

Fall 2019



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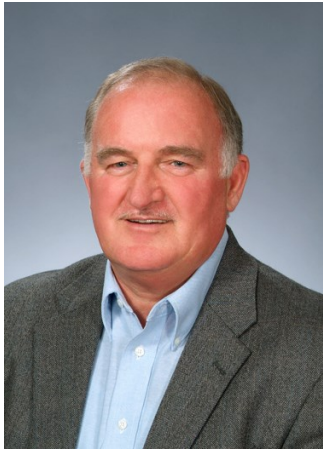
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Hello Fellow Willow Springs Citizens,



As summer slips into our rearview mirrors, fall approaches us head on. In this newsletter you will find many stories and pictures of just how much has happened in our Village this past summer. To point out a few happenings:

- A fun time was had by all at the Annual Fishing Derby sponsored by Pleasantdale Park and Willow Springs.
- The annual July 3rd Fireworks display at Pleasantdale Park was fantastic; Willow Springs showed support by donating money to the event.
- White Buffalo Park on School Street enjoyed a complete renovation and a ribbon cutting ceremony took place.
- The Annual Benefit Car Show and Willow Fest four day extravaganza was a total success, closing with an outstanding fireworks display.
- Officers Justin Haubenreiser and Louis Stillo received commendations for heroism. Sergeant Michael Giorgetti was promoted to Deputy Police Chief.
- The Police Department has grown to 10 full time officers; chief, deputy chief, three corporals and five patrolman.
- The impressive new bicycle/pedestrian bridge over the canal along Willow Springs Road is open for all to enjoy and to access to the wonderful Centennial Trail.
- The annual River Thru History Rendezvous was enjoyed by many and showcased our special Village.
- Road improvements have begun throughout town and should be completed in early October.

These are just a few of the happenings this past summer, many of which are covered in more detail throughout this newsletter.

The Village Center Rock has a new home at the corner of Willow Boulevard and Archer Avenue. Volunteers donated their time and resources to safely relocate the 25 thousand pound limestone, which was no easy feat! Its new location marks an alternate entrance to our Village Center. In its former place on Market Street there will be a digital sign installed to showcase Village events, announcements and businesses.

As a citizen of Willow Springs for nearly 30 years, I have never been more proud to live in this wonderful Village. We have had many positive comments from citizens that want to help make "Willow Springs Great Again." Let's keep up this spirit and volunteer to pitch in where needed. Thank you.

Ernie Moon
Trustee



Annual Benefit
Car Show 8-8-2019



Best of Show
1969 Chevy Camaro

Congratulations John Schiavone
from Beecher IL!

Thank you Willow Fest 2019 Sponsors

All Around Amusement, Inc.

BioNature Studio

Bruce Zartler

Continental Nissan

Dan Lipinski

Fanaberia Salon & Day Spa

Fuller's Car Wash

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Grand Prairie Transit

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Zazzo's Pizza



Wicked Willow Halloween Party
Wednesday, October 30
6 pm to 8 pm

Willow Springs Community Center

8156 S. Archer Ave
Games - Candy - Prizes

Wear Your Costume
Register at Village Hall
Call 708 467-3700



Trick-or-Treat
Hours
4 pm – 8 pm
Thursday
October 31



Tree Lighting



DECEMBER
4
7PM

COMMUNITY CENTER

8156 S ARCHER, WILLOW SPRINGS

PLEASE JOIN US
FOR OUR
ANNUAL

Childrens Christmas Party!

DECEMBER 3rd
6PM -8PM

THE SCORE

8300 S WOLF RD
WILLOW SPRINGS

REGISTER AT 708-467-3700
BY NOVEMBER 26, 2019



OPEN HOUSE

Check out the latest Trucks, Squads and Equipment

Willow Springs Police and Public Works

Saturday, October 12, 2019

11am - 3pm

Corner of German Church Road and Willow Springs Road

LIVE DEMONSTRATIONS



FUN FOR ALL AGES



FREE HOT DOG LUNCH

Steam-N-Diezels Model Train Club

OPEN HOUSE
November 2 and 3, 2019
12pm 4pm

Community Center - Upper Level 8156 Archer Ave



NEW AMBULANCE FOR WILLOW SPRINGS STATION

NEW AMBULANCE IN SERVICE AT THE WILLOW SPRINGS FIRE STATION 124

Medic 124 was placed in service at the Willow Springs Fire Station in June 2019. Medic 124 is a Wheeled Coach Advanced Life Support Ambulance. The Willow Springs Station houses an ALS Fire Engine, an ALS Ambulance, an All Terrain Vehicle, a Rescue Boat, a Utility Vehicle and the Fire Prevention Bureau. The Fire District employs sixty Firefighters and five Chief Officers along with ten civilian support staff, all ready to help you at a moments notice.



FIRE PREVENTION WEEK OPEN HOUSE

Visit our Open House on October 12, 2019 from 11:00 AM until 3:00 PM at our Darien Fire Station #122 located at 419 Plainfield Road, near the intersection of Plainfield Road and Clarendon Hills Road. Come for the free hot dog lunch and stay for the kid friendly activities and rescue demonstrations. Plenty of parking is available at the Indian Prairie Library and Hinsdale South High School.

WILLOW SPRINGS MAN RECEIVES 911 HERO COMMENDATION

The Tri-State Fire District Board of Trustees and Chief Sam Molinaro awarded Michael Wesley of Willow Springs with the 911 Hero Commendation for his quick and decisive action after discovering a fire in his home. He quickly guided his niece and the family dog to safety and made the call for help.

CONGRATULATIONS MICHAEL—YOU MADE THE RIGHT CALL!



FREE SMOKE ALARMS AND FREE KNOXBOX LOANERS

The Fire District will install Ten Year smoke alarms for seniors and those in need. We also have a limited amount of Rapid Entry Knox boxes available for loan to seniors and medical patients.

Contact our Fire Prevention Bureau at
630-654-6284 for information on these free programs.
We're here to help!



A ribbon cutting ceremony by Pleasant Dale Park District officials and project contributors Darrell Garrison of Planning Resources Inc., Pleasant Dale Park Director Matt Russian and park board members CJ Johnson, Kristin Wojtulewicz, Pat Gierut, Todd Davis, Brad Tertell and former board member Ernie Moon was held on Friday, August 23, 2019. The event marked the official grand re-opening of White Buffalo Park, adjacent to the Pleasantdale Elementary School. The park's modern "state of the art" equipment, picnic shelter, wild flower gardens, and historical monument are a destination site that residents can be proud of. The shelter can be rented for picnics and parties. For more information contact the park district at 630-662-6220 or www.pleasantdaleparks.org.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

The Beautification Commission would like to thank all of its Willow Fest 2019 volunteers that assisted with the fundraising booth, Bingo or the silent auction. Their donations and support helped make this a success and enables us to work toward our future goals. Special thanks to our Village Administrator, office staff, trustees, and public works also for their help.

This fall the commission is focusing on two very special projects and has received a generous grant from the National Association of Realtors to fund these exciting improvements. The NAR grants are given to beautify and improve communities. Local realtor and Main Street board member, Christina Andino, was chosen as the recipient of a grant for place making projects in Willow Springs. She will work with our Beautification Commission, Village Administrator and local realtor, Lucy Mierop to complete these projects.

The historic bus stop at Willow Springs Rd. and Archer Ave. will be landscaped, and a lending library will be added. Thank you to resident Larry Walsh for donating his time to the landscape design.

A garden park with raised beds will also be started for residents who love to garden, but don't have the space. These projects are expected to be completed by the end of the year. We will need volunteers to assist with planting, spreading stone and a few other tasks.

We welcome community involvement and a spirit of teamwork! Contact the Village Hall and add your name to our list of volunteers.

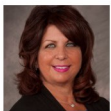
The Beautification Commission is proud to move forward with our mission "to work as a community to beautify and enhance our image for the residents and businesses of the Village of Willow Springs"

THANK YOU FOR MAKING US #1 FOR THE 20TH YEAR SERVING THE WILLOW SPRINGS COMMUNITY!

We appreciate your continued business and look forward to working with you in 2020!

Please call us for a FREE Market Analysis of your property in Cook, Du Page or Will County. We can be reached at 708-839-8100 or stop in and see us at 8728 S Archer Ave.

Visit our web page: www.remaxmarket.illinoisproperty.com



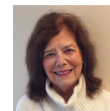
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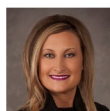
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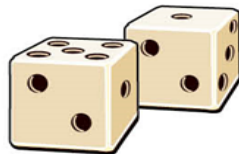


WILLOW SPRINGS LIONS CLUB



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 1st

7:00 PM TO 12:00 AM

1st Prize: \$250.00 CASH 2nd Prize: \$200.00 CASH
3rd Prize: \$150.00 CASH 4th Prize: \$100.00 CASH

Refreshments

ROYALTY WEST

8675 S. Archer Avenue ♦ Willow Springs, Illinois

Donation: \$5.00

License CG-276

Greetings from the Willow Springs Lioness Club



The ladies of the Willow Springs Lioness Club have had a busy year. Thank you to the entire community for supporting our annual pancake breakfast in April. It was great to see everyone! It's not too early to announce that next year's pancake breakfast will be held on Sunday, April 5, 2020. Mark your calendars.

We are pleased to announce our three 2019 educational scholarship recipients. Each recipient, who are all Willow Springs residents, received a \$500 scholarship to be applied to their educational needs. Recipients Kaley Stewart, Max Maturlak and Daniel Orsic were each presented at their high school awards ceremonies. Congratulations!



Pictured l-r: Lioness VP Cindy Layer, scholarship recipients Kaley Stewart, Max Maturlak & Lioness Pres. Karen Triezenberg. Not pictured Daniel Orsic



At our September meeting, we honored our community's first responders with an open house and refreshments. Thank you for all you do to keep our community safe. Our Super Bowl Square fundraiser has begun. Contact any Lioness member to buy a square.

Want to serve your community? Looking for New Experiences? Are you interested in helping others? Meeting new people? Making an impact at home and around the world? Then the Willow Springs Lioness Club is for you! We are looking for dedicated,

energetic women to join our organization and to help continue our mission. Are you that woman? Join us on the second Wednesdays of the month at 6 p.m., except July. Check us out on Facebook at @WillowSpringsLionessClub.



POLICE DEPARTMENT



The Village of Willow Springs is pleased to announce the appointment of Willow Springs Police Sergeant Michael Giorgetti as the new Deputy Chief of Police.

Deputy Chief Giorgetti has been employed with the Willow Springs Police Department serving the Village and its residents for over 29 years. He has extensive training and certifications in various aspects of law enforcement and investigations, as well as an Associate in Arts Degree and an Associate in Applied Science from Moraine Valley Community College, a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Lewis University, and a Master's Degree in Business Management with an Emphasis in Organizational Development through Benedictine University.

Giorgetti has served in a supervisory role as a Sergeant of the Willow Springs Police Department for several years and has been detailed out to the United States Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration Enforcement Group 37 and Tactical Diversion Group 81 for over a decade. He has brought more than two and a half million dollars to the village in the form of seizures and written successful grants that totaled over eight hundred thousand dollars for the village. He is currently second in command and assists in running the day to day operations of the Willow Springs Police Department.



Officers Justin Haubenreiser and Louis Stillo received a departmental commendation from the Willow Springs Police department for their heroic efforts in performing lifesaving measures (AED application and CPR) to a unresponsive driver prior to the arrival of paramedics. Officer Stillo was also promoted to full time police duty.

Congratulations also to Matthew Engel who recently graduated from the Macon County Law Enforcement Training Center and was appointed to full-time police duty.

FREE Energy and Money Saving Events Coming to Willow Springs

The header features a blue sky background with white clouds, a yellow sun, and green rolling hills. On the left, there are two stylized wind turbines. In the center, a utility meter is shown with the number '13' and '.092035'. On the right, a solar panel is mounted on a post.

Willow Springs Community Center
8156 Archer Ave.

Tuesday, October 8 at 6:30 pm sharp

The Cook County Department of Environment and Sustainability is hosting a presentation on ways to save money and energy with your smart meter, home weatherization and energy efficiency programs. Experts will discuss rebated and free in-home devices and appliances. You can receive a free energy-efficient light bulb, plus you could win a Nest smart thermostat simply by attending! Please come with any questions!

For questions about the event, contact Sarah Edwards, Cook County Sustainability Program Manager at Sarah.Edwards@cookcountyil.gov or (312) 603-3459

Tuesday, October 15 from 6:00-8:00 pm*

The Citizens Utility Board (CUB) will analyze utility bills and provide information on how to spot unnecessary charges on natural gas, electric and phone bills. The CUB experts also cover energy efficiency programs and rebates and discuss ComEd's new smart meters, "Peak Time Savings," and "Hourly Pricing" programs that could save you money.

*Registration is required for this event. Please call the *Public Works* at 708-839-3027 to register by October 7 for your free, one-on-one consultation with a CUB expert, who will search for ways to lower utility costs. You should bring your gas, electric and phone bills.

For more information on the smart grid, smart meters and energy efficiency programs, visit: www.cookcountyil.gov/service/energy-efficiency

Village of Willow Springs Refuse, Recycling, Yard Waste Collection Program

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS

- **COLLECTION SERVICE:** On collection day refuse and recycling carts are to be set out by no later than 6 AM at a location that is visible and readily accessible to collection workers.
- **DAYS OF COLLECTION:** **Monday** – South of Des Plaines River **Tuesday** – North of Des Plaines River
- **REFUSE & RECYCLING CART INFORMATION:** Single family homes will receive a new waste and recycling cart. The standard size cart to be distributed to each single family home will be a 96 gallon waste cart and a 64 gallon recycling cart. Roy Strom has completed a review of each single family residential location and will provide the same size cart as the previously provided carts. Please contact Roy Strom if you would like to confirm your size cart.
- **REFUSE & RECYCLING COLLECTION INFORMATION:** Residents may set out unlimited household waste and unlimited household recycling each week on collection day. Residents are required to utilize the carts provided. Residents may also use their own containers no greater than 35 gallons and are not to exceed 45 pounds. If a resident would like to rent an additional waste or recycling cart please contact Roy Strom.
- **RECYCLABLES** may be placed in the provided recycling cart (commingled). Review the top of your recycling cart lid for a full list of accepted and unaccepted recyclable material or visit roystrom.com
- **YARD WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE:** Residents may set out yard waste (grass, leaves, shrubbery cuttings, brush material, branches, etc.) at the curb in **brown yard waste paper bags** designed for the collection of yard waste material. No personal containers allowed. Each bag is not to exceed 32 gallons in capacity or 50 pounds in weight. Branches/ brush may be set out in bundles. Individual branches are not to exceed 4 ft. in length or 4" in diameter and each bundle is not to exceed 50 pounds.
 - Prepaid Village of Willow Springs Yard Waste Sticker must be affixed to each bag or bundle set out.
 - Yard Waste must be set out for collection no later than 6AM on your collection day
 - Yard Waste Collection runs April 1 – December 31
 - Yard Waste Stickers are available for purchase at Village Hall
 - Holiday Greenery (Christmas trees, wreaths, etc.) will be collected the first two weeks of January
- **YARD WASTE CART RENTAL:** Residents may choose to subscribe to weekly collection utilizing a 96 gallon yard waste cart. Please visit roystrom.com and complete the form under the Willow Springs section of the website. Any yard waste outside the cart must have a yard waste sticker.
- **BULK ITEM COLLECTION:** Residents may set out one bulk item per week for collection. Items included in the collection program include furniture and household goods. Carpeting set out may not weigh more than 45 pounds; no greater than 4 feet in length and 2 feet in diameter and limited to four rolls per week. Home remodeling and home repair is also limited to 45 pounds per container and four containers per week.
- **OVERSIZED ITEM / OVERWEIGHT ITEM / APPLIANCES:** Items that require two or more people to lift will require a special pick up. Items include washer, dryer, sleeper sofa, refrigerator, piano, hot tub, etc. To schedule a special pick up please contact Roy Strom.
- **ELECTRONIC WASTE COLLECTION:** Residents in need of electronic waste collection must contact Roy Strom to schedule a curbside pickup. Roy Strom will record your name and address and will contact you four days prior to the scheduled collection of you electronic waste collection. Collection is only available for e-waste generated by Village residents. This program is done at no extra cost to the resident. **Effective December 1, 2019 Willow Springs Public Works drop off will no longer be accepting electronic items.**
- **HOLIDAY COLLECTION SCHEDULE:** New Year's Day, Labor Day, Memorial Day, Thanksgiving Day, Independence Day, Christmas Day will be observed and will not have collection on these days. If the holiday falls on a Sunday, Monday, or Tuesday, collection will be delayed one day.



Roy Strom Refuse Removal Service, Inc.

Contact Information:

(708) 344 – 5000

customersupport@roystrom.com

www.roystrom.com

Water and Garbage News

The Village has elected to change waste service providers effective December 1, 2019. Roy Strom Refuse Removal Service, Inc. was selected as the new hauler. Roy Strom is a local family owned waste hauler that has been providing collection services in the Chicago area since 1944. While the majority of services will remain the same, Roy Strom offers a new electronic waste collection service. This new service will allow you to schedule a limited number of free curbside electronics pick ups as well.

Roy Strom is working to take a garbage tote inventory of the sizes that each resident has at their home. If you would like to change the size of your container, please contact Roy Strom prior to Monday, September 30th. Roy Strom will deliver new totes to your home on the last collection day in November (November 25 on the south side and November 26 on the north side). Upon delivery of your garbage totes, Roy Strom will include an informational pamphlet that will provide you with information regarding the new service.

For more information regarding the new collection program, please visit the village website or visit roystrom.com and checkout the Willow Springs page under the Residential Section.

Thank you,

George Strom | Vice President

Roy Strom Refuse Removal Service, Inc.

1201 Greenwood Ave. Maywood, IL 60153

Office: (708) 344-5000 ext:217 | Cell: (630) 788-9243

gstrom@roystrom.com



The West Suburban Water Commission would like to thank our former Executive Director Jerry Strazzante for his years of service and wish him well on his retirement. The position has been filled by Colleen Kelly. Colleen has been with the West Suburban Water Commission for over 20 years and the Commission has confidence that she will fulfill the position and will make great strides to bring the water Commission up to date on the newest and safest technology available for our residents.

The water main project is almost complete. Over 3100 feet of water main was replaced and now in service. We are at the final stages of completing landscaping restoration and replacing the streets. We want to thank all of our residents that were within our project for their patience and understanding.

The Water Commission has begun the process of installing "smart" water meters. These water meters have the potential of storing 30 days of data and sending alarms for leaks etc. We are installing the meters in sections of town and are at no cost to you! When you receive a letter please call to schedule an appointment.

PUBLIC WORKS

Thank you to our residents for maintaining your lawns and adding to the beauty of our community. Everything grew tremendously due to tropical summer weather conditions—keeping our landscaping crew working very hard.

On the topic of weather, heavy rains caused some flooded areas. Public Works and Village Administrators are working on solutions to tackle problem areas and have added new sewers, replaced culverts and added drain ditches to help. We would like to stress that no matter how nice you want your lawn to look, **please don't blow grass clippings onto the street or clog the storm sewers with leaves, twigs, glass clippings.** If you use a landscaping service, please tell them as well. Prevention is key!

Maintenance work was done late summer on all the sanitation pumping stations to provide extra pumping power. Willow Springs Public Works constantly monitors the stations and performs regular maintenance checks. Please refrain from flushing “flushable wipes” - while they do flush down a toilet- they do not dissolve like toilet paper.

We hope that everyone enjoyed our local parks, and the improvements (installing a ramp at Healing Waters to aid in resident accessibility and adding new LED lights to Lions Park) are helpful for our residents. The splash pad has closed for the season and will reopen next Memorial Day (weather permitting).

The Fall Resurfacing Road Project is underway on both the North (Dunbar, Doogan, 86th St and Rainford) and South (Elm, Pine, Walnut, Pearl, Charleton and Oakwood Ave) sides of town. Our public works crew can fix small holes or rough areas that crop up, so please contact public works at 708-839-3027 to report problem areas. We thank you for your patience during this project and want to remind everyone to be cautious and slow down when you see the road maintenance and work vehicles, as well as our Public Works vehicles. A small inconvenience will prevent accidents and let our workers safely do their job to improve the Village!

Our public works crew is in the process of winterizing our vehicles and equipment. This is a top priority now as we get ready to face another Chicagoland winter. We have added a new plow and salt truck to our fleet, and ordered salt for the winter months ahead .



Branch pick up will continue through October 14. After this time, weather permitting and dependent upon equipment availability you may be able to schedule a pick up as needed by contacting the Public Works department. **Fall leaf collection begins October 28 and continues every week until the first major snowfall. Please pile leaves on your easement by 7 am on Mondays to ensure pick up during our weekly pick up.**

Not to jump ahead too far, but we would like to remind you that when the snow comes, parking on village streets is prohibited when snow levels reach 2 inches or more. Please do not shovel snow into the street (this is illegal) and be cautious around snow plows, salt trucks, emergency vehicles and school buses. Salting and plowing will be completed first on through streets, followed by side-streets, cul-de-sacs and alleys, and then public parking lots and sidewalks. Public works does not clear private property or driveways.

As always, we welcome your input and requests, so please don't hesitate to contact us on our direct line (708) 839-3027 or e-mail Public Works director Keith Grantland at kgrantland@willowsprings-il.gov.

Odds & Ends



FOREST PRESERVES OF COOK COUNTY
CAMPING



The getaway
that's not far away

RESERVE TODAY

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**CAMPING
IS MY
HAPPY PLACE**

Camp Bullfrog Lake

9600 WOLF RD, WILLOW SPRINGS, IL 60480
312-636-9785

Camp just steps from the water in the heart of the vast, hilly Palos Preserves. Camp Bullfrog Lake offers year-round camping, group activities and water-based recreation such as canoe rentals and fishing. Just around the corner from Maple Lake's boathouse, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center and Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, it's also a perfect launching pad for hiking, mountain biking and birdwatching adventures on Palos' 50-plus miles of trails. Lodging options: tent campsites, RV/tent campsites with electricity, heated cabins, organized group campsites.

Willow Springs Village of
WILLOW SPRINGS

NO SOLICITORS

Any solicitor who solicits in violation of this notice is guilty of a violation of 4-5A-5(C) of the Willow Springs Village Code and is subject to a fine not to exceed \$750 per offense.

Tired of pesky solicitors? Pick up a free
"No Solicitors" sticker at the Village Hall.

LODGING OPTIONS

-  Tent Campsite
-  RV/Tents Camp (With Electricity)
-  Cabin
-  Large Bunkhouse
-  Organized Group Campsite



CENTENNIAL TRAIL BRIDGE OPEN!

The new bridge across the Des Plaines River leading to the Centennial Trail is open! Illinois' Centennial Trail runs through parts of three suburban counties from Willow Springs Road to Romeo Road/135th Street southwest of Chicago. The trail occupies a thin strip of land between the Des Plaines River and the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal, and features a historic swing bridge. Coursing primarily through forest, the trail is ideal for bird and wildlife watching. Fall is the perfect time to ride or walk the Centennial Trail. We hope that residents can take advantage of this great resource so close to home.

Centennial Trail Facts:

- Runs through tree counties—Cook, Will and DuPage
- Length is 13 miles
- Trail end points: Willow Springs Rd. in Willow Springs and E. Romeo Rd. at Isle a la Cache Forest Preserve in Romeoville
- Trail surface: Asphalt
- Trail activities: Bike, in-line skating, wheel chair accessible, walking



Condolences to the family of Robert T. Bartunek. "Bart" was a former Willow Springs Trustee and served on the Willow Springs Fire Department for many years. He will be missed!



never  forget

Several dozen citizens came out for our annual remembrance ceremony. Thanks to local Boy Scout Troops 69, 216 and Pack 69 that assisted with the flag retreat and presentation. The Village of Willow Springs will never forget!





The weekend of September 6 – 8 was the 28th River Thru History Rendezvous, an event that has been going on at Columbia Woods for more than 30 years. This event is a living history reenactment of early American life, as it was on the Illinois frontier in this area along the Des Plaines River prior to 1848. It is a festive gathering of fur trappers, settlers, craftsmen, and entertainers.

This year's event had 38 encampments making it one of the larger years for rendezvous participants, with activities like archery, tomahawk throw and paddling a voyager canoe. Visitors also got to enjoy their favorite kettle corn, fry bread and root beer while trading for "pelts" at the trading post.

900 children came through on Friday for school days, a free field trip offered to 4th and 5th graders. This experience allows students to be immersed in a rich discussion of history, social customs, and the skills necessary to survive on the frontier. Despite rain until noon on Sunday, 1350 folks came through the event for the weekend.

For more information and to save the date for next year, visit the website at ariverthruhistory.com.



SENIOR CLUB NEWS

The Senior Club (55+) enjoyed a nice break this summer, and has started up its monthly meetings again. Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at the Willow Springs Community Center (wheel chair accessible) at 8156 S Archer Ave at 11:00 am (doors open at 10:30 am.)

The senior club dues are \$10.00 per year, plus \$7.00 each month which includes lunch and bingo. Educational speakers, entertainment and good friendship will be provided. New members are always welcome; please contact Jean Mrkacek 708-839-1491 to register.

If you would like to play poker or pinochle, please contact Adrienne Hansen at 708 839-8610. The Senior Club library of books and movies located at the Community Center is available to everyone in our Village on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:30am to 12pm and Friday 10:30am to 2:00 pm. Stay tuned for senior news in the next Winter/Spring issue of Newsletter.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

Greetings from the Willow Springs Historical Society!

We are excited to introduce a pictorial collection as our latest Willow Springs Historical Society project. This pictorial collection was created from our Village archives. We hope that this expansive group of photos will offer a glimpse into the vivid past of our town and trigger fond memories for long-time residents.

We are selling this pictorial collection to raise funds to purchase informational signs to be placed by "The Worker" statue near the southwest corner of Archer Avenue and Willow Springs Road. The statue is located close to where a Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camp once stood in the early 1930s.

The statue was originally constructed to honor the young men of the CCC who contributed greatly to the development and preservation of our natural resources and forests, including construction of shelters, bridges and walking paths.

Our collection is available in three different formats: DVD, CD and/or flash drive. They can be purchased at the Village Hall or at the Museum for \$10.

Guests and new members are always welcome to attend our monthly meeting on the third Monday of the month at 7 pm at the Community Center which also houses our Historical Museum at 8156 S. Archer Ave. The Museum is open to the public from 10 am to noon the first Saturday of the month.

Come join us for a Willow Springs history podcast presented by Ron Leffler on Saturday, October 5th in the Community Center at 11:00 am. Ron, a lifelong resident of our town, has tons of stories and he is looking for your stories too!

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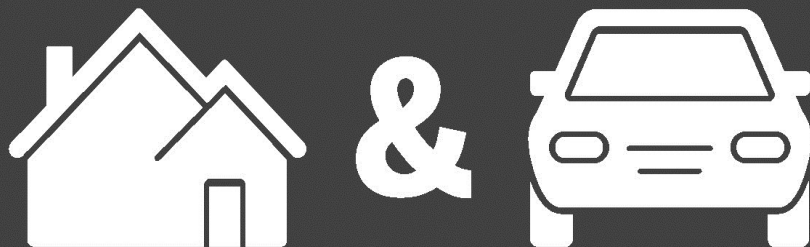
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9 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Village Committee/Board Meetings:

2nd and 4th Thursday of each month,

7 p.m.

Village of Willow Springs 2019 Calendar of Events

Oct	5	Sat	Willow Springs History Podcast	Community Center 8156 Archer Ave., 11:00am
Oct	8	Tue	Cook County Sustainability Program	Community Center 8156 Archer Ave., 6:30pm
Oct	12	Sat	Police and Public Works Open House	Corner of German Church Rd and Willow Springs Rd 11am-3pm
Oct	12	Sat	Tri-State Fire District - Fire Station #122	419 Plainfield Rd., Darien 11am-3pm
Oct	15	Tue	Cook County Sustainability Program	Community Center 8156 Archer Ave., 6-8pm
Oct	30	Wed	Wicked Willow Night	Community Center 8156 Archer Ave., 6-8pm
Nov	1	Fri	Las Vegas Night	Royalty West 8675 S. Archer Ave., 7 pm to midnight
Nov	2	Sat	Steam-N-Diezels Model Train Club Open House	Community Center 8156 Archer Ave., 12 pm-4pm
Nov	3	Sun	Steam-N-Diezels Model Train Club Open House	Community Center 8156 Archer Ave., 12 pm-4pm
Nov	28	Thur	Village Hall Closed	1 Village Circle
Nov	29	Fri	Village Hall Closed	1 Village Circle
Dec	3	Tue	Children's Christmas Party	The Score Sport's Center 8300 S. Wolf Rd., 6-8 pm
Dec	4	Wed	Tree Lighting	Community Center 8156 Archer Ave., 7 pm
Dec	24	Tue	Village Hall Closed	1 Village Circle
Dec	25	Wed	Village Hall Closed	1 Village Circle
Dec	31	Tue	Village Hall Closed	1 Village Circle
Jan	1	Wed	Village Hall Closed	1 Village Circle