

Spring 2021

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SAFETY GEAR • LUNCH AT NOON • COMMUNITY SERVICE CERTIFICATES

Sponsored by the Beautification Commission and the Public Works Department

All residents welcome!

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Calling all green thumbs!

The Village of Willow Springs Legacy Garden Park

The Willow Springs Beautification Commission announces the 2021 Legacy Garden Park opening! Applications for garden plots, available on the Village website soon, will be accepted beginning March 1. Gardeners may begin planting May 1. The refundable cost is \$50 per plot. What a great time to start dreaming of the succulent vegetables you will cultivate! Last year's first season was a blooming success!



Willow Springs Legacy Garden Park---Rules and Regulations

- The garden box fee is \$50.00 refundable deposit; the full deposit amount of \$50.00 will be refunded after
 the season if the garden box is returned to its original state of use, as determined by the Beautification
 Commission. Refunded deposit checks will be mailed during the month of November.
- 2. Make the check payable to the Village of Willow Springs. Cash and checks will be accepted. Payments may either be mailed to or dropped off at Village Hall.
- 3. The garden box fee and attached Hold Harmless Agreement must be submitted concurrently. Failure to sign and return the Agreement will not allow the applicant to partake in the Willow Springs Legacy Garden Park.
- 4. Garden box sizes are approximately 8x4 (3x5 raised boxes are available for handicap accessibility).
- 5. Garden boxes are all self-watering. You are responsible for watering your plot. Water will be provided in the big water tank on the lot.
- 6. A maximum of two garden boxes may be issued to a Willow Springs resident per their address depending on availability. At no time may more than two garden boxes be issued to a resident at their address.
- 7. Participants may start utilizing the property on May 1, 2021.
- 8. Man-made materials such as cages, stakes, fences, etc. must be removed by November 1st. You are not permitted to extend your garden beyond your assigned box boundaries. Any planting done in this manner will be removed.
- 9. <u>The Willow Springs Legacy Garden park is an organically managed property. Only OMRI (Organic Review Institute (www.omni.org)) listed insecticides and fungicides may be used. No herbicides are permitted. Organic home-made remedies are also allowed.</u>
- 10. Only biodegradable mulches are to be used (i.e. no black plastic).
- 11. All pathways are to be kept clear for mowers. Please do not put rocks, weed clumps, corn stalks, tools, chairs or structures on mowed pathways.
- 12. All garden debris is to be placed in the garden trash toter. Any debris left outside of the toter will not be picked-up.
- 13. Dogs are not permitted within the Willow Springs Legacy Garden Park.
- 14. Do not borrow privately owned tools without the owner's permission.
- 15. Perennial plants are not advised; there is no assurance having the same box annually.
- 16. The Willow Springs Legacy Garden Park is located at 105 Kazwell Street.
- 17. Gardens left unattended are subject to non-renewal. If you reserve a plot then are unable to garden, please notify Village Hall so your unused plot can be reassigned.
- 18. Smoking and alcoholic beverages are prohibited within the Willow Springs Legacy Garden Park.
- 19. All children must be supervised at all times.
- 20. Garden boxes are assigned on first come first serve basis; if all garden boxes are taken, remaining applicants will be added to a waitlist for the following season.

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

Village of Willow Springs Legacy Garden Park Hold Harmless Agreement – 2021 Season

I understand that the Village of Willow Springs, Illinois is not responsible for my actions at the Legacy Garden Park located at 105 Kazwell Street.

I THEREFORE AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS THE VILLAGE OF WILLOW SPRINGS, ILLINOIS FOR ANY LIABILITY, DAMAGE, INJURY, LOSS OR CLAIM THAT OCCURS IN CONNECTION WITH USE OF THE LEGACY GARDEN PARK AT 105 KAZWELL STREET, BY ME OR ANY OF MY GUESTS.

Full Name:______

Full Mailing Address:______

Full Email Address:______

Full Phone Number:_____

Personal Check Number:_____

Please complete the information below in its entirety.

Signed: ______ Date: _____

(Return completed form to the Village of Willow Springs at the time of payment)



Village of Willow Springs Beautification Commission Fundraiser

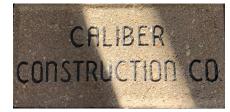
Willow Springs Commemorative Brick Program

Paving the way for History!

This commemorative brick fundraising program is sponsored by the Village of Willow Springs Beautification Commission. This program offers the opportunity to purchase a brick commemorative gift to:

- Honor a friend
- A Remember a loved one
- ♦ Commemorate a milestone
- ♦ Honor a family
- ♦ Celebrate a new birth/birthday
- ♦ Celebrate a retirement
- ♦ Mother's/Father's Day gift

Example brick lettering and spacing as shown below:



Bricks

4 x 8 Brick---\$125.00 for cash or check, \$129.38 if using a charge card. (\$4.38 added for charge card fees)

The initial Brick Project will be in the walkway area from the parking lot to the front of the Village Hall.

- ♦ Each brick will offer a 2-line message with up to 15 characters per line.
- ♦ Lettering is engraved and accented in black.
- ♦ Letters, numbers, punctuation and spaces are all considered characters.
- Only one style lettering-- Bermarco Font ---3/4 inch size-- and all capital letters only. (see example below)
- All engravings will be proofed by a Beautification Commission representative.
- ♦ Placing of bricks will be at the discretion of the Commission.
- Not responsible for any future damage to brick.

Orders will be taken and engraved per schedule below:

Deadline for Spring engraving will be April 20 with completion in May/June

- ♦ Deadline for Summer engraving will be July 20 with completion in August/September
- ♦ Deadline for Fall engraving will be October 20 with completion in November
- ♦ Need a minimum of 20 orders to start an engraving session

To place an order, please fill it out and return an order sheet to the Village Hall with your payment to:

Village of Willow Springs, with Brick Project in the subject line by one of the deadline dates.

Fundraiser

Willow Springs Commemorative Brick Program

Order Form

Paving the way for History!



Date:			
Name:			
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Senior News

WILLOW SPRINGS SENIOR CLUB

Well, here it is - February, 2021. What have we been doing?....Staying safe and being bored without seeing our friends and loved ones.

As mentioned in the Fall newsletter, the Willow Springs seniors were finally able to get together since February, 2020 and have a great picnic.

We had a meeting in October in the community center where we played bingo, had our white-elephant raffle and a great lunch delivered by Jack & Pat's.

We were hoping to have our Christmas party at Camelot, but because COVID numbers were very high, we cancelled, disappointing our members.

We did lose a couple of seniors; Joe Franc - he and his wife made decorations for use on our lunch tables. We also lost Ivy Taebel who was in charge of our white elephant raffle and a great pinochle player. Joe and Ivy will always be remembered in our hearts.

Maybe, just maybe, after the snow and lower COVID numbers, we will all be able to meet again and enjoy our good times, laughter and best of all our friends and loved ones.

Keeping fingers crossed for a better 2021!

If you are a <u>senior citizen</u> or <u>disabled</u>, and unable to break down large cardboard boxes (gifts, Amazon orders, etc.) public works will pick them up on the LAST regularly scheduled garbage collection day of each month. Please contact public works at 708-839-3027 to schedule a pickup.

2021 Box Pickup Dates

Month	South of <u>River</u>	North of <u>River</u>
February	22	23
March	29	30
April	26	27
May	31	25
June	28	29
July	26	27
August	30	31
September	27	28
October	25	26
November	29	30
December	27	28



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MAY 31, 2021 | 11:00AM

MEMORIAL CORNER

Willow Springs Road and Archer

Please join us as we remember our brave men and women.

TRI-STATE OPENS NEW ADMINISTRATION ADDITION

The Fire District opened it's new administration addition at our Willowbrook Fire Station 121. Administration is now consolidated, having moved from the Burr Ridge, Darien and Willow Springs Stations. The Tri-State Fire Protection District Administration building is located at 236 Sunrise Avenue Willowbrook, IL 60527 Phone: 630-323-6445





NEW TRAINING TOWER

The Fire District has a new training tower located at the Station 121 campus. Tower training is required by the State of Illinois and tower training helps lower your ISO rating. Your lower ISO rating can mean insurance savings for you. The Insurance Service Organization rates fire departments from one to ten, with one being the best rating. Tri-State is rated ISO 2 which puts Tri-State in the top three percent of fire districts nationwide. The new tower keeps your Firefighters in district during tower training.

Virtual Burn Camp Parade

The Tri-State Fire Protection District participated in the 2020 Illinois Fire Safety Alliance virtual parade for Burn Camp. Fire Departments from all over Illinois submitted video for the parade.

https://youtu.be/MkEY-vqp-G4

WILLOW SPRINGS STATION UPGRADES

Many improvements are underway at Willow Springs Fire Station 124. Station 124 houses a fire engine and an ambulance. Station 124 also houses Water Rescue 124 and ATV 124. Old windows have been replaced and the roof has been repaired. The vacated Fire Prevention Office will be used as a work out room and an office for the station Lieutenant.

Contact our Fire Prevention Bureau at 630-654-6284 for information on free smoke alarms and free loaner emergency access boxes We're here to help!

PUBLIC WORKS

I think everyone should be happy to see the first signs of spring, even if you did enjoy the winter scenery or perhaps a little shoveling (lol).

I want to thank the Village residents who were diligent about clearing snow on their property and maybe helping a neighbor or two, and keeping parked cars off the streets on plow days.

We appreciate the calls and Facebook messages we received to compliment our snow plowing and salting jobs (It really lifts our crew's spirit after a long night of plowing!).

Some concerns were voiced as well regarding large snow accumulations. These concerns were first addressed by visiting the location to determine the extent of the problem and the ownership of the area (eg, private or public), and whether it could be reasonably resolved utilizing Village equipment in a safe and efficient manner. Most situations were addressed with the exception of snow accumulations around mail boxes and postal delays that are out of our control. It is the resident's responsibility to dig out around mailboxes, private driveways and sidewalks.

We encourage everyone to visit the Village website at www.willowsprings-il.gov/snow-plowing/ to learn about snow plowing in the Village and read our "Winter Season Fact" sheet.

If you have any ideas, positive opinions or respectful concerns you want to share, please join our Facebook group page - go to www.facebook.com/search and type in "Village of Willow Springs Public Works." It is a good forum to share local community information concerning our infrastructures and community property.

Shop News

Public Works has instituted an in-house maintenance vehicle wash & clean for the Police department. This task was previously consumed by timely and expensive trips to the car wash. Our crew rotates one Saturday a month to detail each of the squad cars and vehicle. We take this responsibility very seriously.

We are excited to start using our new hot box trailer purchased this past summer to fill in cracks and repair our local streets to correct the aftermath of ice, salt, snow and cold.

We are also anticipating the delivery of a new backhoe and pickup truck in May. Our current backhoe is worn out and cannot be used outside the Public Works yard. We have some sewer repairs around the Village to complete and logs to remove from the ravine (just to name a few of the projects the new backhoe will be used on). The new pickup truck pictured below will be an addition to our snowplowing fleet, and will replace one of our older vehicles in our fleet. Both new pieces of equipment are scheduled for May delivery.





If residents have any ideas for improvement or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at (708) 839-3027 or e-mail Public Works director Keith Grantland at kgrantland@willowsprings-il.gov.

Sanitation Reminder(s)!

Please do not pile leaves/branches/grass clippings on any of the storm sewer inlets and grates. Also, refrain from clogging pipes and toilets with paper towels, diapers, sanitary products and "flushable" wipes.

Final Notes

On a final note, Public Works is looking forward to making our parks and public spaces safe, clean and beautiful. Now that Spring is in the air, we hope our residents can take advantage of our parks and nature trails (but please be mindful to utilize garbage and dog waste containers).

Also, please drive cautiously especially around work vehicles, schools and parks. The best offense is a good defense, keep yourself and others safe on the road.



Branch Chipping (Regular Pick-up Starts May 3)

How it Works:

Bundle branches (no tree limbs or large branches) measuring no more than 6 ft. by 3" in diameter in the easement of your property with the butt end of the branches facing the street.

Schedule:

South of River: 1st and 3rd Mondays of the

Month

North of River: 2nd and 4th Mondays of the

Month

<u>Leaf Collection (Regular Pick-up Starts October</u> <u>12 and ends in December or around the first</u> snow fall

How it Works:

Pile leaves in small or medium batches in the easement of your property avoiding the street.

Note:

Keep branches off street. Don't mix yard waste with branches. Avoid creating large piles of leaves which can obstruct a vehicle/pedestrian's vision and pathway. Weather conditions may delay service, but will resumed at the next scheduled pickup or sooner.

Summer Job Opportunity for Students

Village Clerk's Office and Public Works are excited to announce that they are participating in the Lyons Township Summer Employment Program. This program is open to college students residing in Lyons Township who are 18 years of age and older. For the Clerk's Office the job duties include document filing, scanning and organization, answering phones. For Public Works the job duties include working outdoors performing landscaping jobs, some light janitorial duties, collecting stray roadside trash, washing equipment, and lots of physical activity and some lifting. If you know of any students who may be interested, please let them know that they can fill out an application available at the Township of Lyons building in Countryside located at 6404 Joliet Road and may call 708 482-8300 X232 for more information.

Willow Springs Police Department Recognizes Resident

Willow Springs resident, Larry Walsh was recently recognized for his support of the Willow Springs Police Department by now displaying his beautifully constructed "Thin Blue Line" flag in the lobby of the Willow Springs Police Department. A small plaque is also displayed under the plaque to honor Larry's dedicating the flag.

Larry assembled the flag through the "Adopt-A-Police Department" program in order to recognize the efforts of the men and women of the Willow Springs Police Department. The "Adopt-A-Police Department Committee" also hosted a fabulous "police appreciation" event where the men and women of the Willow Springs Police Department and their families were treated to a great barbeque, and acknowledged for their dedication and professional services to the community in honoring the law enforcement profession.





Autism Speaks Program

The Willow Springs Police Department's CIT program will be launching a new program to assist individuals with autism who are experiencing a crisis situation. Autism is a bio-neurological developmental disability that generally appears before the age of 3, and you will see from the fact sheet below just how many people are effected by Autism Spectrum Disorder.

The Willow Springs Police Department will utilize resources and training to assist the public and our department to help support those dealing with autism. Working with, and handling calls for service with those facing mental health issues is a top priority with our department and this project will offer our police officers with more specialized training in order to recognize the signs of autism and knowing effective ways to approach a person when experiencing calls with autism spectrum involvement.

Participation in the program will be voluntary where families or caregivers of those with autism can register with the Willow Springs Police Department to inform our telecommunications center of the person's special needs or assistance. When responding to a call involving an individual with special needs the officers will then be prepared when they arrive knowing that someone will need special assistance.

Families who sign up for the program will be given "Autism Notice" decals to display on their doors and windows, or in their cars, to advise everyone that "A person may not respond to verbal direction – Thank you for your kindness, support, and patience."

We look forward to working with the Willow Springs Community in starting this truly outstanding program.

10 Facts about Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

- ASD affects about 1 in 68 children Visit disclaimer page in the United States, with more children identified than ever before.
- ASD is about 4 times more likely in boys than girls.
- ASD affects children of all racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic groups.
- ASD is a spectrum disorder, which means that every child with ASD has different skills, challenges, and needs.
- While we do not know all of the causes of ASD, we have learned that there are likely many contributing factors, including genes, early brain development, and the environment.
- ASD can be reliably diagnosed by age 2, but children may be diagnosed at earlier ages.
- Early identification of ASD helps children get the services they need.
- There is no "cure" for ASD, but there are several interventions that can help children learn important skills that improve everyday life.
- Typically, the earlier children are diagnosed and receive services, the better their outcomes are.
- Children with ASD can learn and succeed in the classroom and beyond. Like every child, with the help of their families, providers, doctors, specialists, and communities, kids with ASD can thrive.

Willow Springs Historical Society

Work continues on trying to sort out and file all of our collection and displays. Alice and Eileen are giving their time weekly and can be found at the museum every Wednesday morning. First Saturdays of the month we're still open for anyone who wants to visit. We open at 10:00 a.m.

We had a visit from the principal of Willow Springs School for a history project she is working on. We also have to report we lost a dear friend and member, Jim Pluta. Over the years he has been a big supporter of our projects and gave us the coverage in the newspaper on our many endeavors. He will be missed.

We send our wishes for everyone to stay safe to stay well.

Stop by on a Saturday if you have interest or questions about History. We will still be collecting anything related to the history of our village.

JUSTICE-WILLOW SPRINGS WATER COMMISSION

The Justice-Willow Springs is happy to announce that at the February 25, 2021 Board of Commissioners meeting there were 3 projects unanimously approved! They are as follows:

Smart Meter Replacement program

The Board has accepted a proposal from Calumet City Plumbing to change all old water meters to "smart meters". This program is anticipated to begin in late April or beginning of May. You will be contacted by mail to schedule an appointment online to have your meter changed with options of evening and Saturday appointments. Calumet City has proposed that every single meter will be changed in approximately 6 months! Changing the older water meters will be beneficial to you as a resident or property manager to quickly be notified of leaks, high usage, and the availability of hourly reads. We will post updates on our website as the project moves forward. We are very excited about this program and look forward to the many benefits it will provide!

High Tower Maintenance and Painting

The 1-million-gallon high tower on Forest and 87th Street in Willow Springs was built in the early 1990s. Over the years the weather and elements has caused the paint to begin chipping and fade. The Commission has acquired an engineering firm who specializes in sandblasting, coating, and painting structures such as the tower evaluate the condition of our tower. We anticipate a full scope of work, specifications, and recommendations to be completed within the next 6 weeks. Once the Commission reviews the evaluation it will be placed out to bid to complete this year!

Hydrant Sandblasting and Painting

The Commission has over 900 hydrants throughout the distribution system. Majority of the fire hydrants are original from the late 1960s. The Commission over the years has painted the fire hydrants and they have so many layers of paint that they do not look their best. Surrounding municipalities participated in a bulk bid 2 years ago to have their fire hydrants sandblasted, primed, and repainted. The Commission has reached out to the company that won the bid and they have agreed to include the Commission and charge the low rate per hydrant as what was awarded in the bulk bid! The Commission is looking forward to all hydrants to be shining and looking their best by the fall of this year!

7000 South Archer Road Justice, Illinois 60458





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MEET THE REMAX MARKET TEAM



Lucy Mierop

Designated Managing Broker and Owner for 20 years and Broker for 33 years.

Re/Max Market was established since January 21, 2001 in Willow Springs, Illinois.



Judita PaulauskasOffice Administrator



Melodi Biggane



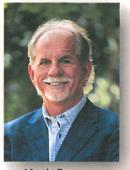
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Office Hours:

Monday through Friday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Every 2nd and 4th Thursday: 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Summer Office Hours:

(Memorial Day through Labor Day) Monday through Thursday: 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Friday: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Village Committee/Board Meetings: 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month, 7 p.m.

Village of Willow Springs 2021 Calendar of Events

Date		ite	Event	Details
April	3	Saturday	Easter Egg Hunt	Lions Park, 201 Park St. at 11am
April	3	Saturday	Easter Egg Hunt	Willow Park 10739, Chaucer Dr. at 12pm
April	24	Saturday	Clean Up Willow Day	Public Works Bldg, 8261 Willow Springs Rd, 9am
May	3	Monday	Branch Pick Up Begins	Southside: 1st/3rd Mon - Northside: 2nd/4th Mon
May	31	Monday	Memorial Day Ceremony	11am - Archer Ave and Willow Springs Road
June	10-13	Thurs - Sun	Village Wide Yard Sales	Throughout the Village - 8am - 3pm
June	30	Wednesday	AVOID FINES. VEHICLE STICKERS DUE TODAY!	Purchase at Village Hall
July	3	Saturday	Fire Works Display	Pleasantdale Park District, 7425 S. Wolf Rd., Dusk
July	5	Monday	Village Hall Office Closed	1 Village Circle
Aug	12	Thurs	Willow Fest 2021 - Car Show	Village Center, 1 Village Circle
Aug	12-15	Thurs - Sun	Willow Fest 2021 - Carnival, Concerts, Crafts	Village Center, 1 Village Circle
Aug	15	Sun	Willow Fest 2021 - Fireworks Display at dusk	Village Center, 1 Village Circle