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of Willow Springs
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Summer 2016

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EXCLUSIVE V.I.P. SHOWING

June 20, 21, 22, 23 | 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.



The Village of Willow Springs, Mayor Alan Nowaczyk & Score Sports Center invite Willow Springs residents to a private showing of the all-new Score Sports Center. Act now, as this event is limited to the first 400 respondents.

PLUS

All attendees will receive a V.I.P. 30-Day Membership to SSC

Willow Springs residents who join in June get their summer free!

Enjoy wine and appetizers catered by Capri Ristorante while you enjoy a private showing of this one-of-a kind sports & fitness center.



Capri Sport now open adjacent to Score Sports Center

Reformer Pilates | Ballet Barre | Aerial Yoga | Virtual Cycle
Aqua Cycle | Outdoor Turf | Virtual Golf Training Center

Score Sports Center, formerly known as the Chalet, is completely renovated to bring you a unique, multi-million dollar, high-end sports and fitness center unlike any other in the Chicagoland area!



➤➤➤ June 20, 21, 22 or 23 | 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. <<<<<
8300 Wolf Road, Willow Springs

Reminder: This event is limited to the first 400 residents.

To RSVP, contact Jim Martin, Membership Director, by June 18 at
jim@scoresportscenter.com
21+ Only, Please

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Clerk's Office

Metra Parking Extended

The Village has extended daily and monthly Metra parking to include areas of the Village Hall lot (East of the Village Hall). This will ensure sufficient parking for all Metra riders. Directional signs are posted in all lots. Parking maps are also available at <http://www.willowsprings-il.gov/metra-information/>.

Reminder: daily payment to PassportParking must be submitted by 11:00 a.m. to avoid police fines.

Utility Billing Payments via Telephone

The Village is no longer accepting credit card payments over the phone for utility bills. This is for your privacy and security. Other payment options include: in person with cash, check, or card, mail-in return stub with a check, utilize your bank's online banking, or sign-up for direct debit. Call (708) 467-3700 for more information.

Senior Citizen Discounts

Residents 65 years or older receive one free vehicle sticker per household and a discount on the refuse portion of their sewer/garbage bill. To receive these discounts, visit the Village Clerk's Office with a valid ID.

Vehicle Stickers Due June 30

The last day to purchase vehicle stickers at the sale price is June 30. On July 1, fees double. Don't get stuck with late fees - get your sticker today. Stickers are no longer available by mail.

Office Closed for Benefit Car Show

Village Hall will be closed Thursday, August 4 for the Benefit Car Show and will re-open at Noon on Friday.

Congratulations Class of 2016

Mayor Nowaczyk, the Board of Trustees, and the Village Staff congratulate our 8th Grade Graduates! Have a fabulous summer and may your successes carry on to high school. Your families and the Village are very proud of you.

Aaliyah	Williams	Jannetta	Shvetsova-Saban	Nicolas	Mahler
Alec	Jabr	John	Mulvenna	Oscar Eduardo	Robles
Alec	Jenkins	Jolie	Milbratz	Paige	Arturi
Alex	Aluzas	Jose	Trujillo	Patrick	Leach
Alexa	Catezone	Joseph	Wilbanks	Rinkal	Patel
Andrew	OConnell	Jovan	Borojevic	Ryan James	Wenk
Angel	Navarro	Kamila	Marszalik	Sadie Andelyn	Soria
Austin	Mikuta	Kellie	Courtney	Sierra	Nelson
Benjamin	Cassioppi	Kenneth	Carlson	Sophie	Grabis
Cara	Merkle	Kevin	Barker	Steven	Van Der Stuyf
Carl James	Ritacco	Kristina	Kesic	Taylor	Lebron
Caroline	Calvano	Kylie	Orrick	Teagan	OFlaherty
Christian	Smoley	Leonarda	Lopez-Gomez	Tianna	Washington
Christopher	Hnilo	Lilliana	LaPorte	Viktorija	Buntinas
Cierra	Young	Logan	Costello-Southfield	Westin	Rogge
Crystal	Rivera	Luciana	Ligammari	Zachary	Lisowski
Daniel	Vie	Luke	Becker	Zachary	Veroeven
Diego	Montano	Madeline	Smith	Zakhyyah	Walker
Donavin	Wojtkiewicz	Makyle	Dalton		
Elise	Vorpahl	Matthew	Urban		
Elizabeth	Gremer	Matthew	Senerchia		
Elliot Jack	VanWagner	Matthew	Privara		
Estevan	Aurzada	Maxwell	Rockrohr		
George	Yiannopoulos	McKayla	Richardson		
Giovani	Collazo	Mia	Smith		
Isabel	Carlson	Michael	Ibrahim		
Jack	Kozielec	Michal	Marciniak		
Jacob	Welter	Mitchell	Gilman		
Jael	Saenz	Monica	Busza		
Jaiden	Mulloy	Muhammad	Ghrayyib		
Janiah	Myers	Myles	Xheka		



Take to the Streets for a “*Mid-Week Pop-Up Party*” in the Village Center

June 8 & 9 3 pm — 7 pm

Watch as Willow Blvd. and the Roundabout get an Exciting Makeover Right Before Your Eyes. Lend A Hand or an Idea to Improve Your Village Center — Archer & Willow Springs Rd.



- Live Music
- Fresh Grilled Food
- Horse-drawn Hayrides
- Outdoor Wine Tasting
- Tri-State Fire Protection District
- Bicycle Safety Check-ups for the Kids
- Massage & Yoga
- “Tropical Sno”
- Face Painting
- Fun for the whole family!

For more information call (708) 467-3700



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This two-day exercise is part of a public grant to assist the Village in its “Complete Streets” initiative. Come out and be a part of Mayor Nowaczyk and the Village Board’s “Complete Streets” Program. Take part in history as the Village moves toward the goal of creating a network of bike and pedestrian friendly streets, trails and walkways, along with improved transit.

Join the professionals from the Active Transportation Alliance and the Partnerships in Community Health for two days of LEARNING and FUN.

Building Department

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.

Building Permits

Building permits are required for any construction, installations, or remodeling of homes and businesses indoor or outdoor, large or small. Call (708) 467-3700 before you start any construction. We are more than happy to assist you through the process and answer any questions you have.

All building work requires a contractor to submit insurance. This protects YOU and other homeowners.



- ✓ **Insurance**
- ✓ **Registration**
- ✓ **License**

Call J.U.L.I.E Before you Dig

Before you do any type of digging, call to have underground utilities marked. Call 1-800-892-0123.

Public Works

Branch Chipping – Alternating Mondays until September

The last day for branch pick-up is September 19 (South Side) & September 26 (North Side). Branches need to be at the Easement by 7 AM on YOUR Monday. AFTER SEPTEMBER: All remaining branches MUST BE DISPOSED OF via YARD WASTE STICKERS available at Village Hall. OPTIONALLY: You may store larger branches in your yard for PICKUP NEXT SPRING.

Fall Leaf Collection Begins in October on Alternating Mondays

Beginning October 3: South Side – 1st & 3rd Monday / North Side – 2nd & 4th Monday

Pile leaves on your easement by 7 a.m. on Monday. DO NOT pile leaves in the street. It is a potential safety hazard for vehicles and pedestrians. DO NOT pile leaves on any of the storm sewer inlets. This causes blockage, backup, and flooding.

Mixing It Up Damages Machinery

Yard waste, leaves, and branches CANNOT be mixed. This damages Village equipment and you may be liable. Each material requires specific equipment for pick-up. Mixed piles WILL NOT be picked up by Public Works.

Got Diapers? Please Dispose of Properly

Flushing diapers down toilets back up sewers on your block and in your neighbors' homes. Do not flush diapers down the toilet. Be responsible and educate yourself and your neighbors.

5th Grade Egg Drop

Public Works Dept. and the West Suburban Water Commission teamed up for the "5th Grade Egg Drop" at Willow Springs School on May 16. Students created many unique and imaginative designs to safely protect their eggs from a fall. To test the designs, Public Works dropped students' carefully-packaged eggs from the top of their bucket truck. Many students' eggs survived, but some did not! Nonetheless, there were many creative constructions and students learned a lot. Congrats to all!



Village continues initiative to develop recreation, industry along “Green Corridor”

The Village continues to work to plan development proposed for its “Cal-Sag Green Corridor,” a 100-plus acre tract along the Cal-Sag Channel reaching out to its western borders past Route 83.

The Village annexed this tract in 2011 with the vision of providing a planned mix of improved recreational facilities and industrial development. This initiative has involved extensive planning and negotiations with multiple governmental and private stakeholders.

The immediate effect of the annexation allowed the Village to take adds part of a marina west of Route 83, along with a cement product industry. The Village already had a stable industrial tenant, Rowell Chemical, located within its original borders. Rowell’s parent company, Gardner Asphalt, is located just east of the Rowell plant.

“The area that reaches out to Route 83 holds great promise for the Village and other stakeholders alike,” said Mayor Alan Nowaczyk.

The 2-mile tract holds the challenge of being fairly shallow in depth, its access to barge, rail and trucking provide a unique development opportunity.

Bringing additional light industry along the Cal-Sag is a key component of the Village’s goal of reducing the property tax burden on local families, the mayor said. Adding additional development carries with it the responsibility to properly plan to ensure compatibility with existing recreational uses, he added.

The Village hopes to enhance recreational value to its “Green Corridor” by adding the availability of water, parking and easier access to the bicycle and pedestrian trail system. Those goals involve coordination with stakeholders including the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD), the Cook County Forest Preserve (CCFPD) and the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), among others.

For a better look at the vision of the Green Corridor, please <http://www.willowsprings-il.gov/uli-studies-cargo-oriented-development-in-willow-springs/>

*IDOT’s roadwork on Archer Avenue is scheduled to be completed by the end of summer. Design changes have slowed progress on the state project and will include lane closures similar to those which occurred during the Willow Springs Road Bridge reconstruction last year. The Village continues to encourage IDOT to expedite the completion of the project, add signage and address safety concerns created by last summer’s addition of another southbound WS Road lane and the subtraction of a northbound lane.

*The newly constructed Village Center commuter nears final completion with landscaping and cross walks still to be added. The Village continues to await permit approval from the Canadian National railway which dictates work schedules along its lines. The Village applied for the permit approval last year and still has not been given access from CN to complete the project.

*After a three year process, the Village has finally received court approval to demolish the former Sma’s hot dog stand at 8744 Archer. The business closed and the property has been in legal proceedings thereafter. The Village is proceeding with demolition plans for that site and another single-family structure at 8924 Archer.

Police Department

Summer Safety Tips for Homeowners, Drivers, and Parents

- o Keep doors in your home closed and locked including your garage doors. An open door is an invitation.
- Alert police to any unusual activity, including suspicious vehicles in your neighborhood.
- During a vacation, have your mail and newspapers stopped or have a neighbor pick them up. Leave inside lights on timers to create the impression that your house is occupied.
- Be particularly alert to anyone in your neighborhood looking to perform home repair and asking to gain entry into your home. Ask to see identification and let them know you are going to call and get verification from their company before allowing them inside. If they are legitimate, they won't mind the wait.
- Do not leave valuables or cash in your car. If you must leave items in the car, lock them in the trunk.
- Provide a list of phone numbers of neighbors, family, and friends that your child can call in an emergency.
- Make sure your child knows how to dial 911 and when it is appropriate to do so.
- Know the route your child will take to and from a given location.
- Make sure your child knows to never give out personal information on the Internet.
- Teach your child that there is safety in numbers and that it is best to be with a group of friends.
- Provide a bike helmet and require your child to wear it as well as brightly colored or reflective clothing.

No Overnight Street Parking

Overnight parking on Village Streets between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. is prohibited. Should you find it temporarily necessary to utilize the street for overnight parking such as repair of your driveway or out-of-town guests, please notify the Police Department 708-839-2732.

Solicitors

Residents are reminded to be on alert for solicitors. Any person who goes door-to-door selling or requesting product, services, or information is soliciting and is required to register with the Police Department and Village Hall. The approval process requires them to get fingerprinted and a background check is conducted. This is for YOUR safety.

If a solicitor comes to your door, do not open your door. Through the door, ask for his or her soliciting permit from the Village. If he or she is unable to produce the official paperwork, state that you are not interested, lock your door, walk away and call the police (708) 839-2732.

*Congratulations to the
2016 D.A.R.E graduates!*



Fire Department Electronic Recycling

Recycle electronics at the Fire Station, 8259 Willow Springs Rd. This program is for Willow Springs residents only. Proof of residency is required upon drop-off. Call the station (708) 839-5665 before drop-off.

ACCEPTED ITEMS:

Televisions	DVD Players
CRT Monitors	Microwaves
LCD Monitors	Stereos
Computers	Speakers
Laptops	Miscellaneous Cables
Printers	Computer Parts
Fax Machines	Telephones
Copiers	Cell Phones
VCR's	Game Consoles
Keyboards & Mice	Handheld devices

NOT ACCEPTED:

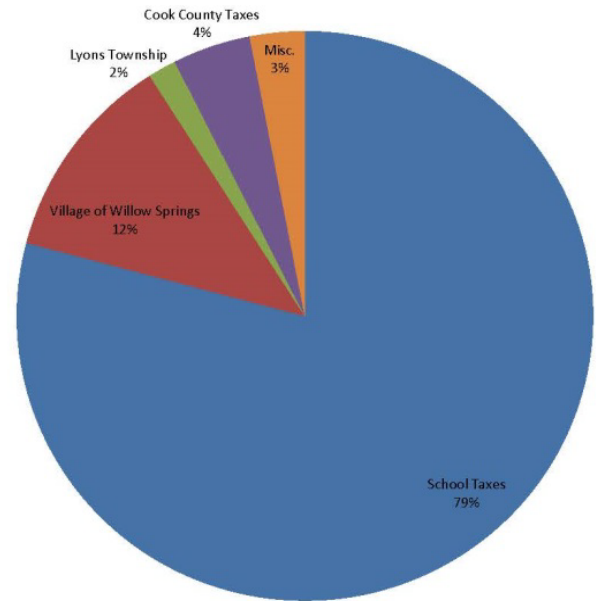
Typewriters	Refrigerators
Terminals	Stoves
Toaster Ovens	Dishwashers
Hair Dryers	Dryers
Curling Irons	Electronic Tools
Cash Registers	Washing machines
UPS Batteries	

Your Tax Dollars at work...where does it all go?

2014 Property Tax Bill - Willow Springs, IL South

School Taxes	\$ 3,772.72
Village of Willow Springs	\$ 563.42
Lyons Township	\$ 75.62
Cook County Taxes	\$ 208.56
Misc.	\$ 146.01
	<u>\$ 4,766.33</u>

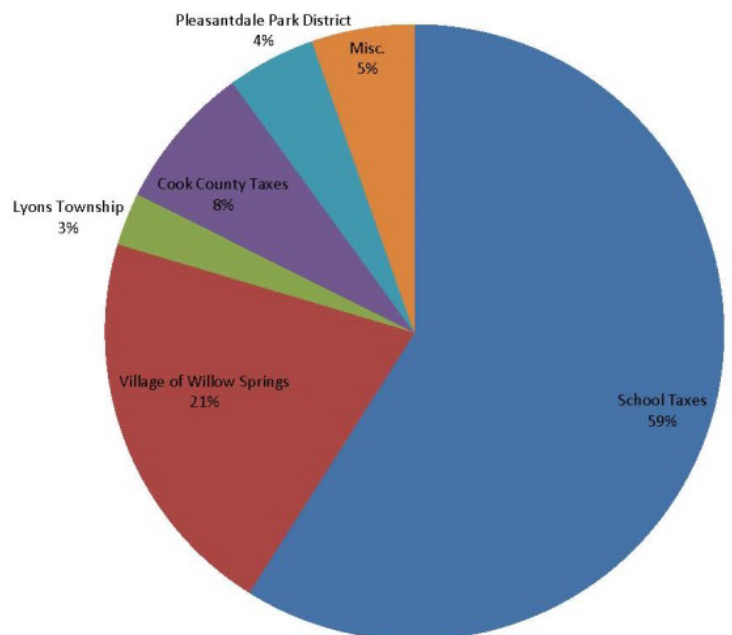
2014 Property Tax Bill Willow Springs, IL South



2014 Property Tax Bill - Willow Springs, IL North

School Taxes	\$ 3,368.10
Village of Willow Springs	\$ 1,178.87
Lyons Township	\$ 158.23
Cook County Taxes	\$ 436.33
Pleasantdale Park District	\$ 263.72
Misc.	\$ 305.51
	<u>\$ 5,710.76</u>

2014 Property Tax Bill Willow Springs, IL North



The 9th Annual Willow Springs Benefit Car Show



One Night Only
Thursday, August 4, 2016

*Archer & Willow Springs Rd.
Willow Springs, IL
Show Time 4 - 9:30 pm*

**Proceeds to Benefit Willow Springs
Veterans & Family Relief Fund**

400+ Show Cars

Grand Raffle! Win a laptop, iPad, or \$150 cash
Fun for the whole family!

**Grilled pork chops, brats, hot dogs,
Pizza, BBQ, ice cream, "Tropical Sno"
Beer tent by "The Irish Legend Girls"
Free General Admission to the public**



**Live music by
"The New Invaders"**



Goodie Bags for the First 350 Show Cars
Cool Dash Plaques, Awesome Door Prizes
15 - \$100 Cash-Prize Giveaways to Participants
'Best of Show' Trophy
Pre-register Now for Preferred Parking
Participant donation \$20
Show Car pull-in: Noon to 7 pm

For Info: Call (708) 467-3700 -



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Calendar of 2016 Events

June	18	Saturday	Children's Fishing Derby	Healing Waters Pond, Willow West Dr. & 85th St., 10 a.m.
June	18	Saturday	"Central Bark" Dog Park Opening Day	Central Bark Dog Park, 152 Park St., Noon - 3 p.m.
June	23 - 26	Thurs - Sun	Village-Wide Yard Sales	Throughout the Village, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
June	30	Thursday	AVOID FINES. VEHICLE STICKERS DUE TODAY.	Purchase at Village Hall 9 am - 5pm
July	3	Sunday	Fire Works Display	Pleasantdale Park District, 7425 S. Wolf Rd., Dusk
Aug.	4	Thursday	9th Annual Benefit Car Show	Village Center, 1 Village Circle, 2 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Sept.	8	Thursday	September 11 Remembrance Candlelight Vigil	Village Hall, 1 Village Circle, 6:30 - 7 p.m.
Sept.	10 & 11	Sat. & Sun.	A River Thru History	Free Shuttle to Rendezvous grounds
Sept.	26	Monday	Last Day for Branch Pick Up	
Oct.	3	Monday	Leaf Pick Up Begins	
Oct.	1	Saturday	Wicked Willow Night	Lions Park, 201 Park St., 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Oct.	6	Thursday	Lioness Club Inaugural Holiday Faire	Willowbrook Ballroom, 8900 Archer Ave., 3 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Nov.	4	Friday	Lions Club Las Vegas Night	Royalty West, 8675 Archer Ave., 7 p.m. - Midnight
Dec.	3	Saturday	Santa & Tri-State Candy Cane Run	On your street, listen for sirens, 8 a.m. - Noon
			Children's Christmas Party	Willowbrook Ballroom, 8900 Archer Ave., Noon - 3 p.m.
			Tree Lighting Celebration	Village Center, 1 Village Circle, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Village to Celebrate 125 Years in 2017

What do you give to someone who's turning 125 years old? We're not sure either!

Willow Springs hits another milestone in 2017 and we're planning a BIG PARTY. Call Adena at the Clerk's Office and let her know your best ideas for what would make a fitting celebration. We need artifacts, regular old facts and favorite memories to make this a great event. Look for more info in the Newsletter, at www.facebook.com/Villageofwillowspringsil/ and the web at www.willowsprings-il.gov. Email us at info@willowsprings-il.gov with the subject line "125 Candles" or call: (708)467-3700.

Did you know:

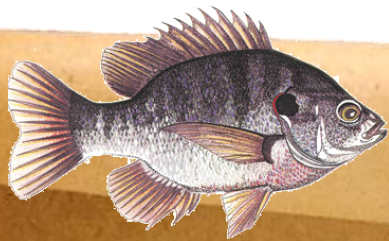
On June 18, 1842, the area of Willow Springs was first settled on when George Beebe, a contractor working on the Illinois & Michigan Canal, bought an 80-acre parcel near what is now Archer Ave., just east of Willow Springs Rd.

In 1873, Mt. Forest was founded as an exclusive community for Chicago's richest residents when Col. Henry Dietrich and a Chicago businessman bought 300 acres on a hill just north of the canal. By 1877, the Village was a stagecoach stop that featured a general store, post office and telegraph office. It also was the first suburban community developed along the Chicago, St. Louis & Alton Railroad.

In the 1880s, residents of two growing communities decided to incorporate as one town to reap the economic advantages. On May 28, 1892, the Village of Spring Forest was formed by a vote of 30-0. Mayor John H. Winterburn presided over the first village board meeting on July 5, 1892.

In 1937, residents voted to change their town's name from Spring Forest to Willow Springs to create a new sense of identity, according to historical society president Jean Thode. Almost 175 years later and the Village remains a peaceful, tight-knit community.

For more information on the history of Willow Springs, visit http://articles.chicagotribune.com/1998-10-25/features/9810240057_1_historical-society-illinois-michigan-canal-town



Ye Be Invited to a Kiddie
Fishin Derby

We set sail on: **Saturday, June 18 at 10 a.m.**

Chart yer course to: **Healing Waters Pond**
at the ol' corner of Willow West Dr. & 85th St.

Don't forget to bring yer **bucket fer fish** or
ye have to walk the Cap'ns plank!
We be bringin' yer poles and bait for ye.

After fishin, we be a meetin at 11:30 a.m. fer some
swashbuckling fun, grub, and kiddie spirits.

Shiny loot will be given to ye
that catch the most and biggest fish!

Wave yer flag if ye be attendin to
708-467-3700 by June 10.

See ye there... Faaaargh!!!



Upcoming Events

Inaugural "Willow Springs Challenge Ride" – July 17

Bicyclists young and old set to peddle race course in inaugural "Challenge Ride" through woods

The first annual "Willow Springs Challenge Ride" rolls out Sunday, July 17, from 7 a.m. until 9:30 a.m., giving riders of all abilities the opportunity to tackle the same 4-mile course used for the Illinois State Road Racing Championships.



As part of the Intelligentsia Cup, powered by SRAM bicycle racing series, local residents are invited to take part in this mass cycling event, open to anyone with a bicycle and a helmet.

The goal of the event is for individuals to challenge themselves to their own abilities. It can be as simple as taking a bike that has been collecting dust in the garage for too many years and getting out on the course or by trying to complete as many laps of the course as possible in the time allotted. Organizers welcome any and all types of cyclists!

"We really wanted to give the residents of Willow Springs something they can call their own," said Tom Schuler, managing partner of the race series. "We are really thankful for the Village to allow us to have our race here. This type of event, being open to anyone who can ride a bike, will give everyone a chance to experience the great riding of the area."

Willow Springs has become the Chicago-area's home to pro and amateur bike racing in recent years; the 2016 State Road Race Championships will be the third such undertaking since 2009. Riders from across the state are slated to return to Willow Springs next year for the 2017 State Championships.

Come enjoy the beautiful scenery that compromises the Willow Springs course, along beautiful wooded, hilly roads running through the Village of Willow Springs and the surrounding the Cook County Forest Preserve.

Participants will receive a complimentary Imperial Oak Brewing beer token for all adult participants. Support (SAG) service will be provided at the event by Ultimate Pro Bikes located in neighboring Countryside.

Registration will be open soon at: www.intelligentsiacup.com. Race course maps and traffic updates will be posted at www.willowsprings-il.gov or at Facebook\willageofwillowspringsil.

9th Annual Benefit Car Show – August 4

More than 350 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. One of Chicago's classic rock favorites, "The New Invaders," return to play 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.

September 11 Remembrance Candlelight Vigil – September 8

Bring a candle and join the Village Events Committee and Tri-State Fire Protection District in honoring those who were tragically lost and those who bravely fought to save lives on September, 11, 2001. The vigil is held at the Village Hall on Thursday, September, 8 at 6:30 to 7 p.m. Refreshments will be provided.



A River Thru History – September 10 & 11

Step back 200 years into Chicago's past at A River Thru History, The Des Plaines Valley Rendezvous at the Columbia Woods Forest Preserve. A River Thru History is an early American party with all the trimmings! Join this festive gathering of fur trappers, settlers, craftsmen, and entertainers along the banks of the Des Plaines River. Enjoy authentic period food, music & entertainment, craft demonstrations, tomahawk exhibition & throwing competition, canoe races, games and much more.

Hours from 10am to 5pm (4pm on Sunday). Free parking in the UPS parking lot at Willow Springs Road and 75th Street. Enter from 75th St. Free Shuttle bus from UPS to the Rendezvous site. An entrance fee applies to all over 6 years.

Great Lakes Donates to Veterans & Family Relief Fund

Great Lakes Credit Union generously donated \$3,000 to the Willow Springs 9th Annual Benefit Car Show to further the mission of the Willow Springs Veterans and Family Relief Fund. Thanks to Great Lakes for helping touch the lives of veterans and needy families.



Zarzycki Manor Chapels Awards Scholarships

Zarzycki Manor Chapels, Ltd. had the privilege of honoring three graduates at Willow Springs School on Monday, May 23 with our annual educational scholarships. The funeral home has been presenting the scholarships since June 1989. Each scholarship is in the amount of \$100 and is awarded to the top two scholastic average graduates. The scholarship was intended to benefit students in their initial year of high school. Claudette Zarzycki (far right) presented the awards on May 23 at the school's graduation ceremony. The two recipients of high academics award were Carl Ritacco (left) and Jack Kozielec (center). In addition to these honors, a second scholarship was awarded to a female graduate. The Agnes Zarzycki Achievement Award is in honor of the foundress of the family owned and operated business 101 years ago. In 1915, Agnes Zarzycki showed great courage, strength, leadership and independence within her community. Tianna Washington (right), who received a \$100 scholarship, showed these qualities and more. We believe that the future lies with the success of our young people," said owner Claudette Zarzycki. "We believe that excellence in our schools is a direct reflection of excellence in leadership and that is why we continue to award our scholarships: an honor designed to identify, recognize, reward and encourage students."





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Lions Club News

The Willow Springs Lions Club was Chartered in 1954 and has served the Willow Springs Community for 62 years. We were a Charter with 48 members willing to work to make Willow Springs a more progressive community. Our first community project was to build Lions Park which we maintained till 1983 when the Village of Willow Springs agreed to take over improvements and maintenance of the park. We continued to help building bathrooms in 1984 and the pavilion in 1992.

We now have 39 Members in our Lions Club that meets twice a month at three different restaurants in our community. June through September at Spring Forest Deli, October through January at Bonnie's Café, and February through May at Greco's.

We provide eye exams for school children at Willow Springs School and Argo High School. We also provide eye exam and glasses for adults that can't afford them. We provide assistance with hearing complications as well.

Our main fundraisers are the Lions Las Vegas night held the first Friday in November. Besides that, we roll up our sleeves and prepare two Pork Chop Dinners a year; one at the Willow Springs Car Show and one we just finished at the Willow Springs Community Center. At this Pork Chop Dinner, we had the Lion of Illinois Foundation Hearing Bus and Diabetic Retinopathy Eye Screening. For the first time, we also had a new program: The Kids Sight Program from District 1-A Lions Foundation V.O.I C.E.S. which screens children from 6 months to 6 years old for eye problems. I am the Secretary of the Willow Springs Lions Club and am a proud member for all the things we do.

In the coming year, Lions International will celebrate 100 years of service. Formed in Downtown Chicago in 1917, The Chicago Central Lions Club is still active. Lions from all over the world will visit the downtown area for an International Convention. We are expecting about Fifty Thousand Lions to be at this Convention. People who join our Lions Club this year will receive special pins and certificates.

There are now Lions Clubs in more than 210 Countries and over 1 million 4 hundred thousand Lions in the world trying to make people's lives in their community better. We are always looking for a few good men to join our Lions Club and women to join the Willow Springs Lioness Club. For more Information you can call Lion Mike Smigielski at 708-307-6357 or check out our website: willowspringsil.lionwap.org.

Girl Scouts Plant Flowers for Veterans

Have you noticed anything blooming at Memorial Corner? Girl Scout Troop 50018 spent their Sunday morning, May 22, planting beautiful flowers at the corner of Archer Ave. & Willow Springs Rd. The community service time the girls' spent was in an effort to earn their badges. Thank you for your hard work, girls!



Historical Society News

All our members are saddened by the loss of Don (Slim) McKenna. He was the longest member on record and one of the writers of the history book. He was once given the title "local historian" in a newspaper article and we totally agree with the writer. He was truly a treasure to us and also a good friend. We send our sincerest sympathy to all of his family. He surely will be missed.

As usual we still meet on the third Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. and the first Saturday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Lioness Club News

The Willow Springs Lioness Club is proud to announce their 2016 educational scholarship recipients: **Katlin Krzos, Paulina Styrzula and Sylvia Kozielec**. Each recipient received a certificate along with a \$500 scholarship to be applied to their perspective schools. The Lioness congratulate each of these recipients and wish them success in their future educational endeavors.



Pictured left to right: Lioness President Karen Triezenberg, Paulina Styrzula, Sylvia Kozielec and Lioness Vice President Cindy Layer



Katlin Krzos pictured with Karen Triezenberg



Lioness President Karen Triezenberg is presented with the District 1-A Lioness of the Year award. Congrats, Karen!

The Willow Springs Lioness Club
presents their
Inaugural Holiday Faire

Thursday, October 6, 2016

Willowbrook Ballroom

3-9 p.m.

We are currently seeking
crafters and vendors for our event.
To request an application, please email to
willowspringslionessclub@yahoo.com



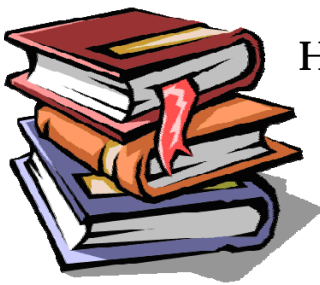
Senior Club News

We are still waiting for you to come try us on, see if we fit - we might just be perfect for you. We are always looking for new members. We are a very special group with lots of fun people. Be our guest. Come sit a spell. Have lunch and maybe learn something new and beneficial.

In May, we had representatives from Aging Care Connections join us. The representatives informed us on the various programs and services available for seniors. Their services are free and available to all seniors.

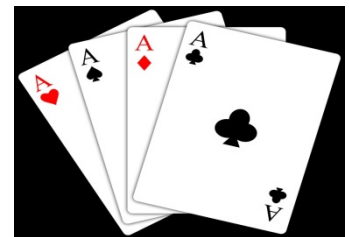
For information, visit www.agingcareconnections.org or call 708-354-1323.

We are planning a trip to Four Winds Casino on June 8. Want to tag along? Give us a call.



Have you read a good book lately? We have a library loaded with "couch traveling experiences." Come on in and borrow one or two. Want to watch a movie, DVD or tape? Those are yours to borrow too.

Are you a card player and want to play with a friendly bunch? Stop in on a Monday, Wednesday, or Friday morning and play with us.



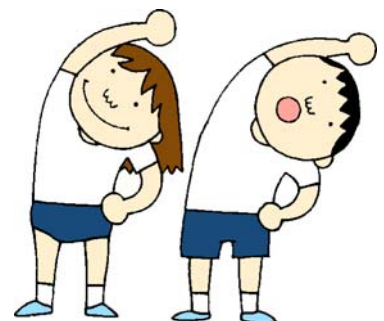
Each time you come, it's a party with decorations celebrating us!

Our regular meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 11 a.m. (come a little early and visit!) at the Willow Springs Community Center (8156 Archer Ave). Feel free to call us at the numbers listed below. We sure hope to see you soon, cuz we're waitin' on ya!

Jean Mrkacek 708-839-1491 (membership)

Adrianne Hason 708-839-8610 (cards and books)

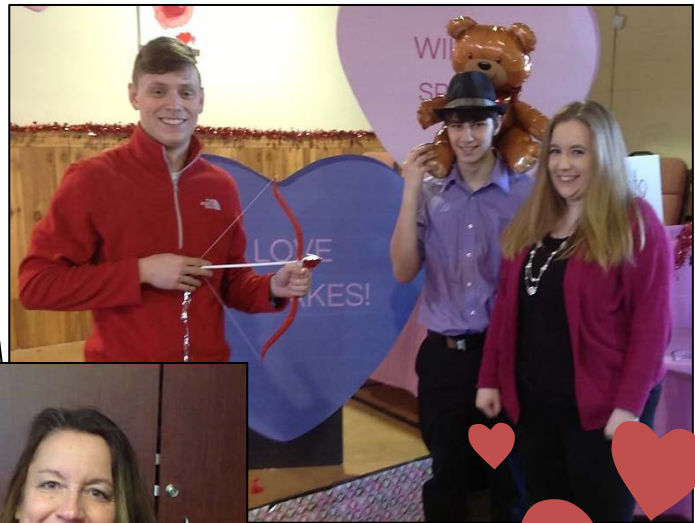
Sandra Munch 708-839-2585 (exercise)



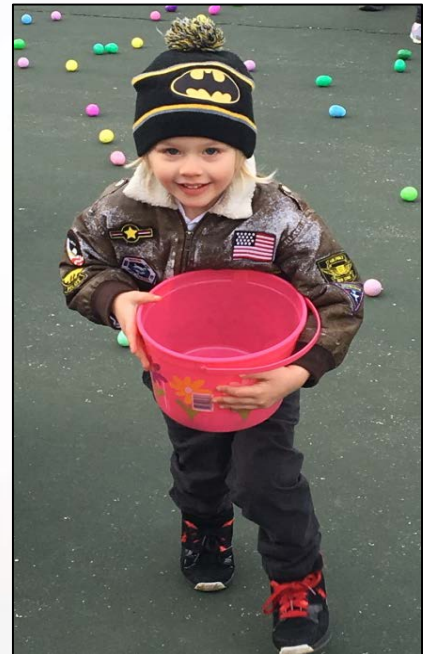
Sweetheart Pancake Breakfast

It was all Cupids and Hearts, Feb. 13, as The Village Events Committee served up a delicious, "Sweetheart Pancake Breakfast" at the Community Center. Friends, families, neighbors and loved ones filled the room to enjoy fluffy buttermilk pancakes, sausage, fruit, coffee and juice.

The 100 percent volunteer staffed Events Committee plans and puts on all Village events for the enjoyment of our local residents. All proceeds from the Breakfast, and other sponsored events, are funneled back into programs for local families to attend, including the Children's Easter Egg Hunt and Wicked Willow Night. The Village thanks all who attended and especially the volunteers who do so much to make Willow Springs the tight-knit community it is.



An Egg-citing Day for all:
Children's Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, March 12, 2016





Clean Willow Day

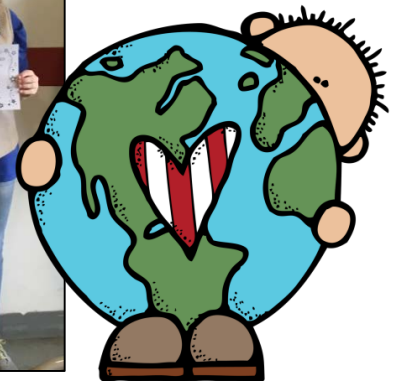


Thank you to all volunteers who dedicated their Saturday morning to making Willow Springs beautiful! With the hard work of 20 volunteers, Public Works hauled away 22 bags of trash in just a few hours. Great job, team!

This year's "Clean Willow Day" was a Scavenger Hunt. Volunteers found some strange items such as car parts, a hair net, dental floss, parts of a bed frame, a pitcher's base, weights, tools, and even undergarments! Join us next year on Earth Day - Saturday, April 22, 2017.



All volunteers received service awards for their hard work!



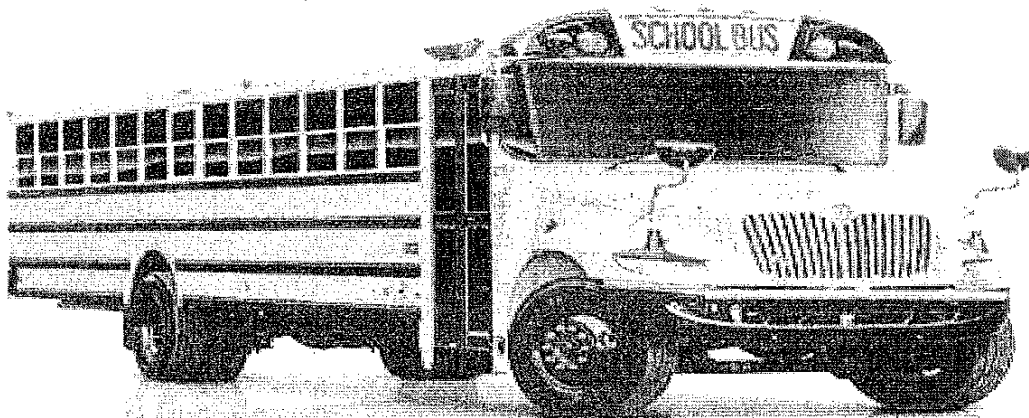
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NYFD hero visits The Irish Legend to dedicate the "Mickey Kross Snug"



Retired NYFD Fire Lt. Mickey Kross shares a moment in Willow Springs with (from left:) Irish Legend proprietor Vince Tuohy, and Mayor Alan Nowaczyk. Kross visited the Irish Legend on May 21 to dedicate a special room, or "snug", at the Irish Legend for firemen and first-responders. Kross is a survivor of what came to be known as "The Miracle of Stairwell B" when he, a company of firefighters and a rescued civilian, survived inside the collapse of the North Twin Tower on September 11, 2001.



During a brief speech to a gathering of local firefighters and well-wishers, Kross said he wears a pin marked "343" for the number of firefighters who lost their lives as a result of the September 11 attack. He told the audience to remember that the "tragedy continues" as more firefighters, policemen, emergency responders and workers, continue to lose their lives due to the effects of smoke and debris inhalation from the September 11 rescue and response.

Tri-State Fire Protection District dedicated a fire bell to mark the occasion of Kross' visit to Willow Springs. A video documentary of his story is available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EpTRNEVKMY4>.

