



Willow Springs Messenger

Winter 2020

Hello Willow Springs Friends and Neighbors,



We are ending another great year in Willow Springs, and as a community we have a lot to be proud of. So many people have come out to volunteer their time to make improvements to our great Village.

The Beautification Commission, with the help of volunteers, has planted flowers on the south-east corner of Archer and Willow Springs road. In the spring, when this blooms, it will be absolutely beautiful and dress up the corner nicely.

Public Works and gracious residents have worked hard decorating our Village, making it look so festive and bright for the holidays.

There was fun to be had by all who attended the Wicked Willow Halloween Party. It was a wonderful community event put on by the Village Clerk's Office with the help of generous volunteers.

The Children's Christmas Party at the Score Sports Center was another great success. The children enjoyed Santa Claus, a magician, a toy soldier making balloons and food provided by Al's Pizza. Each child in attendance also received a gift.

For the second year in a row, Willow Springs has completed a huge project repaving streets. There will be more to come in our future.

As some of you know, the I-294 toll road is taking on a very large expansion program. They will be adding one lane of traffic in each direction. This is going to be a five year program. For those of you in the neighborhood along I-294 and LaGrange road, please have patience. At the end of this project, your streets will be repaved.

I am also very excited about the new development project on Archer Avenue where the Willowbrook Ballroom was located. Willow Glen is going to be a town home and condominium development. This should really make that area come to life!

I am very proud of our progress in the Village and I am very proud to serve the Village of Willow Springs. There is much more to come!

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PUBLIC WORKS



2019 Recap:

Thank you to all who attended the Public Works Open House on Oct 12th. Please visit our Facebook page - Village of Willow Springs Public Works - for information on upcoming events.

This past Halloween, we certainly got tricked by the winter storm that blew in. The public works crew worked hard to clear the mess (tree debris, snow, heavy rains) that the storms brought, and collected leaves in record breaking cold November weather.

We hope you enjoyed all the festive holiday decorations that our crew put up around the Village – all made possible by our Beautification Commission and generous resident donation team!

2020 Winter:

Public Works has purchased new liquid de-icing equipment that allows the street to be prepared 72 hours prior to snowfall with a liquid brine solution (salt, calcium chloride and beet juice.) This solution will prevent a bond from forming between the snow/ice and the street. The pre-treatment solution will reduce the amount of costly road salt usage, and unlike salt, will begin to work as soon as it is applied without water and at lower temperatures. Be aware that the beet juice may leave a tan tint on the lower portion of cars; but no worries, it rinses right off. The liquid brine will be utilized first on our hills, and then if the trial works well, as it is expected, usage will be expanded to other areas.

Parking on village streets is prohibited when snow levels reach 2 inches or more. **It is illegal to shovel snow into the streets** and please be cautious around snow plows/salt trucks, emergency vehicles and school buses.

Salting and plowing will be completed first on through streets, followed by side-streets, cul-de-sacs and then public parking lots, sidewalks and alleys. Public works cannot be called to clear private property or driveways.

Thank you in advance for your support this winter season as we shovel, plow and de-ice the Village.

Reminders/Resources:

Do not bring electronics to Pubic Works. Roy Strom Refuse Removal Service is now handling electronics pickup. Please call them at 708-344-5000 to schedule **free** curbside pickup.

Store large branches in your yard over the winter and Public Works will get them in the spring when branch pickup begins in April. If you hire a contractor to remove tree(s), then the contractor is responsible for removing the branches.

Contact Public Works when street lights go out so we can notify Com Ed and expedite replacement.

Please report the following incidences to the proper agencies:

Gas Leaks: Nicor 1-888-642-6748

Power Outages: Com Ed 1-800-334-7661

Willow Springs Public Works does not have authority to repair, plow, or maintain state or county roads. Please contact the following departments to report problems.

For County Roads: Nolton Ave., County Line Rd., German Church Rd., Wolf Rd., 87th St. and 91st St. - please call the **Cook County Road Department at 708-448-8006.**

For State Roads: Willow Springs Rd., La Grange Rd. and Archer Ave. - please call **Illinois Dept. of Transportation at 847-705-4228.**

We wish all our residents a safe and Happy New Year! Please do not hesitate to contact us this winter with your requests at 708 839-3027, or e-mail director, Keith Grantland at kgrantland@willowsprings-il.gov.



The Beautification Commission received a \$5,500 grant from the National Association of Realtors to be used to enhance the bus stop at the intersection of Willow Springs Road and Archer Avenue, and to create a community garden on a lot located at 105 Kazwell which was donated to the Village.

On October 26, fifteen community volunteers met at the bus stop and followed a design by landscape architect Larry Walsh that included leveling the hard soil and adding three tons of dirt to facilitate planting the bushes and hostas. Plans call for a retaining wall to be constructed on either side of the bus stop to prevent erosion. The project also includes a lending library, designed as a replica of the bus stop, to be constructed and erected at the site.

Trees have been cleared from the lot designated as the community garden. Commissioner Jason Buege of Streamline Landscaping will grade the property and determine how many plots can be accommodated. An automated drip irrigation system will be installed to irrigate the property. Benches and gravel walking paths will be placed throughout the lot. Residents interested in securing a plot may call the Village to be placed on a list for Spring, 2020 planting.

The Commission will reprise its very successful “Not So Serious Bingo” fundraising event on Saturday, January 25. Prizes and refreshments will round out a fun way to escape the cabin fever that sets in mid-winter. Please mark your calendars and watch for more details soon.

The Commission thanks the community for its support during the past year. Thanks also to Commissioners Linda Arra, Niki Chibucos, Robert Curran, Lucy Mierop, Bozena Murawski, Commission Chairperson Jan Posch and Trustee Melissa Neddermeyer.

Best wishes to all as we continue our efforts to make Willow Springs even more beautiful in 2020!

This and That...

**PAY YOUR BILL
ONLINE**



Details for paying your sewer and refuse bill online can be found on our website at willowsprings-il.gov/payments



WEST SUBURBAN
WATER COMMISSION



The West Suburban Water Commission is happy to announce that they are now accepting online payments! Please visit www.westsuburbanwater.com to pay your bill today. While visiting the website be sure to sign up for our emergency notification system to be alerted of outages in the area that may occur! Now that online bill payment is available, they will no longer be accepting credit card payments over the phone.

Thank you to Tri-State Fire Department, Remax Partners Lucy Mierop, Pleasantdale and Willow Springs Schools, Jen's Guesthouse, Willow Springs Family Restaurant, West Suburban Water Commission and Dayton Lawrence Therapeutic Massage for decorating holiday trees in our Village Center!



HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Greetings! Historical Society members have been busy all year cataloguing our collections. We would like to give our THANKS to the many people who have helped and supported us this year, including much appreciation towards Village Clerk, Mary Jane Mannella and Public Works Director Keith Grantland for getting the roof repaired - saving our collections from water damage!

We were also fortunate to get some help this past year with our historical record keeping. Beth Di Virgilio sent us a new collection of photos from the 50's of Willow Springs School class pictures. Gina Scaletta gave us papers from her mother on the city water acquisition north of the river, and Clarence Zima brought in photos we copied that belonged to Don McKenna. Dan Durkovich also lent us pictures from the files of the Senior Club to copy.

We also would like to thank all the people who came out for our first Willow Springs history podcast, presented by Ron Leffler, one of our members.

We still have some DVD's for sale and they can be purchased at the Village Hall. Thank you to all that have supported us by purchasing our DVD.

Please stop by the Museum and share your interest and stories with the Historical Society so they can be recorded and saved. The Historical Museum is open to the public from 10 am to noon the first Saturday of the month. Monthly meetings are the third Monday of the month at 7 pm at the Historical Museum. Hope to see you soon!

SENIOR CLUB NEWS

Greetings from the Willow Springs Senior Club!

In November some of our seniors enjoyed a trip to Starved Rock for a buffet and were also entertained by a costumed trio who re-enacted a 1940 radio hour which included singing, sketches and a tribute to our Veterans. Also in November a few seniors carpooled to White Fence Farm to see a classic crooners Christmas (Sinatra, Martin, etc.) and enjoyed walking around outside to visit with goats, chickens and llamas.

Elections were held in November seating President, Adrienne Hansen, 1st VP, Mary Losew, 2nd VP, Jean Mrkacek, Secretary, Gloria Arbuckle and Treasurer, Maryann Zima.

Our Christmas party was held on December 17th at Jen's Guesthouse with great food & entertainment.

Remember, anyone 55+ is welcome to join the club. We meet the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Dues are \$10.00 a year. Lunch is served for \$7.00. Bingo is played for \$1.00 a card. We also have a white elephant raffle. Doors open @10:30 am, meeting starts @11:00 am with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The "book & movie swap" is available to any adult village resident. Hours are Monday 10:30 am to noon; Wednesday 10:30 am to noon and Friday 10:30 am to 2:00.

Membership questions may be directed to Mary Losew (708-839-5024), Maryann Zima (708-839-5352) or Adrienne Hansen (708-839-8610).

Wishing everyone peace, love and joy in the coming year of 2020.

WILLOW SPRINGS LIONESS CLUB



2020 is turning out to be a busy year already for the club. They will once again be awarding College Scholarships for the 2020-2021 academic year. Scholarship winners will be chosen based on academic performance (3.0 cumulative grade point average), community involvement and financial need. The scholarships are available to high school seniors and those currently enrolled in college who reside in Willow Springs and have been a resident for at least one year. Applications are available by contacting Cindy Layer -Vice President and Lioness Scholarship Co-Chairman at clayer@willowspringsschool.org. The deadline for completed applications is February 14, 2020. The club's annual pancake breakfast is scheduled for Sunday, April 5, 2020 at the community center. Save the date and come hungry!

New members are always welcome. They meet every second Wednesday of the month except July at the community center. Stay connected to their Facebook page for more information. The ladies of the Willow Springs Lioness Club ended their busy year with a Christmas gathering at Jen's Guesthouse on December 11.

Willow Springs Lioness Club



PANCAKE

BREAKFAST



Sunday, April 5, 2020

8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Willow Springs Community Center

8156 S. Archer Avenue, Willow Springs

Advanced Sale & At-the-Door Tickets

Adult Tickets \$6.00

Children Ages 3-12, \$4.00/Under Age 2, Free

Includes Pancakes, Sausage, Orange Juice & Coffee



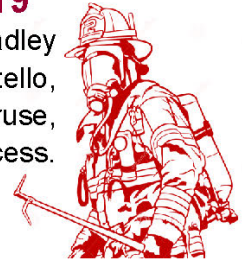
Monetary Raffle ~ Gift Baskets ~ Community Spirit
Proceeds benefit the philanthropic efforts
of the Willow Springs Lioness Club.



TRI-STATE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

TRI-STATE HIRES 12 FIREFIGHTER PARAMEDICS IN 2019

The Fire District hired twelve new Firefighter-Paramedics this year. Welcome Bradley Christensen, Daniel Smith, Robert Gill, Grant Van Buren, Thomas Guttello, Kathryn Hoffman, Ryan Walsh, Nicholas Charlton, Jesse Daniel, Austin Cruse, Christopher Vaval and Keith Jurek. Hiring is based on a competitive testing process. Welcome to the Tri-State Fire Protection District Family.



IS YOUR ADDRESS VISIBLE?

If you had an emergency at your house, is your home address clearly marked so we could identify your house and respond in a timely manner? When someone has a heart attack, or a house is on fire, minutes make a difference! Your address should be visible from the street with a minimum of four inch numerals in a contrasting color. Reflective numerals really stand out at night. Keep an eye on vegetation, flags or other items

that might block the view of your address. Your address on the mailbox is a welcome addition, but don't forget to put the address on both sides. Ensure that the numerals are large enough to read from a distance and make sure to maintain it. Mailbox numerals are often worn out or falling off. Help us help you quickly! In an EMERGENCY, time counts.



TRI-STATE CONTINUES LEGACY OF TRAINING

In addition to regular daily training, Firefighters attend specialized classes for certification. The following certifications were received by Tri-State Firefighters and Officers... Advanced Fire Officer—2, Advanced Technician Firefighter—3, Basic Operations Firefighter—1, Company Fire Officer—3,

Fire Apparatus Engineer—2, Fire Instructor Two—2, Fire Service Vehicle Operator—4, Hazardous Materials Operations—6, Incident Safety Officer—4, Rope Operations—1, Vehicle and Machinery Operations—2, Vehicle and Machinery Technician—1

IN ILLINOIS, A WORKING SMOKE ALARM AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR ARE REQUIRED WITHIN 15 FEET OF BEDROOMS.

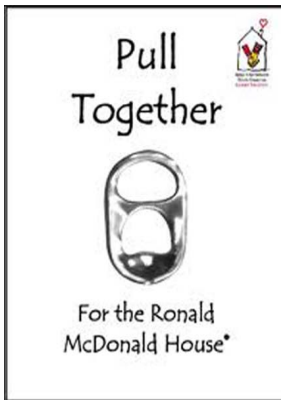
All new smoke alarms must have a ten year, sealed battery. Smoke alarms and Carbon Monoxide detectors have a limited lifespan. Check your detector for a replacement date. Tri-State Fire District will provide and install a new Smoke Alarm at your home in district.



Contact our Fire Prevention Bureau at

630-654-6284 for information on this free program.

We're here to help!

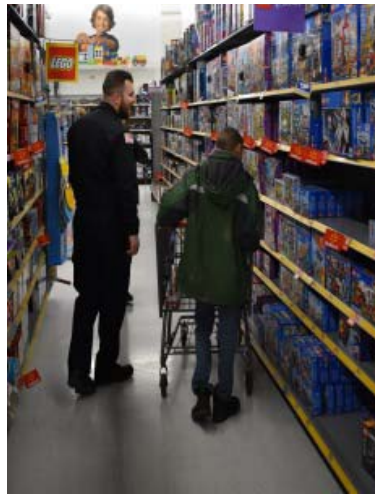


This year Willow Springs collected nearly thirty five gallons of pop tabs! Our police department came in 3rd place and received a trophy and recognition at the Run For Kelli event on October 6th. Countryside P.D. came in 1st place, and Hodgkins P.D. was 2nd place. Overall, the competition collected nearly 620 pounds worth of pop tabs! Please keep collecting your pop tabs and turning them in to collection buckets at Village Hall or the Police Department. Perhaps 2020 will be the year Willow Springs Police Department comes in first place!

www.kjofund2.com

Kelli Joy O'Laughlin
MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS



We are pleased to report that our community out-reach program “Shop With a Cop” held on December 14th was a wonderful success. Thank you to our volunteers, donors and the Hodgkins Walmart Supercenter who made this special event possible.

This event benefits local families who need a little more assistance around the holidays. Willow Springs’ officers shopped with families, and afterwards all were treated to pizza, hosted by Al’s Restaurant located in the Score Sports Center. The children received a surprise visit from Santa too!

The “Shop With a Cop” event allowed for fabulous interaction with our officers and huge smiles on so many young faces. Besides bringing wonderful smiles to these remarkable children, our “Shop With A Cop” event builds positive relationships between the children, their families, the community and our police officers. Our department looks forward to continuing this inaugural event every holiday season. We wish all of our Willow Springs residents and their families, a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Sincerely, Chief Jim Ritz

Thank you to our generous Shop with a Cop Sponsors:

Anonymous, Richard Benjamin, Terrance Carr, Barb Gagel, Bob Hendrix, Rose Hollman, the Integrity Party, Jerry Jelinek, Michael Jurak, Kelly Joy Donation, Brian Kuratko, Paul Madej, Kevin McGuire, Ed McKinney, Barbara Morahan, Kenny Morahan, Linda Petrasek, Mike Prohaska, Jim Ritz, Rotary Club of Countryside, Sharon Soltis, Slip Proof Safety, Steak and Egger, The Henn House, Tressler LLP and the Willow Springs Lions Club.

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

IL TOBACCO 21/CANNABIS LEGALIZATION

The Illinois law (IL Tobacco 21) prohibiting the sales and use of tobacco including vaping and e-cigarette products to youth under age 21 is strictly enforced by the Willow Springs Police Department. Similarly, the laws pertaining to the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act effective January 1, 2020 will be enforced by our officers.

With a record number of young people using e-cigarettes, it is important for users and parents to know the facts about vaping and understand that there is no safe way to use tobacco or nicotine. Quitting should be the goal.

Vaping devices that look like pens or flash drives with chambers or cartridges are the mechanism of choice, especially by the younger population, for delivery of nicotine and tetrahydrocannabinol (THC, the active psychoactive ingredient in marijuana). These devices are designed to heat chemicals to high temperatures for release as a breathable aerosol into the lungs and entry into the bloodstream. The devices hold THC or nicotine infused oils, waxes, dabs, and fillers (thickening/diluting agents, flavor additives, and vaper enhancement agents).

The CDC has issued warnings on the use of these products and related illnesses. Information on EVALI (e-cigarette or vaping product use associated lung injury) can be found online at www.cdc.gov.

Currently the FDA does not regulate vaping products. The amount and strength of nicotine or THC dispensed through these devices is difficult to measure, and more often than not delivered in high concentrations which can exacerbate the physical health risks (for example, compromised immune system, damaged organs, cancer). Studies have demonstrated that adolescents and young adults are especially vulnerable to the psychological or physical health risks that marijuana use poses, including impaired brain development (disruption of neural pathway that are required for optimal long term emotional and intellectual functioning, for example, coping skills). Also, within this age group of marijuana users, there is a higher incidence of addiction, psychosis, and progression to hard drugs.

Cannabis Prohibitions

The Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act **prohibits** the use of marijuana products (THC) by individuals under the age of 21 and in the following locations:

- Any public place or space, including streets, parks, schools, bus stops, libraries, government and federally funded facilities such as banks and hospitals.
- In any motor vehicle, including public buses (transported cannabis must meet the permitted allotment and be maintained in a sealed container that is inaccessible while driving.)

- Near someone under the age of 21.
- Near an on-duty school bus driver, police officer, firefighter or corrections officer.
- Also, any person, business or landlord can prohibit use on private property. Illinois colleges and universities can ban marijuana use on their property.

Cannabis Permissions

Illinois residents who are 21 and older may possess up to 30 grams of cannabis flower, 5 grams of concentrate, and 500 milligrams of THC in cannabis-infused products such as edibles (candies and brownies).

Community Engagement

We encourage active community participation by reporting violations and concerns to our department.

If you witness or know of e-cigarette (vaping) of tobacco, nicotine, marijuana, tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) products that have been given or sold to minors (under the age of 21), please contact the Willow Springs Police Department at 708-839-2732.

The Willow Springs Police are committed to:

- making our roads safe and free from impaired drivers
- discouraging youth from using drugs including nicotine
- monitoring and deterring unlawful marijuana sales, distribution, and advertisement
- responding to poisoning and toxicity incidents

Available Resources:

Illinois Tobacco Quit Line	1-866-Quit-YES
Nicotine Anonymous (NicA)	1-877-TRY-NICA nicotine-anonymous.org
Truth Initiative	truthinitiative.org
Tobacco 21	tobacco21.org
National Cancer Institute	1-877-448-7848
www.smokefree.gov	
Office on Smoking and Health (OSH)	1-800-784-8669
www.cdc.gov/tobacco	
Aunt Martha's Health and Wellness	1-877-692-8686
Comprehensive Community Youth Services	708-679-8100
Marijuana Anonymous	1-800-766-6779 marijuana-anonymous.org
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration	samhsa.gov

The 2020 Census is accessible for everyone.

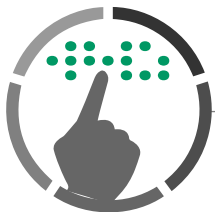
We're making sure that **however you choose to respond**—online, by phone, or by mail—that **the census is accessible**. You'll receive an invitation to respond **beginning in mid-March**. You choose how you want to respond.



You can respond **online** in English or in 12 additional languages. The online questionnaire is accessible, following the latest web accessibility guidelines. We'll also have a video in **American Sign Language** available to guide you through responding online.



You can respond by **phone** in English or in 12 additional languages. You can also respond in English by **TDD** at 844-467-2020.



By mid-April, we'll mail a **paper questionnaire** to every household that hasn't already responded. (Some households will receive a paper questionnaire along with the first invitation in March.)

We'll have **braille and large print guides** available online to assist you with completing the paper questionnaire.



If necessary, you can respond **in person** beginning in mid-May. Census takers will visit all households that have not yet responded.

We'll have census takers available who can communicate in **American Sign Language** and additional languages. When the census taker visits to help you respond, you can request that another census taker who communicates in American Sign Language returns, if you prefer.

If you prefer, you may also choose to have another member of your household interact with the census taker.

Responding is important. A complete count helps ensure that services like Medicare, Medicaid, social security, and public transportation can support those who need them.

Responding is safe. All of the information you share with us is protected by law and cannot be used against you.

Responding is accessible. We're doing everything we can to ensure the ways to respond are accessible for everyone.

Any questions? Please visit **2020census.gov**.
This website is 508 compliant and accessible to people of all abilities.

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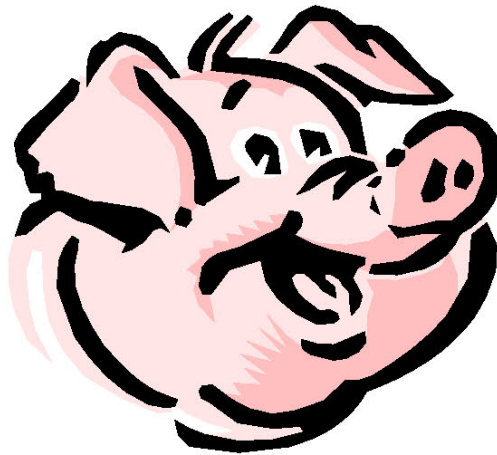
The Willow Springs Lions Community Dinner

Sunday • April 26 • 2020

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

Adults
\$8.00

Children
Ages 6 - 12
\$2.00



**Children's
Menu:**

Hot Dogs &
Potato Chips

FREE DRINKS!

Bring 2 or more
items for our local
food pantries per
person and receive
a free soda or
bottled water.

Take OUTS available

The Willow Springs Senior Center
8156 Archer Avenue • Willow Springs
Noon to 5:00 PM

100% of all proceeds will be used to fund local programs!

Ticket information:

Mike Weeg 708-839-1056 & Mike Smigielski 708-839-5178





Willow Springs Business Spotlight - *Women Run Businesses*



Grażyna Gospodarska-Kwintal provides massage and healing treatments at her business, **Bionature**, located at 8695 S. Archer Ave. #2D. She is a resident of Willow Springs and opened her studio in 2000. Grażyna is an internationally licensed Holistic Healer and Massage Therapist with a Master's degree in Physical Education Academy from Warsaw, Poland, and certified at the European Healing and Massage Therapy School in Skokie. She also teaches and specializes in Polynesian Ma-Uri massage. Grażyna has led a spiritually filled life with many interests and hobbies, "During my life I gained experience and knowledge which has helped me with understanding people's problems. I offer my clients spiritual channeling receiving, clairvoyance and clairaudience. My clients receive full explanations and guidance regarding the healing process so that they can consciously participate in the treatment. Additionally, I also do charity work for children born with genetic disorders providing them energy treatment sessions. I am very happy seeing most of my clients smiling again." To find out more about Grażyna's business, visit www.bionaturestudio.com

Zarzycki Manor Chapels, Ltd. opened in Willow Springs in 2008. Located at 8999 S. Archer Avenue, the funeral home, with a location also in Chicago, is owned & operated by Charmaine Zarzycki and her two daughters Claudette and Andrea. Along with their reputable service and long history, the family's community involvement continues to drive the business. They not only work in and with the community, they also live within the community. Claudette is the treasurer and member of the Willow Springs Lioness Club and Andrea is a member of the Willow Springs Historical Society. The Zarzycki Family cares deeply about education. Once again, they awarded scholarships this past May to three Willow Springs School eighth grade graduates. Claudette remarks that "as business owners in our communities, we believe that the future lies with the success of our young people. We know of no other higher achievement than that of academic excellence. We believe that excellence in our schools is a direct reflection of excellence in leadership and that is why we continue to award our scholarship: an honor designed to identify, recognize, reward and encourage students." Another community event is their annual Holiday Remembrance Service & Tribute Concert held in the beginning of December. Open to all, the event honors the individuals that they serviced, along with their families, within the past year. For more information and future events, please visit their website at www.ZarzyckiManorChapels.com.



The Barkin' Boutique pet grooming service located at 8695 S. Archer Ave #28 is owned/operated by Rachel, Brittany, and Betty. The owners met at Petsmart, and after each spending 8+ years in the grooming business decided to start their own business. Barkin' Boutique offers mini, full or premium grooming packages including nail trimming/grinding, brush out, face trims, and ear cleaning. The shop is classy and convenient with lots of parking and a calm and relaxing décor. "We hope you and your pet will get to experience the new boutique soon. We strive to make your pet's experience pleasurable and stress-free, and they leave our boutique looking well-groomed and happy." The Barkin' Boutique can be found on Facebook.



Willow Springs Business Spotlight - *Women Run Businesses*



Three generations of lifelong Willow Springs residents helped to make **Willow Florist** located at 8695 S. Archer, a success: Julia Dunbar, owner/manager, Julia's grandmother, Maribell Doogan and her mom, Jackie Umlauf. Julia and her mom attended Willow Springs grade school, but, her grandmother attended the Little Red School House. When Julia was a child, her mom had a workshop set up in her basement on Charleton. She would mostly make Christmas arrangements for sale to help with Christmas expenses and the teachers from Willow Springs School were her mom's biggest clients!



Julia began her work career with Midway Airlines, and in her spare time, she would take floral design classes with her mom and aunt at Lyons Township High School, Moraine Valley and Triton Community College, "It was a great way to spend time with family; however, the best part was the coffee, pie and conversation after class!" After Midway Airlines ceased operation, Julia found herself looking for a new career. She enthusiastically attended the Cooking and Hospitality Institute of Chicago's (CHIC) floral design program and after graduating, Julia worked at Squires floral shop in Melrose Park.

"With a \$10,000 loan from my grandmother and an unpaid employee, my mom, Willow Florist opened it's doors, on April 3, 1993. I owe a debt of gratitude to these two great women who persuaded me to open my shop 27 years ago and can never thank them enough. Sadly my grandmother passed away two decades ago and mom just recently passed away." Visit www.willowflorist.com for more information.



Vicky Stadtler never turns down an opportunity to host a fundraiser, or provide opportunities for talent to perform. Vicky opens the Ashbary Coffee House's upper level every Wednesday night for open mic and Thursday's for improv. **Ashbary Coffee House**, located at the corner of Archer and Willow Springs Road offers a retreat for everyone; it's a fun hangout for friends, a great place to meet new people, or a place to be alone and get some computer work done (free wifi available).

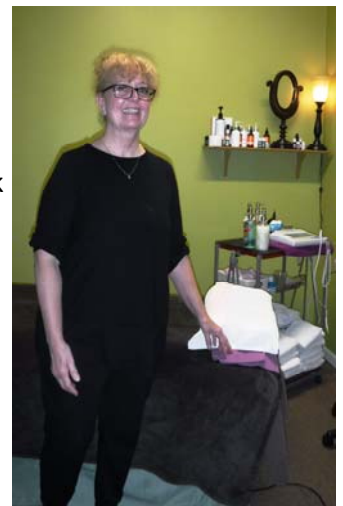
Ashbary Coffee House serves up a full menu of paninis/wraps with vegan options and lots of desserts, beverages and of course coffee! Vicky and her husband purchased the coffee house in 2006, and run the business with help from their daughter, Kate and her partner Johnnie. Ashbary Coffee House promotes and supports the diversity. Vicky's motto is good coffee, good people, good times! Vicky was an art teacher in her earlier years and then a professional artist in Bucktown. Vicky feels it is important to lead a purposeful life. Her business helps her to focus on what she feels is most important, helping her family and helping others. Check out their Facebook page at www.facebook.ashbarycoffeehouse.com for special events.

The Mindful Body, P.C. located at 8695 S. Archer Ave, Unit #13 on the upper level was established in 2016 by Renee Starr, a national board certified massage therapist specializing in infant massage, micro-current facials, ionic foot baths and cupping therapy which aids the body's lymphatic system to filter and drain out toxins.

Renee is a retired welder who worked at General Motor's Electro-Motive Division in McCook for 25 years building generators for locomotives. Renee needed to relocate her Oak Lawn home therapeutic massage business, and selected Willow Springs because of the great location and quiet environment. Her new shop is spacious and allows her to have two therapeutic massage rooms and space for all her supplies and equipment, infant massage teaching area, and displays of sales products and lovely plants.

Renee works with several local hospitals to provide therapeutic massage to the parents of neonatal intensive care unit babies. She volunteers her services at the Ronald McDonald House and teaches infant massage classes to parents. For more information on the

Mindful Body P.C. go to www.themindfulbodypc.com.





Come one, Come all! Have Fun! Go Nuts!

Shout BINGO!!!!

The Beautification Commission is hosting a fundraiser! "Not So Serious Bingo" will be held on Saturday, January 25th from 7-10 pm at the Community Center. Enjoy snacks, beer, raffles, split the pot, prizes and fun! Bingo dabbers will be provided with the purchase of a bingo card pack. Four special games will be played for larger cash prizes. Bring your neighbors, bring your cousins, bring your friends, just don't bring your little ones. This is an over 21 event!



COME ROLL WITH US AT GRAND PRAIRIE TRANSIT

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2nd and 4th Thursday of each month,

7 p.m.

Village of Willow Springs 2020 Calendar of Events

Date		Event		Details
January	25	Saturday	BINGO	Community Center 8156 Archer Ave., 7pm - 10pm
April	4	Saturday	Easter Egg Hunt	Lions Park, 201 Park St., 11am
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April	5	Sunday	Lioness Pancake Breakfast	Community Center 8156 Archer Ave., 8am - 12pm
April	26	Sunday	Lions Club Pork-Chop Dinner	Community Center 8156 Archer Ave., Noon-5pm
May	4	Monday	Branch Pick Up Begins	Southside: 1st/3rd Mondays - Northside: 2nd/4th Mondays
May	9	Saturday	Post Office Mail Box Food Drive	Place non-perishables by your mailbox by 7am
May	25	Monday	Memorial Day Ceremony	11am - Archer Ave and Willow Springs Road
June	11-14	Thurs - Sun	Village Wide Yard Sales	Throughout the Village - 8am - 3pm
June	30	Tuesday	AVOID FINES. VEHICLE STICKERS DUE TODAY!	Purchase at Village Hall 9am - 5pm
July	3	Friday	Fire Works Display	Pleasantdale Park District, 7425 S. Wolf Rd., Dusk
Aug.	13-16	Thurs - Sun	Willow Fest - Carnival, Car Show, Concerts, Crafters	Village Center, 1 Village Circle
Sept.	10	Thursday	September 11 Remembrance Candlelight Vigil	Village Hall, 1 Village Circle, 6:30 - 7pm
Oct.	28	Wednesday	Wicked Willow Night	Community Center 8156 Archer Ave.