

Summer 2019

## Goodbye Spring...

## Hello Summer!



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Summer is upon us. This means spending time outside and around town with family and friends. It is a season of graduations, cookouts, and swimming. Take advantage of our neighborhood parks and bike trails and check out local shops and food establishments, many of which have outdoor seating options.

In April, our Police Department cracked down on distracted driving as part of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's campaign against this behavior that claims thousands of lives each year. An alarming amount of tickets were issued. During the summer, there will be more kids, pedestrians, cyclists, and construction crews sharing the roads. Please join in this campaign and do not drive distracted.

This year, winter seemed to not want to leave us. The Public Works Department did an excellent job of keeping our roads clear and drivable. With the extraordinary amount of rain, they kept the sewer drains unobstructed and the lift stations in good order. Indoors, they gave fresh paint and clean carpets to the Police Department, Village Hall, and Community Center buildings. Branch pick up service is underway and goes through the end of September.

The Village Clerk's Office is busy with summer activities. Vehicle stickers are on sale at the discounted rate until June 30th. As the weather warms up, we see more building permits being issued meaning more home improvement projects. The Village's biggest summer event, Willow Fest, will be held from August 8-11, kicking off with our annual car show. There will be more carnival rides, live music, food vendors, craft vendors, bingo, and fireworks. It is sure to be a fun time!

Village Clerk Mary Jane Mannella has been an advocate for the Village in her role as Water Commissioner. The High Tower Water Main Reconstruction Project is underway and it will include road improvements in the area.

Additional road projects will be scheduled for later this summer. Administrator Brent Woods and Financial Director Kelly Zabinski are preparing the budget for 2019-2020. Mayor John Carpino, Department Heads, and Board Members are focused on monitoring spending and increasing revenues. In the past 2 years, the Village has decreased its debt by more than \$5 million and increased its revenues.

Finally, Trustee Kathy Stanphill's term ended in April. She served the community well and was a pleasure to work with. We wish her all the best in her future endeavors. Trustees Terry Carr, Fred Posch, and Ernie Moon were sworn in and have begun their terms. They bring a great deal of knowledge and heart to the leadership of our Village. Additionally, Robert Sprinkle was appointed to the Police and Fire Commission and Steven Bylina was appointed to the Police Pension Board.

Always feel free to reach out to your Village Officials if you have any concerns. Have a safe and happy summer. I hope to see you and your families out and about.

Regards,

Trustee  
Melissa Neddermeyer

# POLICE DEPARTMENT

We're proud to announce that the Willow Springs Police Department Plane Pull Team for Special Olympics was the number 1 fundraising team for the event, and we also won first place in the Public Safety division and won the overall Grand Champion Award for all divisions with the fastest times in the airplane pull competition. It was a great event, and overall almost \$25,000 was raised for Special Olympics Illinois as there were 32 teams that competed in the plane pull event.

As a team, we would like to send our special thanks to those who supported our team with generous donations as we raised almost \$7,000.00.



The Willow Springs Police Station is collecting pop tops from cans (pop, beer, soup, cat food) for The Kelli Joy Memorial Foundation, which funds scholarships for local students

<http://www.kjofund2.com>.

A collection container is available in the lobby of the Police Station and Village Hall during business hours. Your contributions will be greatly appreciated.



# PUBLIC WORKS



## Branch Pick-Up Service runs from May to October

Branches will be removed on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month from the residences South of the Des Plaines River. Branches will be removed on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month from the residences North of the Des Plaines River.

Please have your branches at the easement by 7 a.m. on Monday. Branches (no more than 3 inches in diameter and 6 feet in length) maybe placed on the easement. Public Works does not chip full trees, or branches from full trees. You or your contractor are responsible for removing from your



property full trees or parts of full trees. Public Works is not able to chip branches from pine trees due to the sap on the branches. Public Works will not pick up branches if they are mixed with yard waste. Mixing yard waste with branches will break down village equipment. After October 1, all remaining branches may be disposed through Groot Recycling in the brown waste bags with a lawn waste sticker. The stickers can be purchased at the Village Hall.

# Easter Egg Hunt



# Memorial Day



# Willow Fest 2019

## Archer Ave & Willow Springs Road

### Free Admission and Parking

**Thursday, August 8**

**4:00 - 10:00 pm**

12th Annual Benefit Car Show — 4:00-9:30 pm

All Around Amusement Carnival — 4:00-10:00 pm

#### **Music Line-up**

D.J. - 4:00-9:30 pm

**Friday, August 9**

**4:00 - 11:00 pm**

All Around Amusement Carnival— 4:00-11:00 pm

#### **Music Line-up**

The Full Grown Men — 6:30-8:30 pm

Hillbilly Rockstarz — 9:00-11:00 pm



Willow Fest 2019 Mega Passes for Unlimited Carnival Rides are available for purchase at the Village Hall.

Pay one price for all four days August 8-11, 2019

\$45 if purchased - August 7 by Noon

\$50 at the Willow Fest



**Saturday, August 10**

**1:00 - 11:00 pm**

All Around Amusement Carnival — Individuals with special needs and one companion ride FREE — 10:00 am-12:00 pm

All Around Amusement Carnival — 1:00-11:00 pm

Arts & Crafts Vendors — 1:00-8:00 pm

#### **Music Line-up**

Andrea Veltri - 4:00-6:00 pm

Kickin Jimmy— 6:30-8:30 pm

Arra — 9:00-11:00 pm

**Sunday, August 11**

**12:00 - 10:00 pm**

All Around Amusement Carnival — 12:00-10:00 pm

FREE Pony Rides and Petting Zoo — 1:00-5:00 pm

Arts & Crafts Vendors — 12:00-6:00 pm

#### **Music Line-up**

Replay from Da Heights — 4:30-6:30 pm

Tynan Rock Band — 7:00-9:00 pm

Fireworks - 9:30 pm

**BINGO under the tent - Sunday afternoon**

# BINGO

# NO Pets Allowed

# WEST SUBURBAN WATER COMMISSION

The West Suburban Water Commission has completed its Annual Water Quality Report. Please go to <http://www.westsuburbanwater.com/Media/Default/pdf/WSWC-2018-CCR-Website-Format.pdf> to view your 2018 Annual Water Quality Report. This report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water during 2018. To obtain a paper copy of the report, please call (708) 458-7010, or visit the West Suburban Water Commission office at 7000 S. Archer Rd Justice, IL 60458.

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## Benefit Car Show

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# SENIOR CLUB NEWS

Greetings from the Willow Springs Senior Club. We had another successful bake sale during the April election. A big THANK YOU to all who purchased sweets!

In April, our President and Treasurer attended a Senior Club meeting at Palos Township where a total of 17 clubs met and exchanged some very interesting and informative ideas.

Mike Smigielski and his Beagle named Precious walked in the Helen Keller Walk on April 28th and was the top collector in donations to help him reach his goal to help young people see. Congratulations Mike!

In May our seniors were invited to a Willow Springs School luncheon and were entertained by several grades of students. The children were all were absolutely creative and talented; their parents should be very proud!

We also made a contribution to one student with high scholastic grades for graduation on May 23rd.

Our picnic is coming up on June 18th at Lions Park, and we're keeping our fingers crossed for dry weather!

It is with great sadness that we lost more members & friends Nancy Laugel, Paul Wiseheart, Tom Zwinak and Antoinette "Tony" Manella.

Folks 55+ are always welcome to join. Please call Jean Mrkacek at 708-839-1491 & remember our library of books and movies is open Mondays 10:30am - noon; Wednesdays 10:30am - noon and Fridays 10:30am to 2:00pm. Book and movie donations are always welcome.

Enjoy your summer and be safe!

# HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Things are moving along well at the Historical Society. We are finally attacking our collection of 25 years and assembling some order. We have redecorated our quarters and are displaying more of our artifacts to the public.

We had a most enjoyable visit from the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students of Willow Springs School on May 15. They seemed to really enjoy learning about our village.

One of our current projects is creating a DVD centering on the overall history and changes to our village over the years. This project is ongoing and is taking some time to come together. When complete we may consider using it as a fund raiser.

**We are looking forward to joining everyone at the Car Show and Willow Fest this year.**

Our monthly meetings are every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 7:00pm.

Our Saturday hours are every 1st Saturday of the month at 10:00am.

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## Office Hours:

Monday through Friday; Saturday, June 29, 2019

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Every 2nd and 4th Thursday:

9 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Summer Village Committee/Board Meeting dates:

June 13, July 11, August 15, September 12 and 26

7 p.m.

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## Join us for A River Thru History – The Des Plaines Valley Rendezvous on September 7th & 8th 2019 at the Columbia Woods Forest Preserve in Willow Springs!



A River Thru History is an early American party with all the trimmings! Join this festive gathering of fur trappers, settlers, craftsmen, and entertainers along the banks of the Des Plaines River.

A River Thru History is a living history reenactment of early American life, as it was on the Illinois frontier prior to 1848, with emphasis on our local history from the fur trade era to the canal era. The goal of this rendezvous is to be the premier event of this type in this area by creating an exciting, entertaining and educational experience for all ages. To this end, we strive to create a better understanding and appreciation of our history by allowing the public and the reenactors to mingle, both as witnesses and participants, in our event. Finally, we seek to have the most authentic and highest quality reenactors and trade goods to represent our vision of the rendezvous. This is consistent with the overall goal of the Illinois and Michigan Canal National Heritage Area, which is to promote and enhance the historic, recreational and economic development of this new style National Park.

For more information visit [www.ariverthruhistory.com](http://www.ariverthruhistory.com)