

# the Village of Willow Springs<sup>1892</sup> Spring 2017

## Neighbor to Neighbor



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Safely home. That is something we often take for granted—and with good reason. We pay for that luxury. We've worked hard, chosen to live in a tight-knit community that makes us feel at home.

That is why I am especially pleased to report that this month Willow Springs was informed it has earned the distinction of being one of the safest communities, not only in our State, but in the nation.

The Top 250 Safest Communities in the Country report lists our town at 200, per the facts: FBI crime statistics.

The numbers are impressive any way you look at it. We rank in the top 2 percent of the 16,000-plus "incorporated" towns with populations of 10,000 or less. Add in unincorporated rural towns and towns of more than 10,000 and we move to the top ½ percent in the nation.

These safety reports are closely followed and utilized by realtors—home buyers always want to know: How is the neighborhood? Is it safe? Besides giving homeowners a sense of well-being, it also helps protect the single biggest investment most people make in their lives.

Some things we can control, like being watchful of our children, our homes and looking out for our neighbors, too. As our Police Chief constantly reminds residents, call if you see anything suspicious. There are no wasted calls. Public safety remains, if I can borrow from our proud Blackhawks team, the "one goal" we all have a stake in.

The Village is constantly looking for new ways to make our town the safest. Every year we host a very informative Public Safety Open House (mentioned as part of our 2015 State safety ranking) which provides tips, illustrations and best practices presented by our dedicated Police and Fire personnel. Other helpful participants include representatives of surrounding law enforcement and emergency response agencies.

Additionally, we coordinate with the West Suburban Water Commission to cross reference cell and home phones to inform residents during emergencies through the Reverse 911 Alert System. When warranted, our police officers have gone door-to-door to inform residents of situations in the neighborhood. We continue to work with the Justice Police Department and the County to sponsor a very effective senior's safety seminar.

Tri-State Fire Protection District's standard of readiness, equipment and training, places it among the top 1 percent of departments in the country. As a bonus, the area's Fire Prevention Bureau is operated out of our local firehouse.

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## Vehicle Stickers Available On-Line, Mailed Directly to Your Door

Getting a village sticker is going to be a lot easier this year. A few clicks and your sticker will be mailed to your door. Due to a partnership with Urbdata, owned and operated locally by a Willow Springs resident, the Village will be able to better serve residents often too busy to stop into Village Hall. For those who prefer to visit the Village Hall to purchase stickers, that option remains the same. It's your choice. **Seniors still get one sticker free per household, simply by visiting the Village Hall with an ID card if it is their first time 65 or older.** In addition, the updated software system allows you to access your vehicle's information electronically from a secure site. A username and password is required to guard your information. Information is available on the web, in this newsletter via insert, or at the Village Hall if you have questions.

"In this day and age our residents deserve the option of purchasing stickers on-line and having them sent directly to their doors," explained Mayor Alan Nowaczyk. In addition, once signed up, electronic customers will receive notifications and renewal information via email or text, as preferred. "Besides being a convenience for busy working families, the software that makes this possible is being provided free to the Village by a local resident who wants to give back to his community. It's a win-win," said Village Clerk Adena Baskovich.

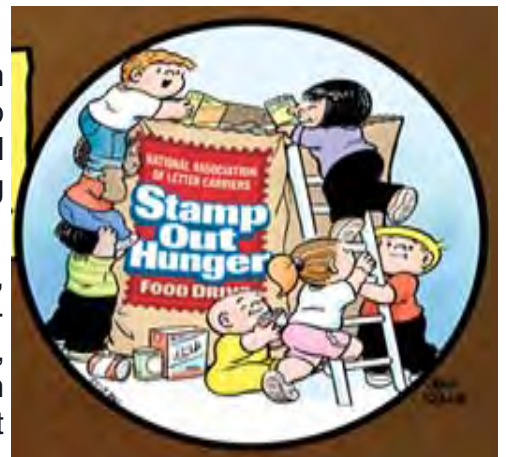
## Permit Process to be Updated

inspectors willThe Village is in the process of streamlining the permit process with Urbdata and hopes to be able to soon allow permits for businesses and residences alike to be accessed and purchased on-line, through the same software. Future components include the purchase of parking for the Metra, electronic information to be made available to first-responders. "What an opportunity to provide information about contents and schematics about local businesses to our fire and police who often have to enter these locations under duress in emergencies. In addition, the bar code system which our utilize in the near future will provide details about prior inspections, things like hazardous contents and the like," the Mayor added.

## The 25<sup>th</sup> annual Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive —Saturday, May 13, 2017—

On May 13, bag up some non-perishable food items and put them by your mailbox well before your letter carrier's normal pick-up time. Your letter carrier will collect your items for donation to local community organizations. Note that he or she will be delivering and collecting mail as usual, on top of collecting food donations.

The top requested non-perishable food items are: cereal, pasta, pasta sauce or spaghetti sauce, rice, canned fruits and vegetables, canned meals (such as soups, chili and pasta), 100% juice, peanut butter, macaroni & cheese, canned protein (tuna, chicken and turkey), beans (canned or dry). For more information, visit Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/StampOutHunger/>.



# No time to run down to the Village Hall to get your vehicle sticker or dog registration tags?

**Your Village Vehicle Sticker mailed to your home is now just A Click Away!**



## We have great news!

**Starting with this year's renewals, you will be able to purchase your vehicle stickers and pet tags on-line, right from your home computer or smartphone.**



Receiving your updated Vehicle Sticker is easier than ever. Simply visit: the Village Willow Springs homepage at [www.willowsprings-il.gov](http://www.willowsprings-il.gov) and click on "Resident Information" at the top of your screen.

There you'll find the "Vehicle Stickers" tab that provides easy to follow instructions for ordering and entering you vehicle information.

Whether you own or lease an automobile, business vehicle, motorcycle, antique car, and the "Urbdata" software system lets you save time in your busy schedule. It only takes a few minutes to enter your vehicle information and pay for your sticker with a credit card. You can even choose to automatically renew your stickers next year and for every year thereafter! After you finish with your on-line transaction, an email outlining your purchase will be sent to you, and your stickers and your receipt will arrive in the mail.

If preferred, stickers can still be paid with cash or check and picked up at the Village Hall. Seniors can pick up their free sticker there as well. But, if you have a busy lifestyle, make it easier by using your clicker for a sticker! Bring the renewal notice mailed to your household. Stickers are available either on-line or at the Village Hall beginning April 1.

Pet tags and "CentralBark" tags can also be purchased on-line. Just click on "Dog Tags" under "Resident Information."



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## Road Program Rolls Up On A Decade of Progress

If you've lived in Willow Springs for less than a decade, you may not notice what residents deservedly come to expect—smooth roads and maintained alleyways. Heading into its ninth season, the Willow Springs Road Program is inching toward its second million dollar investment mark with a new formula in mind.

“Now that we've tackled the worst of the problems, with exception of Blackstone which is slated for construction this year, we can begin a scheduled plan to ensure the Village never falls behind again,” said Village Engineer Matt Buerger.

Things were not so rosy a decade ago, as many long standing Willow Springs residents can attest. After construction season of 1998, the Village went a full decade of no substantial road work being performed. Pot holing and patching were the norm instead of full depth repairs and complete overlays. That all changed in 2007 when the Village voters approved a referendum which helped fund street improvements. “I've always been a proponent of letting people govern themselves,” said Mayor Alan Nowaczyk of the funding mechanism that led to the Road Program in 2008. Voters in 2007 approved a 1% sales tax on goods purchased in town. The Village Board promised that those additional funds would be used solely for streets. So far, that's exactly where the money has been spent. With an eye toward spring, the Village is in the process of assessing streets for general maintenance, rebuilding and resurfacing. Some things remain the same: the Village engineer and Public Works staff will drive literally assess each of the 20BLNK miles of pavement in the Village, ranking the surfaces they observe from 1-4.

“We began this Road Program process about eight years ago and it has proven to be affective in keeping our roadways in proper shape,” says Mayor Alan Nowaczyk. Things weren't so rosy prior: the Village went from 1998 until 2008 with nothing more than spot repairs and pot holing. Streets were crumbling and there was no data collected on an annual basis. “It's an often overlooked part of government service, but roadways affect the net worth of your town, property values and overall quality of life. No one notices when they are well maintained. But bad roads give a bad image of a town.” Not that all roads are in perfect condition; similar to most, the Village has to keep up with conditions such as harsh winters and construction traffic that wreaks havoc on roads. But by annually assessing road conditions, it is possible to head off surface failures that when left undated, fester into costly full depth and full surface replacement.





## Village Center to Reflect Safety Standards

This year will be the first in which the Road Program operates under the Village's "Complete Streets" initiative, approved by the Village Board in 2016. Last summer, after the substantial completion of the State's intersection widening of Archer/Willow Springs Road, the Village installed new drainage and road brick to the Center. Improvements have been timed to avoid the glut of heavy construction vehicles involved in the IDOT project. This summer, marked walkways will be installed at the entrances of both condo buildings to get pedestrians safely across the street. Another walkway will be marked at the entrance and exit of the newly constructed parking lot west of Village Hall. The Village Center roundabout and speed ramps will be modified with advanced signage and the latest safety best practices. The Village is studying the installation of a designated bike lane along Willow Boulevard to create a link between the bordering I&M trail head and the Village Center. Lighting options are also being studied to improve visibility for pedestrians, bicyclists, commuters and motorists.

## Engineer Updates 2017 Spring Road Repairs

Due to typical winter wear, there are various maintenance projects that need to be done this spring. K-Plus Engineers performed a quick visual inspection of Village local roads and have identified several needs. Their findings were reported at the Village Board Meeting on March 9 and include portions of Blackstone Avenue, Mound Street, Candlelight Drive, Forest Woods Drive, Dunbar Street, Doogan Street, 86th Street and Hess Lane. There are also considerations regarding the repaving of Kazwell Street, Hill Street, Spring Street and Nolton Avenue. The West Suburban Water Commission has plans prepared for Cedar Street, which will impact Elm Street and Pine Street. "We are working with the Water Commission to coordinate so repairs are not made to the road prior to their work. It is suggested that these roads be reconstructed at the time the water improvements are made for efficiency reasons," the Village engineer explained. Additionally, K-Plus inspected several areas in the Village with Public Works and Public Works Contracted Staff. Based on those inspections, the following are targeted for repairs in the coming weeks: Mound Alley, Prospect Avenue, Pearl Avenue, Candlelight Drive West, Independence Drive, German Church Road and miscellaneous sewer culvert and structure cleaning. Sketches of the improvements and letters are being prepared this week to provide notice to residents.



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Our emergency response and firefighting is second to none in my book. We are lucky to have dedicated firemen who staff our firehouse 24-7, 365. If one of your family members has an emergency, there is no one better prepared than our team of first responders.

I feel the same way about our police, who provide a tremendous response when called upon. The Village continues to improve the level of education, training and dedication in our Police Department. We have raised the level of pay for our officers, added community service officers with a college or military background to assist in basic police duties, and send them to school for formal police academy training.

Things are changing for the better at our Police Department. Residents who have lived here anywhere near the 27 years I've been a resident know that the bar has been raised in recent years. The Village no longer hands out badges to friends or allows our officers to work private investigation side jobs for the chief. Those practices ended when I became mayor. We have weeded out personnel who received "exemptions" from training and testing. Those days are gone.

Make no mistake: The Village continues to review and evaluate our police performance to make the Department stronger and more committed to serving our residents. The journey toward progress has been messy: those who have attempted to put themselves above the law have lost the privilege to serve and protect Willow Springs. That is not a bad thing. Constant evaluation and striving for higher goals is a positive.

I am disappointed in those who have lost their way; I am intolerant of those who hide behind fake screen names and blindly criticize our police, our firefighters, hard-working employees and our town for some special interest or political gain.

Our town is safe. Scaring residents into believing their town is unsafe or they are in danger is reprehensible. Scaring seniors, parents and hard-working citizens is bullying.

Willow Springs remains a community of hard-working citizens who take pride in their properties and their families. Take a few moments to enjoy this newsletter and enjoy what people in some communities can only aspire toward. Stick to the facts and rest assured. Willow Springs is a safe progressive community that has earned very high marks for its commitment to your safety and well-being.

Best Regards,



Alan





## Quiet Zone Rolls Toward Finish Line

The long wait may be finally over, as the Village has steadily gained steam for its quest for “Quiet Zone” designation. The construction of the Village’s new Metra lot, south of the railroad tracks, has elevated the safety rating score, eliminating the requirement for engineers to sound the loud train whistles. “This has been a long, arduous struggle to achieve,” said Mayor Alan Nowaczyk. The Mayor, who has served as a regional representative on the PACE Board of Trustees, has long lobbied for “quiet” along the line that travels through Willow Springs.

“It takes a lot of effort; constant advocacy and a lot of resources. But thanks to the tireless efforts of our elected officials and our staff, we are within shouting distance of qualifying for Quiet Zone designation,” Nowaczyk added. The Mayor continues to work on federal assistance for funding the necessary rewiring of signals and switches leading up to crossing gates, which is one of the largest expenses of the project. It will require the installation of new wiring a half mile in either direction of the crossings. The Village also has applied for grant funding to complete some of the remaining safety components to gain the necessary points required to qualify for Quiet Zone designation. “We’ve invested more than a quarter-million to construct a Metra lot that does not require commuters to cross the tracks. That moved our score up appreciably,” Mayor Nowaczyk said. “We are in the process of gaining funding to construct a pedestrian and bicycle bridge over the train tracks to eliminate any remaining safety concerns. It’s a challenge but it is now in our sight — and we won’t miss,” he said.



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## Village Begins Historic Rebuild Plan

Ballroom, hotel, theater, shops in store for Archer

Maybe is the time of the season, as the poets say. This year the Village celebrates its 125th Anniversary.

Maybe it's something less poetic: the Village has lobbied and negotiated for years for its share of dollars at the bargaining table. But 2017 promises to be one for the history books. The Village announced last month an ambitious plan to gain historical status for the fire ravaged Willowbrook Ballroom; the rebirth of a new ballroom with amenities for dance, theater, dining, shops, and a mid-sized hotel. "Make no mistake - we're building something great here. There's a ton of energy. This is the homerun in the bottom of the ninth that leads to a walk off win for the home team," says Mayor Alan Nowaczyk. Instead of dwelling on fond memories, the Village is seizing the moment to seal the deal on a long standing vision of what the Archer Corridor could be.

"We've gained credibility and standing amongst people who make things happen. You work for years on relationship building, show improvements and a 'second to none' attitude despite the relative size of the Village, and you get people interested in investing their hard earned dollars," Nowaczyk extols. Michael Micek, Founder of The Dance Of Life Foundation, is working diligently with the Willowbrook current owners, the village, the county, other foundations and expanding the DOLF Board of Directors and advisory board / consultants to embark on the restoration. Micek updated this week that the DOLF is "making great progress in leaps and bounds in the planning stages." It wasn't long ago, Mayor Nowaczyk recalls, when he moved here in the 1980s, that the town was a high risk area to investors.

"I moved here and the first thing people talked about was the "Corbett Days" and how "Mayor Doc Rust" used to settle court cases over a beer at the local watering hole. We've come a long way. We acknowledge our history, but today, people want to raise their families in a safe, solid environment that their friends and families envy. We've seen property values increase through the downturn in the economy. People feel lucky—actually proud— to have invested in our town. Business investors feel the same," the mayor continues. Plans for the Archer Corridor call for the rebuild of a "historic landmark," which locals and patrons from afar can attest. The aspiring goal of getting landmark status for the Willowbrook Ballroom carries with it a State designation that drives tourism and puts the Village on the map as a travel destination. That in turn leads to visitors that need a place to stay. Three hotels are vying for the opportunity to locate along Archer to locate in the Willowbrook redevelopment area.

The rebuild of the ballroom will be accomplished in three phases, explained Micek. The project starts with reconstructing the ballroom in its full dimensions, along with adding a 750-seat performing arts theater and a dance studio. Phase two adds a hotel with underground parking, and a final phase adds a series of shops along the perimeter of the expansive grounds.



Dance of Life Foundation Director Michael Micek address the crowd at the January 12 Village Board meeting. Micek and investors hope to break ground by the end of this year on the rebuild of the historic Willowbrook Ballroom.

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“The nice thing is that this expansion toward the future is based on industries and amenities that suit our family-orientated values. We are looking forward to restaurants, entertainment, and responsible corporate partners. Not too long ago Willow Springs looked west toward junk yards, salt piles and low level establishments. These days, people look more toward their properties as their nest eggs, their investment. They want to be part of a mainstream community that invites young families and a variety of buyers,” said Mayor Nowaczyk.

The alternative is something that elicits a very restrained but emphatic response from the mayor.

“Listen. I know there are other ideas out there. To me, they sell this Village short. I know junkyards from (Route) 83 to the 95th Street cutoff are being pushed by a certain special interest group in our Village--but that short-sells our town. We’ve moved on from the junkyard olden days and the nonsense that came with all that. Families have moved in. People have no desire to return to the ‘good ole days.’ People demand—and deserve better. They’ve invested a lot in moving here and buying properties. Going backwards is not in their family’s best interest,” says the mayor.

Dance of Life Foundation Director Michael Micek address the crowd at the January 12 Village Board meeting. Micek and investors hope to break ground by the end of this year on the rebuild of the historic Willowbrook Ballroom.

## Willowbrook Rebuild Timeline

Ground breaking 2017

3-4 months architectural and engineering services / site preparation

6-9 months structural building

3-6 months interior build out



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# 125th Anniversary Celebration

# PARADE

**Saturday, June 17, 2017**  
**10 a.m. line up at 8156 Archer Ave**

The Village of Willow Springs was incorporated on June 16, 1982. We are working on celebrating by bringing back some old traditions and start some new ones. We used to have an annual parade so this year we're bringing it back for our quasiquicentennial celebration. Everyone is invited to join us. To participate please call in to register (708) 467-3700 .

# 10th Annual Benefit Car Show

## Thursday, August 3, 2017



More than 400 cars and over 3,500 spectators from the Chicagoland area visit the Village Center to admire an elite collection of some of the finest classical automobiles in the Midwest. Come enjoy a variety of delicious food prepared by local vendors and shop from your favorite craft booths. Great live music all night long. The Benefit helps raise funds for local needy families and Military Veteran groups. Public admission, from 4-9:30 p.m., is free. For vendor and show car information, call (708) 467-3700.

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## Village Promotes Expansion of I&M Trail System

The Village is working with Active Transportation Alliance, the Villages of Justice, Bedford Park, and Summit towards an ultimate connection to the City of Chicago trail system. The I&M Canal Trail system is a regional destination located here in Willow Springs, and currently has limited connectivity to other trail systems. Mindful that the trail system is heavily used by the residents of Willow Springs and helps bring people to the community who can help support local businesses, the Village applied for a Complete Streets Grant to implement a program that would help enhance bike and walking facilities. The grant which covered 100% of the costs to implement such a program does more than create an ordinance, it is helping the Village create an interconnected system for people to use in the Village so they do not have to drive across town.

The grant also opens the door for additional State and Federal funding to support trail and walking paths. The Village, which hosts the Illinois State Bike Race, is becoming a destination for the avid rider and recreational user. Encased in the natural beauty of the forest preserves, our scenic trails are well known throughout the Northeast Illinois Area.

Last month, the Village hosted a meeting of mayors and representatives of four neighboring towns, along with transportation professionals, at the Village Hall. The panel discussion focused on funding and design options to make the I&M Trail extension a reality. Active Transportation is working on an eventual link of the trail system that would provide an iconic ride all the way to the City of Chicago Lakefront. Through the efforts of the mayor, trustees and staff, Willow Springs has taken steps toward becoming a model community for interconnecting all modes of transportation. Active Transportation has asked Village Staff to provide comment on State Complete Streets programs and attend events as guest speakers.





## **National Council for Home Safety Ranks Willow Springs 7th in Illinois**

### **Village Gains Yet Another Accolade for Safety.**

(March 16, 2017) Willow Springs is now the 7th Safest Community in the State, according to a recently released 2015-2016 crime statistics study. The research, released February 28, was conducted by the “National Council for Home Safety and Security,” an organization comprised of companies and individuals in the home safety and security industries. The Council’s mission is to further education and public knowledge about Home Security, Home Safety, Child Safety, and Senior Safety at Home.

“With national crime rates on the rise, we feel that it’s increasingly important for residents to feel proud of where they live and that cities like yours should be recognized,” said Council spokesperson Robin Avery. Village officials concur. “We continue to see the results of hard work, effective allocation of manpower and resources,” said Mayor Alan Nowaczyk. “Our residents, staff and elected officials continue to work together to build an environment that focuses on safety and tackles challenges head-on,” he added.

Coming on the heels of a national safety ranking that earned Willow Springs the No. 200 slot in the United States, Police Committee Chairman Mario Imbarrato said the report further validates the Village’s momentum in improving its Police Department. “I think that the Mayor and Village Board have made great strides over the past several years to improve the quality of public safety, and we continue to move forward in a positive direction,” he said.

The methodology used to identify the safest cities in Illinois included the review of the most recent FBI Uniform Crime Report statistics along with factors such as population and internal research. The study eliminated any cities that failed to submit a complete crime report to the FBI and removed cities with populations under 5,000.

The remaining cities were ranked based on the number of reported violent crimes (aggravated assault, murder, rape, and robbery) and property crimes (burglary, arson, larceny-theft, and motor vehicle theft) per 100,000 people. These variables were then weighted, with violent crimes accounting for 70% of the total (due to their severity) and property crimes accounting for 30%. Study results show rates per 1,000 people.

Sources: <https://www.alarms.org/the-safest-cities-in-illinois-2017/>

<https://lendedu.com/blog/safest-small-towns-united-states/>

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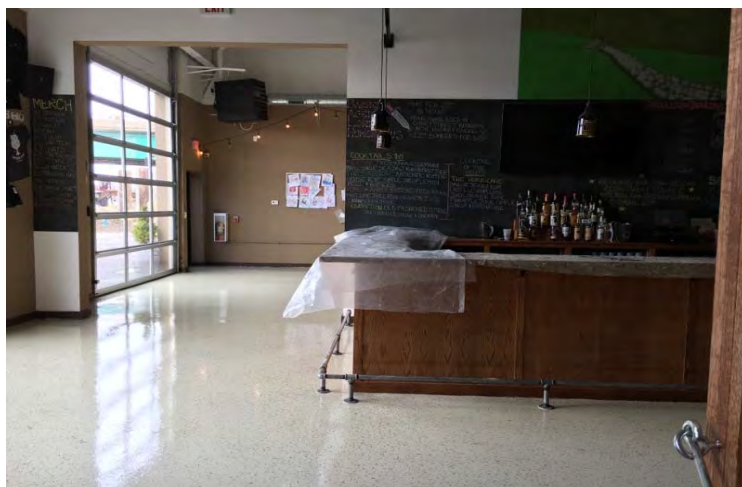
# Imperial Oak adds space, bathrooms and more to accommodate crowds

Business is picking up, as the Village Center's "Imperial Oak" can attest.

Last month the craft brewery unveiled an expansion that has increased indoor seating by 96 seats. The business now occupies 11k square feet in the former Metalock building.

"We turn 3 this year, and will be throwing a bash to celebrate on June 2nd and 3rd. As we have in the past, we'll get out the big top tent and tap lots of rare, strong, and barrel-aged beers we've reserved just for this special event. We'll also turn our storage space into a classic arcade for some added fun," says owner and brewer, Grant Hamilton.

The owners have added fermentation and barrel aging space for their sour beer program. They've dubbed the new space the "Savage Oak Room", as this is the moniker of the sour beer line that will be produced in this new space. The expansion gives the business the opportunity to book larger parties and provide overflow space on busy nights. The addition includes 3 additional big screen TVs and more restrooms.



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# **Village Stays Ahead of the Game**

## **in Meeting New Sewer Requirements**

The Village learned this week that it is 100 percent in compliance with new stricter Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) standards due to the amount of recent work and investment in its sewer infrastructure. The MWRD reported that only 55 of the 114 communities in the County are in compliance at this time. The Village of Willow Springs being in the minority of communities in compliance. “The new standards require stricter reporting, monitoring, and maintenance requirements. When this became required we immediately implemented a short-term program to identify the conditions of our sewer, aggressively repaired manholes in a dozen locations last year that were deficient, and put together a program with an eye towards long term success that will ensure the Village is in compliance,” explained Village Engineer Matt Buerger. “By being in compliance, it will provide a plan to making sure our sanitary sewers are fully operational and opens opportunities for us to receive funding to address sanitary sewer and stormwater drainage needs.” Buerger cautioned this is not a catchall for addressing stormwater problems some homeowners have created for themselves. It is not an opportunity for a “bail out” or “hand out” to address sewer and drainage needs. “Residents still have to use some common sense in dealing with flooding related issues and maintaining their sanitary service lines,” he said. Those include not directing flows toward their homes, fixing grading problems on their own properties, illegal connections to sanitary sewer, etc. The Village maintains Village areas and MWRD helps with regional and local problems that impact significant number of properties, whether for storm or sanitary sewage.

Willow Springs earned the distinction of being among the very first project that MWRD took on under its Watershed Management Plan, when it invested more \$1 million to address severe land erosion between properties on Poston and the former Tec Air, which is a tributary to the Cal-Sag. The Village successfully worked together with MWRD officials to implement the project with no local taxpayer dollars being expended. That process is no fluke. The MWRD has been a friend to the Village in this and more projects, including the 2014-2015 restoration of the long-flooded neighborhood and alley between Spring and Hill Streets. Through the Local Project Program, the MWRD helped the Village fund the majority of the sewer improvements in this area and address safety concerns near Willow Springs Elementary School. “It’s a long process with many stakeholders involved to handle flooding problems. For years you work to develop repairs, to build relationships, and in the end, it pays off for the Village,” said Mayor Alan Nowaczyk. With the Village encompassing three bodies of water - the Des Plaines River, The Sanitary and Ship Canal and the Cal-Sag Channel, addressing stormwater and sanitary sewer needs is vital to the health of our adjacent waterways. Village learned this month that steps taken over the past several years have paid off. Trustee Jerry Strazzante, roads and sewers committee chair, sees that as a positive.

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“There are towns that will be spending huge sums of money to comply. We saw this several years back and went to work on addressing flooding and sewer concerns”, he said. There are still several areas that need further improvements—as its name implies, Willow Springs is built largely on areas of natural springs—but the Village has taken steps to address flood issues with the assistance of MWRD. Our sewers are at the level they need to be to maintain the health of our neighboring waterways. “We were the 1st—that’s worth stating twice—the 1st in the region to gain funding for a flood mitigation project with the work that was done behind Poston. The MWRD put more than \$1 million into fixing “Cal-Sag Tribe D” that was eroding properties. And at no cost to the Village. That’s quite a feat,” Trustee Strazzante said.

The Village will continue to address legitimate concerns, such as the run-off from the Flagg Creek near 91st Street. We are still working to gain assistance for that project. It’s not as fast as we’d like, but we are in competition with more than a 100 towns in the MWRD system. Engineer Matt Buerger noted that neither the Village, nor the District, can address private flooding problems created by a homeowner’s construction or design. Homes not in the flood plain that flood due to design or lack of maintenance by homeowners, are not able to be funded. “If you are not in the floodplain and your property floods, you are going to have to take care of those areas yourself,” the Village Engineer explained. The Village has tried unsuccessfully to get these included in the MWRD program and looked into other funding mechanisms, he added, but funding is focused on regional or floodplain concerns only.

“Tax dollars come from your neighbors. It hardly seems fair to expect your neighbors to fix problems on your property,” he explained. With that said, the Village continues its collaboration with the MWRD and other entities to work on behalf of its residents to get as much funding as possible to continue to address neighborhood flood and sewer concerns.



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## Village Works with CCFPD and Other Agencies on Vision for Improving Amenities

Uniquely situated with a natural border of forested land, Willow Springs has long been identified as one of the Chicago area's most scenic suburbs. There are three bodies of water right in the center of the Village and there are various built-in series of bicycle-pedestrian and nature paths. Additionally, Willow Springs has access to the Cook County Forest Preserves, the most visited district of the CCFPD's system, and the forested lands may soon get a makeover.

"We are looking to work with the CCFPD to find ways to enhance the system for community members," said Mayor Alan Nowaczyk. "It is their system but the area is shared by all. The Village hopes to learn what makes sense in short-and long-range capital upgrades." Residents, especially bicyclists, walkers and joggers, have asked about adding various improvements, including adding fresh water along the trails, adding signage and markers and creating improved access to the blank miles of the I&M and Centennial Trails. The Village hopes to be able to assist by partnering with additional agencies and funding arteries. "Recreation is important on many levels: it promotes healthy habits and lifestyles and it can provide relaxation and stress relief," said Mayor Alan Nowaczyk. "It attracts tourists and visitors, and it can be a source of economic development for businesses near the Trail System. Our local Imperial Oak Brewing is a perfect example of how a business plan based within the Trail System can thrive," said Mayor Nowaczyk.

## Village Receives Phase I Funding for "Green Corridor"

The Village will receive \$308,000 to begin preliminary planning for its "Green Corridor," a mixed industrial-recreational development area stretching out west to Route 83. The Village will utilize federal Surface Transportation Program funds through the Southwest Conference of Mayors. The allocation represents 80 percent of the total of \$385,000 needed to get the project off the ground. The Village is in the process of a grant application to fund the 20 percent balance.

The Green Corridor is a proposed development with a new 1.5 mile road that would service the area between the Sanitary and Ship Canal on the north, Archer Avenue- Route 171 on the south, Willow Springs Road on the east, and Kingery Highway-Route 83 on the west. The area currently has one makeshift private entrance at the north by De Tonty Woods that is a shared access through a Forest Preserve parking.

The Village proposes constructing a new collector road from De Tonty Woods entrance to a proposed west access road, east of Kingery Highway. The new collector road will service the existing business and provide opportunity for new intermodal industrial developments that are being proposed to the Village. The collector road would not only service these facilities but also the existing bike trail and recreational facilities in the area. With the submittal of this application, the Village intends to move forward with the development and begin Phase I of the project.

### CAL SAG GREEN CORRIDOR





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## Village Fights UPS Truck Parking Expansion

In a classic “David vs. Goliath,” the Village finds itself embroiled in a fight to defend residents’ peace of mind versus the ever-expanding plans of Hodgkins’s United Parcel Service. The Village’s efforts to stop the unfettered expansion of UPS trucking operations were on display in a two-day trial last month when the Village confronted the shipping giant in court. The Village’s case centered on the negative impact expanded trucking operations would have on its zoning and future development of nearby properties. UPS presented testimony from Tesla and Associates that stated that the 50 acres would be best developed as parking.

UPS seeks to deannex the 50-acre buffer along Willow Springs Road between 75th and 79th Streets and merge the property into its operations at its massive plant in Hodgkins. For 20 years, that tract has served as a buffer for the noise and clutter caused by the development of the largest shipping distribution center on the planet. Illinois law limits annexation agreements to 20 years. After that period, the property owner may petition to deannex and join another town.

“UPS has charted its course with little regard for Willow Springs. We’ve met and tried to get some details from them. But if you want to believe them, they’ll tell you they operate with no particular plan in mind for that site,” said Mayor Alan Nowaczyk.

The Village believes otherwise, pointing to previous plans presented by UPS officials to build semi-trailor and container parking lots on acreage next to the Public Works yard at 83rd and Willow Springs Road. The City of Countryside and Village of Burr Ridge last year joined Willow Springs in a joint resolution opposing increased truck traffic and parking by UPS, as well as the noise and air pollution that accompanies it.

“Unfortunately, Hodgkins also has ignored us and has turned its back on Willow Springs and our neighbors. We tried, to no avail, to be heard. They’ve turned a deaf ear and seem only too willing to let UPS expand. It’s a bad situation,” Nowaczyk said.

“There’s no doubt UPS has millions to spend and will spare no expense to get whatever it is they want. But it’s wrong; very wrong and disrespectful of its neighbors. Whatever the outcome, we will fight this bullying and do our best to represent our residents in court,” vowed the Mayor.



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## Village to Host Riders from Across IL on July 16

The Illinois State Road Race Championship series on July 16 marks the third consecutive year of hosting for Willow Springs. This event attracts riders from across the State for a daylong series of pro and amateur events. Two years ago, the State enacted a two-year host award limit for competing cities. The Village plans to host similar competitive race events in coming years, until eligible to regain the successful series. The Village first hosted the State Bike Race in 2009 on a one year engagement. The Village spent the next five years hosting a series of international bike racing events, which attracted riders from as many as 13 countries.

“We take advantage of any time we can showcase our town,” said Mayor Alan Nowaczyk. “Its natural beauty is unmatched and paired with its friendly welcoming appeal, it’s a win-win.” This year’s course is designed to follow the nine-mile loop utilized in 2009. Professional racers compete for a circuit of about 60 miles. Other races vary in length. Previous courses have taken riders down Archer Avenue, through the woods and back onto a course that three years ago finished with an eight-lap circuit in the Village Center. “That was something to see,” said Nowaczyk, noting how the roadway speed ramps were tested extensively by riders prior to them hitting the course at speeds of approximately 40 mph.

This year, the race organizers, Prairie State Cycling Series, and the Village are negotiating a family oriented “fun ride” to attract bicyclists and their families to the area. The plan would be to create a festival in the Village Center where spectators and participants could park and enjoy a mix of music and a variety of food and beverages from local vendors.

“This summer we’d love to have all the local vendors participate and create an atmosphere for young and old alike,” said Nowaczyk. Other possible plans include an “Ultimate Frisbee” tournament in the Village Center, a live music stage and even a Kids Bike Challenge where participants would be eligible for drawings with prizes including brand new bikes. “It’s our final year with the State event. People come here from across the State and we want to make sure they enjoy their visit to Willow Springs. It’s going to be a great event,” said Nowaczyk.

Details of the State Bike Race series will be forthcoming. To learn more, visit the Village website at [www.willowsprings-il.gov](http://www.willowsprings-il.gov) or go to <http://www.intelligentsiacup.com/>





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## **Building on Village Easements Prohibited**

Residents are prohibited from building on easements. Anything built on easement area is at your own risk and the Village is not responsible for damage. Easements are the legal designations that allow individuals or entities, such as the Village, to use portions of your property. Residents are responsible for maintaining their own easements.

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Mixing yard waste with branches will break down village equipment. Public Works will not pick up branches if they are mixed with yard waste.

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 for \$2.80 each. Please store larger branches inside your yard so they may be chipped in the spring.

## **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 – **County Line Rd., German Church Rd., Nolton Ave., Wolf Rd., Willow Springs Rd., 87<sup>th</sup> St.**  
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*The Willow Springs Events Committee's*

## Children's Easter **EGG** Hunt

When: Saturday, April 8

Check-In: 10 a.m.

Where: Lions Park (201 Park St.)

Ages: Baby – 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Register By: 3/31 call 708-467-3700

*Remember to bring a basket!*



## **Clean Willow Day Scavenger Hunt**



Do you think you can find a soda can? A fast food wrapper? How about something bigger than your hand? Join your friends in a "Clean Willow Day" competition to celebrate Earth Day. Gloves, bags, and vests provided.

Prizes given to winners of the scavenger hunt!

Everyone gets lunch and a community service certificate.



When: Saturday, April 22

Check-In: 10 a.m.

Where: Public Works (8261 Willow Springs Rd.)

Ages: Children & adults of all ages!

Register By: 4/18 call (708) 467-3700



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# Children's Christmas Party



The 2016 Christmas Party on Saturday, December 3rd was made possible by generous donations from: Angel Eyes, Automasters Tire & Service Center, Beary Landscaping, Bonnie's Country Cafe, Fred Bluder & Son Tree Service, Gemcom, Groot, Hancock Engineering, The Illinois Billiard Club, JK Business, Kay's Food & Liquor, Keslin Engineering, Laborer's Local 225, Martin Ptasinski Law Offices, My Way Café, Odelson & Sterk Attorney at Law, Rowell Chemical, Ruiz Lawn Maintenance, Sandi Auto & Truck Repair, Van Allen Recycling, West Suburban Water Commission, Willow Springs Friendly Tap, Willow Springs Lions Club, Willow Springs Senior Club, and Zarzycki Manor Chapels.

A special thank you to the Willow Springs Lioness Club for volunteering and baking delicious desserts for all to enjoy and to Joe Sitko from Southside Limo and Carriage for providing carriage rides for the kids at the Village Circle!

Most of all, a huge thank you to Jen's Guesthouse for opening their doors for the party!

## Tree Lighting Celebration



Children and adults gather in the Village Center for the annual tree lighting celebration in the Village



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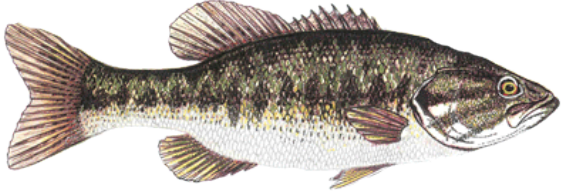
# Children's Fishing Derby

Fishing poles and bait will be provided  
**Must bring a bucket**  
Lunch and drink provided  
Call (708) 467-3700 to register



Saturday, June 3 at 10a.m.

Healing Waters Pond at the corner  
of Willow West Dr. & 85<sup>th</sup> Street



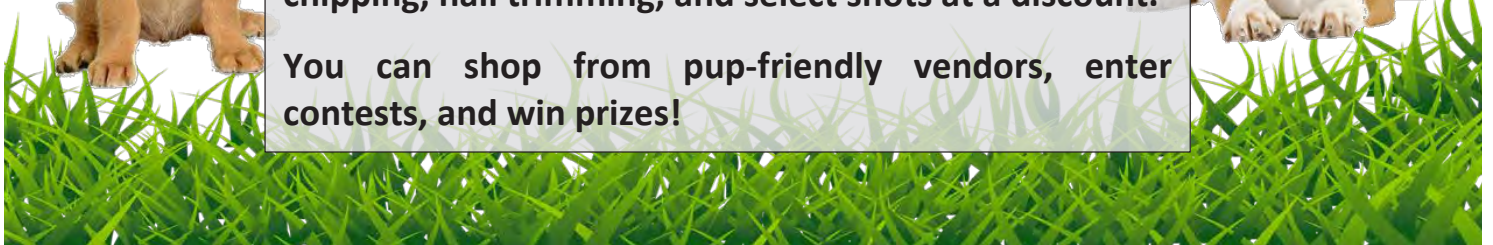
**Saturday, June 3  
Noon – 3 p.m.  
Lions Park (201 Park St.)**



Join fellow animal lovers and their furry friends at the  
Annual Opening Day of "Central Bark."

Animal Welfare Society will be at the event to offer  
services such as dog and cat adoptions, micro-  
chipping, nail trimming, and select shots at a discount.

You can shop from pup-friendly vendors, enter  
contests, and win prizes!





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# Senior News



Bruce Haugen was the recipient of the Congressman Dan Lipinski's Senior Citizen Award Held Dec. 12, 2016. Pictured from left to right: Bruce Haugen and Congressman Dan Lipinski.

# Historical Society News

Happy New Year! We are ready to start collecting new artifacts and written information on the village's history. We have been receiving many requests for information of the past. We would like to ask anyone with information to please contact us at any time.

Does anyone remember the picnic grove on German Church Road called Willow West owned by the Butchas family? It burned in the 60's and the 75<sup>th</sup> Diamond Jubilee Rodeo was held there in 1967. Family members are asking for any information or pictures. Please call any of our members: Sue 839-0605; Alice 839-9611; Irene 839-8227; Jean 458-9672.

Club meets every third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. The museum is open on the first Saturday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Visit us at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/WillowSpringsHistoricalSociety/>

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# Village says Goodbye to Sma's Hot Dog Stand



Built in the 1950s and a part of Willow Springs history, Sma's Hot Dog Stand was demolished in January. The Village had been working to acquire the property ever since it went into foreclosure and back taxes shied away potential buyers. Plans are to return the site to a similar, but permanent year-round eating establishment, this year.





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# The Willow Springs Lions Community Dinner

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**Sunday • April 30 • 2017**

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The Willow Springs Lions will be serving-up  
"the other white meat" a boneless Pork Chop on a Bun,  
Baked Beans and Coleslaw Dinner.

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#### Office Hours:

Monday through Friday:

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\*Every 2nd and 4th Thursday:

11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Village Committee/Board Meetings:

2nd and 4th Thursday of each month,

at 7 p.m.

## ECRWSS Willow Springs Occupant Willow Springs, IL 60480

### Village of Willow Springs 2017 Calendar of Events

Date		Event		Details
Feb	11	Saturday	Sweetheart Pancake Breakfast	8156 Archer Ave., 8 a.m. - Noon
April	8	Saturday	Easter Egg Hunt	Lions Park, 201 Park St., 10 a.m.
April	22	Saturday	Clean Willow Day	Public Works Bldg., 8261 Willow Springs Rd., 10 a.m. - Noon
April	30	Sunday	Lions Club Pork-Chop Dinner	Senior/Cummunity Center 8156 Archer Ave., Noon-5p.m.
May	1	Monday	Branch Pick Up Begins	Southside: 1st/3rd Mondays - Northside: 2nd/4th Mondays
May	13	Saturday	Post Office Mail Box Food Drive	Place non-perishables by your mailbox by 7 a.m.
May	TBA	Saturday	Coffee with the Mayor	Village Hall, 1 Village Circle, 10 a.m. - Noon
May	29	Monday	Memorial Day Ceremony	11 a.m. - Archer Ave and Willow Springs Road
June	3	Saturday	Children's Fishing Derby	Healing Waters Pond, Willow West Dr. & 85th St., 10 a.m.
June	3	Saturday	"Central Bark" Dog Park Opening Day	Central Bark Dog Park, 152 Park St., Noon - 3 p.m.
June	17	Saturday	125th Anniversary Parade	10 a.m. line up at 8156 Archer Ave to Village Center
June	22 - 25	Thurs - Sun	Village-Wide Yard Sales	Throughout the Village, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
June	30	Friday	AVOID FINES. VEHICLE STICKERS DUE TODAY.	Purchase at Village Hall 9 am - 5pm
July	3	Monday	Fire Works Display	Pleasantdale Park District, 7425 S. Wolf Rd., Dusk
July	16	Sunday	Illinois State Bike Race Series	Archer, 7 a.m. until 7 p.m., Start and Finish near 7-11
Aug.	3	Thursday	10th Annual Benefit Car Show	Village Center, 1 Village Circle, 4 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Sept.	7	Thursday	September 11 Remembrance Candlelight Vigil	Village Hall, 1 Village Circle, 6:30 - 7 p.m.
Sept.	9 & 10	Sat. & Sun.	A River Thru History	Free Shuttle to Rendezvous grounds
Sept.	25	Monday	Last Day for Branch Pick Up	Place branches on easement by 7 a.m.
Oct.	2	Monday	Leaf Pick Up Begins	Place leaves on easement by 7 a.m.
Oct.	7	Saturday	Wicked Willow Night	Lions Park, 201 Park St., 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Nov.	3	Friday	Lions Club Las Vegas Night	Royalty West, 8675 Archer Ave., 7 p.m. - Midnight
Dec.	2	Saturday	Children's Christmas Party Candy Cane Parade with Tri-State & Santa Tree Lighting Celebration	All day Christmas events start at Noon Decorate your car and join in Village Center, 1 Village Circle, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.