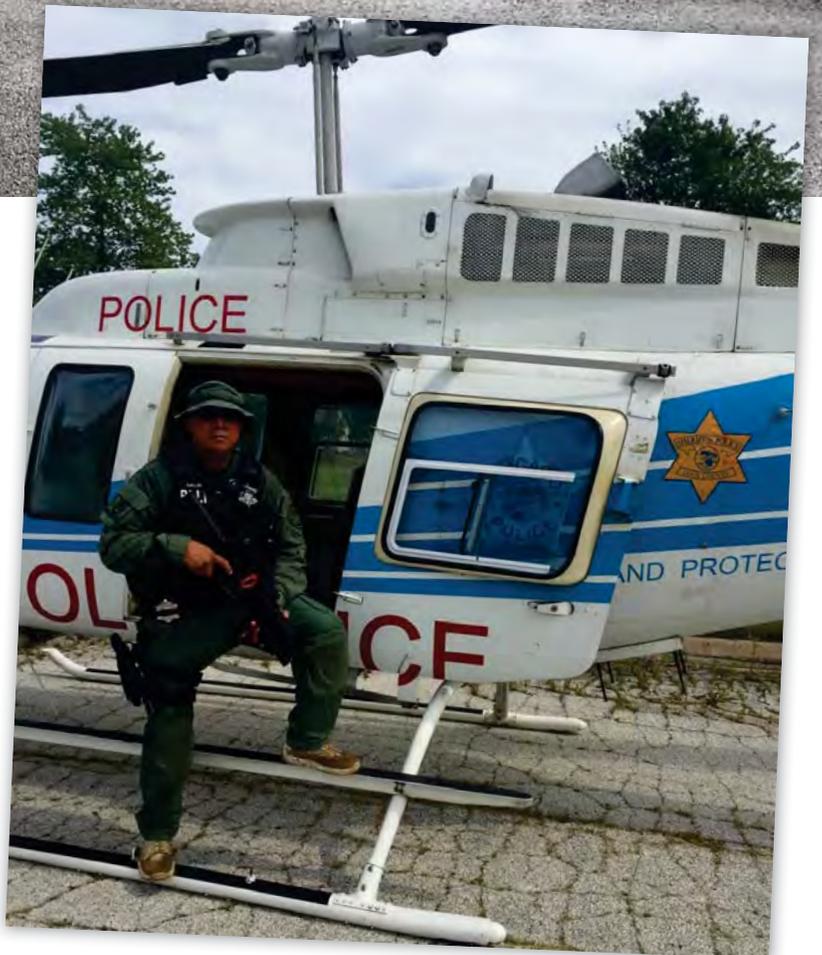
*A special Thank you to Wojciech Jarosz and Andrzej Nedza who chauffeured in the rain all day.*



Children enjoyed carriage rides, Pirate Jim stories, games, haunted house, walking thru the graveyard, candy, hot dog lunch, and a bonfire. As always, these events would not be possible without our dedicated team of volunteers - thank you! And special thanks to Beth McLean for everything  
Thank you to the Lioness Club for donating the hotdogs.



WILLOW SPRINGS POLICE OFFICER  
JASON GALLERO  
1970-2016



# Village mourns loss of Police Officer Jason Gallero

The Village of Willow Springs and the Willow Springs Police Department mourn the loss of Police Officer Jason Gallero, who passed away on Thursday, September 15.

Officer Gallero died in the line of duty after collapsing while participating in a colors run at the Cook County Sheriff's Police Training Academy, where he served as a highly respected instructor to recruits of the Cook County Sheriff's office and other law enforcement agencies across Cook County.

Officer Gallero, 45, worked as a part-time officer of the WSPD since July 2011. He also served on the County SWAT team and earlier in his career was a County corrections officer.

In addition to being a highly-trained law enforcement professional, Officer Gallero displayed a genuine caring personality. He was well-respected and admired by his fellow officers and by the residents he served and protected.

An avid motorcycle rider, Officer Gallero represented the Police Department on many fund-raising rides across the State. He most recently rode to raise money and awareness in causes such as the Annual Cook County Sheriff's Law Enforcement Ride for Veterans and the Annual Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Tour (FAST).

Locally he rode motorcycle patrol protecting the public at Village events such as the Annual Benefit Car Show, The Illinois State Bike Race Series, the Annual Children's Fishing Derby, and the Annual Memorial Day Observance.

Hundreds of law enforcement members from around the State attended funeral services held September 21. The funeral procession covered more than a mile of family, friends, police and members of various agencies Officer Gallero touched with his life of service to others.

The Village plans to retire his Police star at a ceremony this fall.



## Lions Club News

The Willow Springs Lions Club has been very busy this summer! In May, we had a very successful Pork-Chop Dinner. The Lions of Illinois Foundation had both of their busses performing free screenings for Diabetic Retinopathy and the Hearing Unite. For the first time, we also had V.O.I.C.E.S Kid Sight Program at the Dinner screening children from 6 months to 5 years old with their Plusoptix Camera.

At the end of June, our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Lions International was celebrated in Downtown Chicago where Lions International was originally formed, and where Chicago Central Lions Club, the first Lions Club, is still active.

In August at the Willow Springs Benefit Car Show, we again sold Pork-Chop Sandwiches selling more than 350 - our best so far. Thank you to all that stopped by the Lions Club tent and had a sandwich with us or even stopped to talk to us. Our Club bought a tent and four tables to be used for these types of events.

Coming up in October, Lions Candy Days are Thursday 10/13/16 and Friday 10/14/16. If you see us on the corner, please help us out with your spare change. Funds raised from Lions Candy Days are distributed as follows: 60% to the Lions of Illinois Foundation who provide assistance to over 15,000 visually impaired and hearing impaired individuals in the State of Illinois, and 40% to the Willow Springs Lions to help people in our community.



In November, we will hold our largest fundraiser of the year:

# Las-Vegas Night

When: Friday 11/4/2016  
Where: Royalty West  
7 p.m. until Midnight



If you can't attend, we have great 4 prizes that can be won in the drawing. Winner does not need to be present.

The Willow Springs Lions and Lioness Clubs are always looking for a few good men and women to get involved and help our community. Give us a call today.

**Lions Club - Call Lion Mike at 708-839-5178**

**Lioness Club - Call Lioness Carol 708-839-5178**

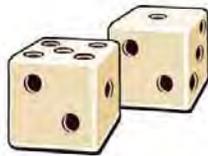


# WILLOW SPRINGS LIONS CLUB



P R E S E N T S

## LAS VEGAS NIGHT



♠ RAFFLE ♥ BIG WHEEL ♣ POKER ♦ BANG ♠  
♦ BLACK JACK ♣ TEXAS HOLD-EM ♥ CHUCK-O-LUCK ♠

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH

7:00 PM TO 12:00 AM

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*Refreshments*

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He's making a list & checking it twice...

# Children's Christmas Party

Starts at Noon  
Willowbrook Ballroom

## Candy Cane Parade

Decorate Your Ride – Join in

Starts at 2:30p.m.

from Willowbrook Ballroom to the Village Center

## Tree Lighting Celebration

4:30 p.m.

at Village Center

SLEIGH  
RIDES

INDOOR  
CHRISTMAS  
MOVIES

VISIT  
WITH  
SANTA  
CLAUS

CHRISTMAS  
CRAFTS

SNACKS  
&  
DRINKS

**Saturday, December 3rd**

- **Registration in person only at the Village Hall** □
- **Proof of residency required**
- **NO exceptions**

**Must register by November 18 to attend**



**Caroling then TREE  
LIGHTING to follow at DUSK**

Join the Village of Willow Springs Events Committee  
for their annual fundraiser

♥  
*“Sweetheart Pancake Breakfast”* ♥

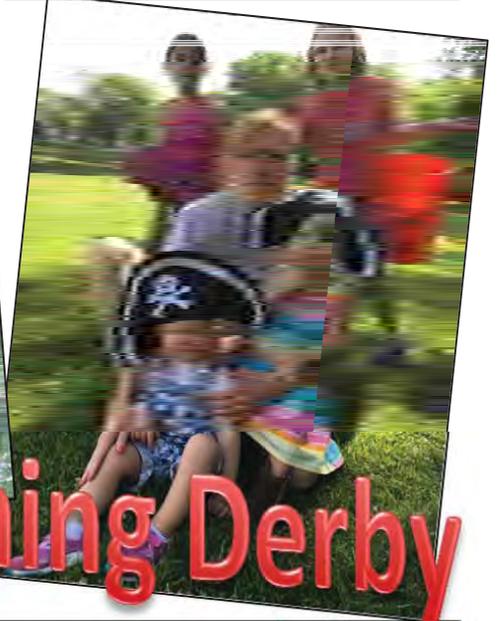
*All You Can Eat Pancakes*  
*Sausage, juice, coffee & sweet treats*

**Saturday, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017**



**8 am - Noon**  
**Willow Springs**  
**Community Center**  
**8156 Archer Ave. Willow Springs**

**Adults - \$6**  
**Children Ages 6-12 - \$4**  
**Children 5 & younger FREE**



# Annual Children's Fishing Derby

Healing Waters Pond was surrounded by young pirates on June 18 at the children's Fishin' Derby. Everyone was awarded shiny loot and some delicious grub served up by Tri-State Fire Department and the Willow Springs Lions Club. It was a swashbuckling great time for all!



# Central Bark Opening Day 2016



Become a member of Central Bark for only \$30! Your dog will thank you! Available at Village Hall.



The Opening Day of "Central Bark" Dog Park was a success! Over 50 people stopped by with their furry friends to check it out play a bit. Thank you to Winchester Brewing Company, Patti and the Veterinary clinics that supplied prizes and giveaways, and to our very own Sandy from All Fur One who provided a wealth of information and giveaways to our furry friends. The event would not have been the same without Crystal and her team from Animal Welfare who provided on-site discounted services and brought dogs and cats to the park to be adopted. Many of those pets were adopted and are now at their forever home! A big thank you to our volunteers: Dawn, Eileen, Mathew, Mary Lou and Dave.



**Turn your clocks  
back 1 hour on  
Sunday, November 6**

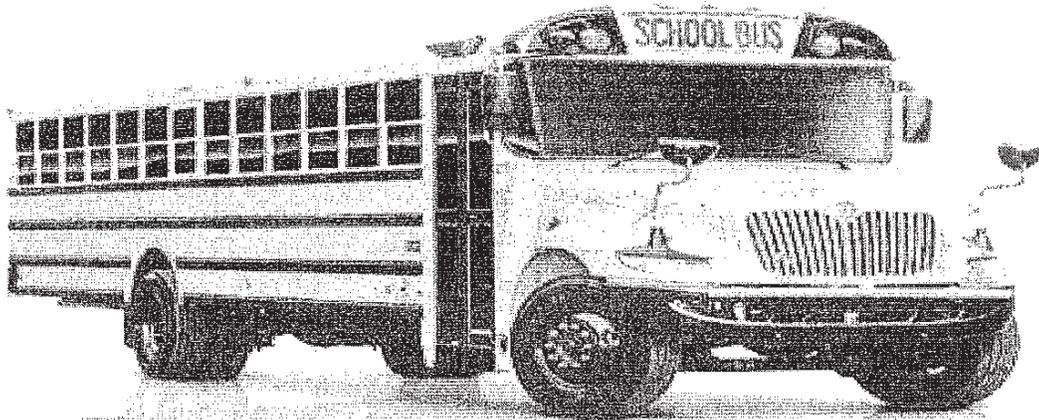
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# Safety Show Highlights an Impressive Display of the Area's Best

Tri-State Fire Protection District's annual Open House, held October 8 at the Willow Springs Public Safety Complex, attracted a crowd of local families who came to check out the Fire Department and an impressive variety of emergency response equipment.

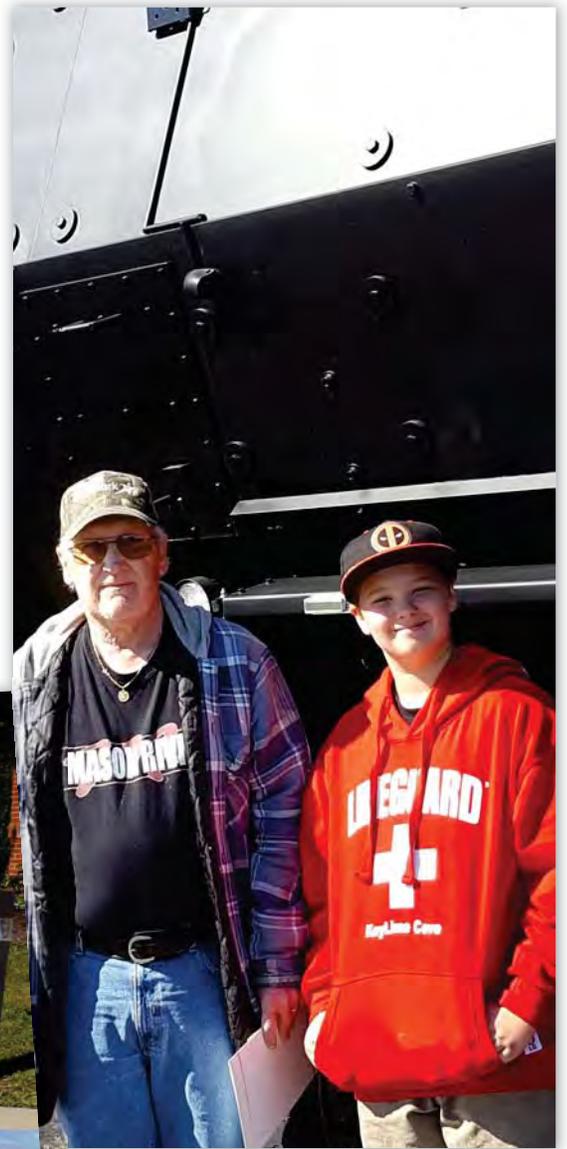
Held once again in conjunction with the Willow Springs Police Department, the event featured the ever popular "Touch a Truck," which allows children and adults alike to get any up close look at armored military and police vehicles, Fire Rescue units, Emergency Trailers and even a fun house thrown in for good measure.

The Tri-State Fire Prevention Bureau served up snacks and refreshments to all who attended.

In addition to equipment and personnel provided by the local Fire, Police, Public Works, and Water Commission, also supporting the event were the Justice Police Department, Willowbrook Police Department, Coast Guard, National Guard, The 5th District SWAT, DuPage Emergency Response, and the Department of Homeland Security, along with area businesses and health facilities.

All these agencies work cooperatively to support each other and keep our local community one of the safest in the State of Illinois.





# Willow Springs Challenge Ride



The first annual Willow Springs Challenge Ride was held on Sunday, July 17 on the same course used for the Illinois State Road Racing Championships, part of the Intelligentsia Cup powered by SRAM bicycle racing series. Local residents were invited to take part in this mass cycling event that was open to anyone with a bicycle and a helmet. Thank you to all participants and supporters who came to enjoy the beautiful scenery that compromises the Willow Springs course, along beautiful wooded, hilly roads running through the Village of Willow Springs and the surrounding the Cook County Forest Preserve.



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

The Village of Willow Springs is turning 125 in 2017! We're looking for old photos, articles, stories or any historical items. Help us make this event grand. We look forward to hearing from you. Contact Adena at the Village Hall with your ideas: (708) 467-3700 or email [info@willowsprings-il.gov](mailto:info@willowsprings-il.gov)

# Complete Streets “Pop up” demos raise awareness for safe passage for walkers, bikes, and motorists

The Village Center hosted a two-day “Pop Up” party in June, testing best practices in safe street design and gaining valuable feedback from visitors along the way. The event was hosted in conjunction with the Active Transportation Alliance, a non-profit that advocates for walking, bicycling, and public transit to create healthy, sustainable and equitable communities. The event was funded with the assistance of a grant through the Healthy Hotspot Program.

Through the demo process, temporary safety features are implemented and tested to gain feedback and data before making the decision to spend money on permanent solutions. Bikes lanes were tested along Willow Boulevard, painted crosswalks were added at areas of the Village Center, and modifications were made to the existing roundabout to slow down traffic and heighten awareness of pedestrians and bike riders. Local vendors chipped in with food and drink and live acoustic music provided a background for the families that came out to enjoy the event.

In January, the Mayor and Village Board approved a Village-wide “Complete Streets Policy” which outlines the future development of a network of sidewalks, bike paths, to coexist with streets and rail transportation. The policy requires builders, developers, State, County and the Village itself to adhere to complete streets principles and provisions for future road building or resurfacing projects.

By accommodating all transportation modes, Complete Streets communities improve not only the quality of life for their residents and visitors, but improve land values and enhance businesses sectors.

## POP UP PARTY



# Only YOU Can Prevent Forest Fires Sewer Backups

**DID YOU KNOW:** The Village annually invests your tax dollars into street and sewer maintenance and repairs.

In fact, since 2008, the Village evaluates and implements a schedule of maintenance and repair of infrastructure improvements based on input from engineers and industry best practices.

Streets repairs are unavoidable: weather, salt, school buses, garbage trucks and daily traffic take their toll. However, with a schedule of regular maintenance, sewer backups, in most cases, are avoidable. Please take a moment to arm yourself with some basic facts, practice common sense and common courtesy. And then share that information with neighbors. Your block's sewer system depends on it.

The Village is responsible for the maintenance and repair of the main sanitary sewer lines, which run in easements, or in some cases, under the streets. Each property owner is responsible for the lines that run from their homes to the connection points of the Village's sewer mains.

You can do many things to prevent your line from backing up. Those same things help prevent backups in the main sewer line as well.

If everyone would be careful about the ways they dispose of certain products our system would be more efficient, cause fewer backups, cost less money, and prevent the inconvenience to you.

More often than not, the cause of a backup in your sewer line is from items that the line is not meant to handle: kids' toys, towels, diapers, and paper products (other than toilet paper). To avoid flushing these items, remember to close the toilet lid. Other members of your household will appreciate that, too. Then think before you flush.

The following are basic tips to avoid a sewer backup:

- **Grease:**

Grease can enter the sewer at virtually any point, including your kitchen sink. You might think that it can't do any harm to allow a small amount of grease to go down the drain as you are cleaning up, especially if you rinse with very hot water. But hot water cools quickly, and so does hot grease. When it cools, it solidifies. Imagine that tiny amount of great that slips down your drain multiplied several thousand times (all of the sanitary sewer users in the Village) solidifying as it cools, sticking to the insides of sewer pipes, trapping food particles and all kinds of other debris in the wastewater. Over time, this messy mass can grow until the flow of water is obstructed and sewage begins to back up.

- **Paper Products:**

Paper towels, disposable (and cloth) diapers, and feminine products cause a great deal of problems in the property owner's line as well as the main. These products do not deteriorate quickly. They become lodged in portions of the lines where there is accumulation of any type of debris, and dam up the line, causing sewer backup. These products should also be disposed of in the garbage can.

- **Roots:**

Shrubs and trees, seeking moisture, will make their way into sewer line cracks. These roots can do a lot of damage. They start out small, getting into a small crack in the pipe; but as the tree shrub continues to grow, so does the root. Be careful about planting greenery around your sewer line. Rod your sewer line on occasionally to avoid expense repairs and replacement in the future.

- **Needles:**

Disposing of hypodermic needles into the sewer system presents special and possible harmful problems for the wastewater collection and wastewater treatment employees. Please DO NOT flush needles. The proper method of disposal is to re-cap the needle and put it into a "sharps container".



## PLEASE DO NOT FLUSH THEM OR THROW THEM INTO THE GARBAGE

### Options for Disposal:

- Most clinics and hospital have collection programs for needles and syringes used by their patients at home. Ask your healthcare provider if your clinic or hospital has a collection program. If so, follow their storage and disposal instructions.
- Use a home destruction device that incinerates needles. These small, portable devices can be used at home to destroy needles immediately after use. They use a few seconds of high heat to melt needles and reduce them to BB-size balls. Previously used only in healthcare facilities, these devices are now available in smaller, less expensive models for home use.
- Mail-back disposal programs allow home sharps users to mail used sharps to licensed disposal facilities as a safe disposal option. There is a fee charged for this service. Contact the U.S. Postal Service for a list approved providers of this service.

Follow these basic steps and share the information with the neighbors on your block (and on your sewer line):



# It's a Toilet, Not a Trashcan!

- Don't use your toilet as a trash can
- Don't flush disinfecting wipes down the toilet
- Don't flush paper towels down the toilet
- Don't flush baby wipes down the toilet
- Don't flush diapers down the toilet
- Don't flush needles down the toilet



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