



Willow Springs Messenger

Fall—Winter 2017

This year has been a year of transformation in Willow Springs. In April, a new Village President and Board of Trustees were elected, bringing about much change. Most importantly among the changes, was the hiring of new **Village Administrator, Brent Woods**.

Prior to his service in Willow Springs, Brent served as Deputy Chief of Staff to Cook County Commissioner Sean M. Morrison and before that he was Deputy Chief of Staff for Commissioner Elizabeth Gorman. In total, he served in that capacity for nearly 15 years.

In addition to Administrator Woods, President Carpino named a new Village Clerk, Chief of Police and Public Works Director.

Life-long resident, **Mary Jane Mannella was named Village Clerk** in September. As a former Village Trustee and small business owner, Mary Jane brings a keen knowledge of government and administration to the position.

Willow Springs **Chief of Police, Sam Pulia** is a welcome addition to the administrative staff of the village. Sam brings professional experience in both administration and law enforcement to the position, having served as Chief of Police for Willow Springs in the past.

New **Public Works Director, Keith Grantland** has already shown his dedication to the job and to the residents of Willow Springs by working tirelessly to mitigate flooding issues, repair our streets, clean up the village and, as a certified automobile mechanic, he has saved taxpayers more than \$20,000 in vehicle repairs since accepting the position on September 1st.

FROM ADMINISTRATOR WOODS: I am very humbled by the trust, confidence and support shown to me by the new village administration in appointing me as Village Administrator. Willow Springs is a great town and I am very happy to be working with a great group of professional staff members who have shown their dedication to the village on a daily basis. The staff and I are committed to providing the best possible services to the residents of Willow Springs in the most efficient and fiscally responsible manner. We will always strive to make Willow Springs a great place to live.



VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Village President

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SAM PULIA

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Public Works Director

KEITH GRANTLAND

708-839-3027

Building Commissioner

BRUCE ZARTLER

708-467-3700

FROM PRESIDENT CARPINO

Willow Springs is on the move again!



I assumed office at the end of April with the pledge to make positive changes in our community. I am pleased to report some major changes and improvements made in the six months since I became your Mayor.

We've brought in a new management team to run the operations of the Village, including a new Village Administrator, Village Clerk, Chief of Police, Public Works Director, Finance Director/Treasurer and legal team. Their hard work and dedication has already shown positive results, including the removal of a billboard that was an eyesore at the corner of Archer and Willow Springs Road. We worked with the owner of Old Willow shopping center to remove disabled vehicles from the parking lot and refurbish the sign on the corner of his property. We refinanced bonds to a lower interest rate saving taxpayers over \$500,000. We are working with the West Suburban Chamber of Commerce and Industry on new initiatives to entice businesses to Willow Springs. We are considering a transition of our public works department to be in-house rather than subcontracting services. We have cleaned up parks and village property through the use of volunteers. We are continuing to make improvements every day to make Willow Springs a better place to live and operate a business. In the future, we will be expanding this newsletter as the finances of the Village continue to improve.



CLERK'S CORNER

To be of service, once again, to the residents of Willow Springs as your Village Clerk is an unexpected and distinct privilege. I look forward to serving the community to the best of my ability. We are blessed with a highly efficient and intelligent staff who serve the residents needs on a daily basis.

New extended hours: The Village Hall is now open daily from 9-5 p.m. and from 9-7 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursday of each month.

Wicked Willow: Our Halloween event was a huge success despite the rainy weather. Children had a great time playing games and receiving treats. Thanks to our wonderful volunteers for all their help.

Candy Cane Run: This year's Candy Cane Run will be held on Saturday, December 2nd beginning at 10 a.m.. Children will receive a candy cane from Santa as he rides by on a Tri-State Fire Truck.

Events Committee: We are excited to offer the opportunity for residents to serve on the Events Committee planning and assisting with fun events such as the Easter Egg Hunt, the Car Show, Clean Up Willow Day, Wicked Willow and the Children's Christmas Party to name a few. The Clerk's office can't wait to hear from you!

New Businesses: I'd like to extend a warm welcome to the new businesses: 7 Willows Studio, Thee Snooty Fox and Hounds, Bicycle Paper Designs, Dental Technician 4 You, Inc., P2P Specialty Foods, Sam's Smoke and Vape Shop, and Lucky Slot Lounge.

Thank You to the Lionesses Club, Lions Club, the Senior Club and all the other community organizations and local businesses for your generous donations to our community events. Thank you for your consistent support of our community!

PUBLIC WORKS



I'm **Keith Grantland** and I am honored to be the new public works director for the Village of Willow Springs. Below you will find a few important reminders. Please see our website for additional information.



Leaf Pickup



Please do not place leaves on top of grass clippings.

Leaves mixed with grass clippings WILL NOT be picked up.

Snow Plowing

When the snow begins to fall, public works staff will begin salting and plowing main streets first. This is to ensure that emergency vehicles and school buses will be able to travel safely. Side streets and cul-de-sacs are plowed next, followed by alleyways. Public Works cannot be called to clear private property or driveways. Please be courteous to your neighbors and motorists; do not shovel snow back into the streets.

Parking on village streets is prohibited when snow levels reach 2 inches or more.

If time permits, Public works will clear driveway aprons for those 65 and older and those with verifiable physical disabilities. Those in need of assistance, please register now by calling Village Hall at 708-467-3700.

THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A FLUSHABLE WIPE!



Please DO NOT flush wipes of any kind down your toilet. They do not decompose and are clogging our sewer system causing excessive flooding, expense and man hours to repair the lift stations. Other items that should not be flushed include tampons, diapers, sanitary pads, paper towels, rags, etc. If in doubt, throw it out...

Do not flush it!

Important Street Information:

Willow Springs Public Works does not have authority to do repairs/plow/maintain State or County roads. Please use the following phone numbers for concerns on State or County roads.

Cook County – 708-448-8006

County Line Rd., German Church Rd., Nolton Ave, Wolf Rd., Willow Springs Rd., 87th St., 91st St.

Illinois Dept. of Transportation – 847-705-4228

LaGrange Rd. and Archer Ave.

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Office Hours:

Monday through Friday;

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Every 2nd and 4th Thursday:

9 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Village Committee/Board Meetings:

2nd and 4th Thursday of each month,

7 p.m.

ECRWSS

Willow Springs Occupant

Willow Springs, IL 60480



**He's making a list and checking it twice...
Free Children's Christmas Party**

The Score Sports Center

8300 S Wolf Rd.

Thursday, November 30

From 6-8 P.M.

Children up to 12 Years Old

REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY NOV. 24TH

Please call (708) 467-3700

Village of Willow Springs residents only.

Please bring a valid I.D. to the event.