

Fall 2018

Willow Springs *Messenger*



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Thank you to all Willow Fest Volunteers



Beautification Commission Fall News

The mission of the Beautification Commission is to work as a community to beautify and enhance our image for the residents and businesses of the Village, and though the commission is less than a year old it looks as though our members have taken their responsibility to heart.

Arguably the gateway to the Village is the intersection of Archer and Willow Springs Road, so a lot of work and energy has been focused there.

Many hours were devoted to the Veterans' Memorial. The renovated shelter, painting, planting, weeding, flower boxes and lights now proudly reflect our gratitude to those who served.

The other corners have refurbished signage, newly planted grasses, improved lighting and undergone a major clean-up which involved the removal of "temporary" electric poles put up over a decade ago by the condominium contractor, removing eyesore signage, having abandoned vehicles taken away and enclosing a dumpster. The intersection still needs work, but given our limited resources, we are pleased with the progress thus far.

In April, 40 volunteers helped make Clean-Up Willow Day a great success. Many huge bags of roadside trash were picked up, over-grown areas reclaimed, seventy-eight perennials planted around the Village clock and the area around the entrance spruced up. Plans are in the works for a tasteful and practical electronic sign to take the place of the eyesore ATM which has been removed. Please join us for the next Clean-Up Willow Day scheduled for November 17th from 9am-Noon!

Display cases across from Village Hall were accessed, cleaned and prepared for artists to display their work. Local schools and community organizations were also invited to share their work and to publicize local resources.

Volunteers were recruited to staff a table at Willow Fest 2018 selling raffle tickets and T-shirts to raise funds for continued work. These fundraisers allow us to fund our commission projects and we will continue to raise money toward that end.

Thank you to all who participate and assist in our projects, especially the Public Works Department. Not only do they help execute some of our projects, they also maintain areas so our efforts are not wasted. The improvements at our dog park are a prime example of the need for consistent attention. The willingness of the Lions Club to come forward and assist as well has been invaluable, as has generous donations and contributions from anonymous residents. To see volunteers come together for the common good is rewarding; to know that we've only just begun makes it even better!

The commission is currently working on securing Tree City USA status and has other plans in the works. Your help, ideas, suggestions and support are always welcome. We hope to meet many new volunteers on Nov. 17th, our next Clean-Up Willow Day!



Fall Clean Up

November 17, 2018

9am - Noon

Willow Springs Car Show 2018

On Thursday August 2nd we had our 11th Annual Classic Car Show. It was the perfect day, with beautiful weather and great cars!

With over 340 entrants this year, it was the largest show we have ever had. We had cars and show enthusiasts from all over the region and participants were happy that trophies were awarded to the top three winners in each of the 26 different divisions.

A big THANK YOU to all the volunteers and judges who worked very hard to make this year's show so successful. We have all year to plan for an even bigger and better show for 2019, so please contact the Village Hall if you would like to help out!

Ernie Moon

Car Show Chairman



9-11 Candlelight Vigil



More than 50 people attended 9-11 Candlelight Vigil Ceremony. Thank you to those who came.

Senior Club News

In August, the senior club was visited by the Stickney Township office on aging. They spoke about upcoming events and distributed a monthly lunch menu which is available to seniors in Willow Springs.

In September, our Chief of Police, James Ritz spoke about a Senior S.A.F.E. program that will assist our senior residents in need of police or medical assistance. The S.A.F.E. program is designed for senior citizens over 60 or any village resident that is physically challenged. Questions about the S.A.F.E. program can be answered by calling the police department at 708-839-2732. Corporal Robert Jennings also came and spoke about new scams targeting our senior citizens.

In November the Willow Springs Senior Club will be holding elections for their board of directors... We'll let you know who won! Speaking of elections, the general election is November 6th, which means it's Senior Club "Bake Sale" time. When you come to vote, please stop by and buy some sweets for yourself and your sweetie.

Enjoy the fall colors and if you are interested in becoming a club member, please contact Jean Mrkacek 708-839-1491. If you would like to play poker or pinochle, please call me at 708-839-8610. Remember, our library of books and movies is available to everyone in our Village on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:30 to 12pm and Friday 10:30 to 2:00pm.

Community Partnerships Build Success

The Willow Springs Police Department is committed to building and fostering partnerships with our community. As a department, we share a common perspective with those we serve - to focus on individuals who compromise the safety and quality of life of our community. The best defense against wrongdoing is the community working with their police department and taking an aggressive stand by reporting any negative influences or criminal activities they suspect or witness that are happening. The strength of our crime prevention strategies and our community oriented initiatives begins with residents who are active in their neighborhoods, and with the Willow Springs Police Department.

By having the honor of being selected as Chief of Police, I bring to you a community oriented philosophy that will reinforce our commitment to building successful programs through, and with our children, schools, seniors, and business partners. In order to be successful with our community programs and initiatives, we encourage and support the exchange of information with our residents and school and business associates in order to coordinate further activities and to promote community prevention and awareness programs.

To highlight our commitment to engage the Willow Springs community, we just recently launched our Senior SAFE Program at a Willow Springs Seniors Club meeting. The Senior SAFE program aids senior residents and provides the department with critical information to assist those in need of police or medical assistance. We encourage those who need special assistance to complete the registration form which is available at the police department or on our updated website, at village hall, and the Willow Springs Seniors Club.

As a department, we would like to thank all those who are committed to community growth and development as we continue to remain interactive with our residents to persistently build positive relationships between the police and the community. We look forward to building and implementing more successful community based programs with you. The Willow Springs Police Department is committed, and will continue to remain a community oriented police agency that is receptive and sensitive to our residents, the business community, and visitors to our great village.

Senior S.A.F.E Program

The Willow Springs Police Department is partnering with the Willow Springs Seniors Club to introduce the Senior S.A.F.E program that will assist our senior residents. The Village deeply values those less fortunate and do not have family or friends to check in on their well-being on a regular basis.

This program allows the police department to maintain critical information to assist those in need of police or medical assistance. When Willow Springs Police personnel are notified to check on a senior's well-being and receive no response, they are committed to making contact and communicating with the resident. If all contact means are exhausted, forced entry might have to be made into the residence.

By filling out the S.A.F.E. (Senior Awareness For Everyone) form, which includes emergency contact information and phone numbers, police officers will attempt to reach those listed on the form in order to determine the best possible response to the situation presented. It is important to list any pertinent information in the event the senior is ill or having a medical emergency and must be transported to the hospital for care. In this type of situation, those listed as emergency contacts will be immediately notified and can provide any current medical history or vital information which can assist emergency or hospital personnel.

The S.A.F.E program is designed for senior citizens who are age 60 and older, or for any village resident who is physically or mentally challenged. The Willow Springs Police Department encourages those who need special assistance to complete the form to participate in the program. Contact forms will be available at the Willow Springs Police Department and the Village website, the Willow Springs Senior Center, and at the Village Hall.

Please contact the Willow Springs Police Department at 708-839-2732 if you have any questions about Senior S.A.F.E., or if you would like to register or know of someone who is a candidate for this program. Participation is on a voluntary basis and all information is totally confidential with the police department.

Thank you for your interest in the S.A.F.E program,

James Ritz
Chief of Police

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Public Works

Fall leaf collection begins Monday, October 8 and continues every Monday until the first snowfall. Please 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.

Branch pick up will continue once a month through the winter weather permitting.

Lions Park bathrooms and splash pad closed October 1st and will re-open Memorial Day weekend.

Easements and alleys are for utility access. Homeowners actually own the property and are therefore responsible for its maintenance.

Sidewalks along Archer are also the responsibility of the property owner. However, the Village has made it a practice to clear the Archer Avenue sidewalk as a public service. Since clearing the roads takes a higher priority than clearing the sidewalks, any property owner that wants to jump in and clear the sidewalk before public works is welcome and greatly appreciated.

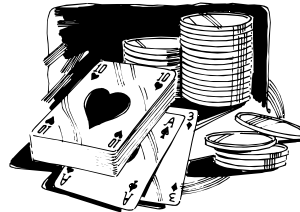
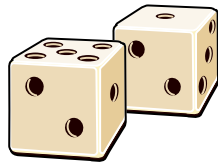


WILLOW SPRINGS LIONS CLUB



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The West Suburban Water Commission has published its Annual Water Quality Report for 2017.

It is available on line at www.westsuburbanwater.com/news/2017-consumer-confidence-report.

If you would like a paper copy mailed or have questions, please feel free to contact the West suburban Water Commission at (708) 458-7010.

At the August 23rd West Suburban Water Commission board meeting the commissioners decided in order to be more fair to our seniors, the senior discount should be reconstructed. Seniors will now pay for their water usage only- there will be no minimum.

REPORT AIR QUALITY DISTURBANCE / ASPHALT ODOR

Please report any odors of asphalt in your neighborhood. Head to our website www.willowsprings-il.gov. Please follow REPORT ASPHALT ODOR link, complete and submit the form EVERY time you detect an odor of asphalt. You may also call the Village Hall to report.

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"Only in America"

By Jim Parker

Some thirteen years ago my wife Bonnie and I decided to move our home and businesses from our Chicago birthplace and fifty-year residence. By its convenient location just thirty minutes southwest of Chicago's loop, further enhanced by the embellishment of its surrounding twenty-thousand acres of wooded forest preserves, we were attracted to the small country town of Willow Springs IL.

While more developed than rural Georgia of 1952, the town's historical district appeared to have been avoided by a society interested in more affluent and upscale communities. The homes, standing side by side, displayed both shabbiness and opulence, like the rear lot of one of Hollywood's movie makers caught between filming the poverty of Henry Fonda's 1940 *Grapes of Wrath*, and the grandeur of the *Xanadu* mansion in Orson Wells 1941 classic, *Citizen Kane*.

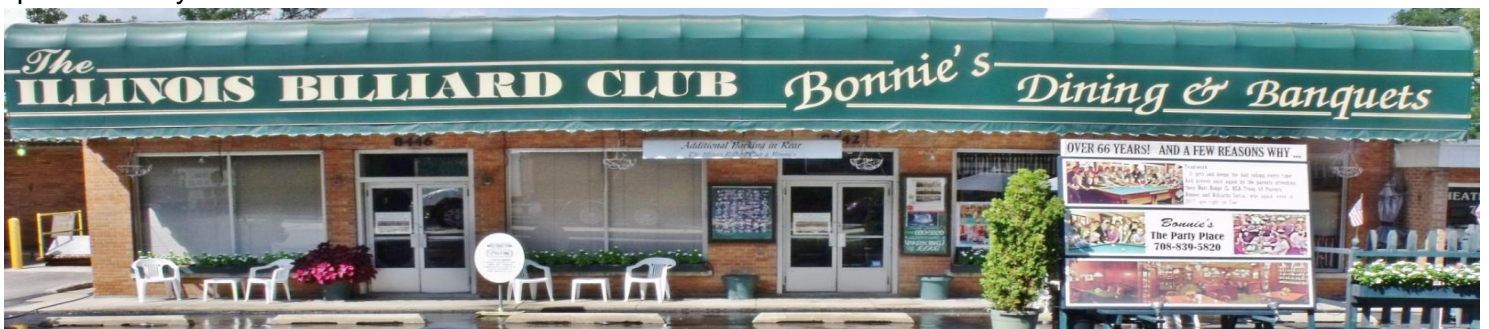
While village ordinances prohibited poultry and farm animals to run loose and chickens were no longer seen scratching in back lots, it wasn't unusual to see people still arriving at their destinations on horseback. The commercial side of the town was in shambles. Appearing to be the largest commercial venture since the communities founding in the late 19th century, was a huge, almost totally abandon shopping center. Located in the center of town and carved into a mountainess hillside towering over its decaying parking lot, what fifteen years earlier represented the towns future, now represented blight and its inability to attract and support new business. The communities food service facilities consisted primarily of a seasonal hot dog stand, pizzas baked in the rear kitchen of a local tavern and a small grocery store selling sandwiches and hot carry out meals.

The continuation of the above nationally published article regarding the upscale development of Willow Springs, IL over the past quarter century can be found on Bonnie's Dining & Banquets web site - <https://partiesatbonnies.com/>

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The Village Of Willow Springs

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