

FALL 2022

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Dear Residents,

I hope that everyone had a terrific summer. Thank you to all who came out to support our many summer events. My appreciation goes to everyone who worked very hard to make those events happen.

Please welcome the excellent recent additions to our Village staff. You may have already had the chance to meet them. We are very happy to have these individuals aboard.

Police Chief Garry McCarthy has been our interim police chief, and he is now the permanent Willow Springs Chief of Police. Chief McCarthy is remarkable, and we are fortunate to have him leading our Police Department.

Finance Director Daniel Denys comes to us with a wealth of experience, and he is already doing an excellent job helping to direct the Village's finances.

Assistant Public Works Director Paul Freyman joined us during the busy summer season, and he has quickly become an asset to the department.

A reminder that Election Day is November 8, 2022. Please get out and vote. If you need assistance in registering to vote, we can help you at the Village Hall.

Lastly, in this newsletter you will find announcements about our Fall and Winter events. We hope to see you there. May you and your loved ones have a safe and blessed Fall season.

Sincerely yours,
Melissa Neddermeyer
Village President



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Trick-or-Treat Hours 3pm to 7pm

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Greetings and Reminders to All,

As we transition to the fall season, please note that the scheduled branch pick-up will end on September 27th and leaf pickup will begin in November. Leaf pickup is for leaves only. Please DO NOT add any other yard waste materials such as grass clippings, pine needles, branches, flowers or vegetation to your leaf piles.

Public works has had a busy summer patching pot holes, trimming trees, maintaining our parks and public areas, and planting flowers. One of the larger projects that we recently completed is the beautification of the three large flower beds at the North end of the Willow Springs Road bridge area close to the bike and walking paths. (see below photos)

We are happy to announce that we have set up our new sewer department service truck that was delivered in July. It includes a sewer camera, generator and mounted crane to assist us in maintaining our village sewer lift station pumps.

The fall season is a busy time for us, we will be working to get our plow and salt trucks ready for the winter. With that being said, we would like to put out the following reminders:

- 1.) Ordinance 2022-O-04 Snow Removal: It shall be unlawful to park any vehicle on any public street in the Village at any time within twelve (12) hours after a snowfall of two (2) inches or more has occurred.
- 2.) Public works cannot be called to clear snow from private property or driveways.
- 3.) Public works is not responsible for roll-over snow on driveways and sidewalks created by plowing.
- 4.) Please DO NOT shovel roll-over snow or any other snow back into the streets.

Public works would like to welcome our new assistant director Paul Freyman. Paul replaces Steve Werner who retired earlier this year. Paul comes to us with 25 years of public works experience and he is a great addition to our team of professional public works employees.

Have a great fall,
Keith Grantland, Public Works Director
kgrantland@willowsprings-il.gov
708 839-3027



POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Hello Willow Springs!

It has been such a great pleasure getting to know this welcoming community. I can't believe it has been six months already. Time is flying by, so much has happened!

I first met with each of the trustees to get a sense of their concerns regarding public safety. I then met with each of our supervisors to understand the inner workings of our department and its challenges. At the same time, I had to become recertified as a police officer in Illinois. That involved a one hundred and fifteen hour on line course, a two hundred question multiple choice test, and four hour firearms qualification. I'm glad that is over.

We hired another full time officer (Anthony Vosicky), and certified a new police officer list for future hires.

Bluesfest was a great success, but Willowfest has been my favorite. I really got to meet our community there. The food and music were great, and it was difficult to get my five year old son off of the rides!

On a much more somber note, on September 11, I delivered a keynote speech at a memorial event, sponsored by McCook, Willow Springs and other local jurisdictions. It was difficult for me to recount my experiences at The World Trade Center, but I received the same enormous support that I have felt since arriving in Willow Springs.

Finally, I would like to thank Mayor Neddermeyer and our Trustees for voting to make me official as the Chief of Willow Springs Police on September 8! I was sworn in by Mr. Sprinkle, and am honored to serve you all in my new position!

Garry McCarthy

Chief of Police
Willow Springs Police Department
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WILLOW SPRINGS LIONESS-LIONS CLUB

The Willow Springs Lions Club Serving Since 1954

The Willow Springs Lions Club would like to thank Mayor Melissa Neddermeyer and the Village Board for including us in the two car shows that took place in Willow Springs earlier this year. At both car shows there were people from public works maintaining the area. They worked very hard keeping the area clean and neat. If we needed more garbage cans and bags they were there to help. The funds raised at these two events will help us to continue to provide services to the families who reside in our community. We will again provide Christmas meals to families in need and eyeglasses for people in our community.



President Richard Bragassi
and all the Willow Springs Lions



BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION



The Beautification Commission is bidding farewell to a summer of projects fulfilled and fundraising to make them possible.

The Willow on the Hill subdivision entrance project is complete. Residents are grateful for a more inviting welcome to their neighborhood.

Gardeners at Legacy Garden Park occupied every box available and continue to enjoy the fruits of their labor. Many gathered on Wednesday, August 24 for a presentation by Commissioner Beth Piersialla about the magnificent pollinators, Monarch Butterflies. The highlight of the evening was the release of a Monarch into the Legacy Garden Park Butterfly Garden.

We received some exciting news recently that we have been awarded a ComEd Openlands Matching Grant of more than \$9,000 to expand and enhance the Legacy Garden Park into an established pollinator habitat to support native pollinator species. The grant will make possible educational signage and areas for education and relaxation to enjoy in the Park. Plans are in the works for the erection of a gazebo and installation of a walking path. The Legacy Garden Park offers an outstanding opportunity for residents to experience the joy of raising plants and learning about the natural species beautifying our Village landscape.

We will be erecting two new Little Libraries constructed by Kiley Mahoney, a Girl Scout earning the Gold Award, the highest award in Girl Scouting. One Library will be placed at the gazebo at Healing Waters Park and the other along the walking path in the Windings of Willow Ridge. Our thanks to Kiley for making a lasting contribution to our Village!

The event we all look forward to when winter cabin fever sets in is Not So Serious Bingo, which we plan to sponsor on the weekend of January 28-29, 2023. Please watch for news about the dates and times.

The Beautification Commission's major fundraising project, "Paving the Way for History," enables residents to take a stroll through history as you read the bricks in the Village Hall walkway, placed to honor and memorialize those who have contributed to the vibrant community we enjoy. You can join us! Bricks are available for purchase in support of this project. Please check out the application on the Village website and on social media. Your donation of \$125.00 per brick ensures your place in history.

As always, we thank residents for their support of our efforts. Our projects would not be possible without your encouragement and financial generosity. Our energy is fueled by the appreciation expressed by our neighbors and for this we are tremendously grateful!

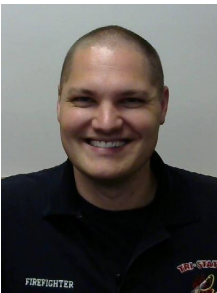


TRI-STATE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

FALL 2022

TRI-STATE HIRES 6 FIREFIGHTER PARAMEDICS IN 2022

The Fire District hired six new Firefighter-Paramedics this year. Hiring is based on a competitive testing process. Welcome to the Tri-State Fire Protection District Family



FIREFIGHTER PROMOTED TO LIEUTENANT

Lieutenant Dave Davis began his firefighting career in 2004, while in High School, as a volunteer in North Pekin, IL. He was hired at Tri-State in 2003. Dave has an Associates Degree in Fire Science. He is state certified for Advanced Fire Officer, Paramedic, Hazardous Materials Technician, Fire Service Instructor II, Incident Safety Officer, Fire Apparatus Engineer, Vehicle and Machinery Operations and Fire Service Vehicle Operator.



FIRE PREVENTION WEEK 2022

Join us and NFPA® in celebrating the 100th anniversary of Fire Prevention Week™. This year's FPW campaign, "Fire won't wait. Plan your escape™", works to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe from home fires. Today's homes burn faster than ever. You may have as little as two minutes (or even less time) to safely escape a home fire from the time the smoke alarm sounds. Your ability to get out of a home during a fire depends on early warning from smoke alarms and advance planning.

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We're here to help!

COMMUNITY EVENTS - WILLOW FEST



COMMUNITY EVENTS - CAR SHOW



Thanks to all of our participants and attendees! It was a great show on a beautiful evening. See you all next year!

COMMUNITY EVENTS - BLUES FEST



COMMUNITY EVENTS - CONCERT IN THE PARK



WILLOW SPRINGS SENIOR CLUB

The Willow Springs Senior Club is finally getting back to normal - we've lost a few members due to illness but we gained a few new members and we always have room for more!

We meet the 3rd Tuesday of the month, doors open at 10:30am at the Community Center located at 8156 S. Archer in Willow Springs we are wheelchair accessible with free parking.

During our February meeting we enjoyed entertainment by Dr. Johnny B. and his musical medicine show. Great music and a wonderful voice.

We held our picnic in June which was reserved at Lions Park but the heat won so we moved to the Community Center where lunch was served along with great desserts. We also held our "in house" horse race and of course Bingo.

A few members went to Starve Rock to hear a Neil Diamond impersonator Denny Diamond- no relation - followed by lunch. A trip to Starve Rock is planned for September 12th for a Land & Water Tour which includes lunch.

In November we will be having our Senior Bake Sale lots of home made goodies-all calories removed during Election Day November 8th. Also in November we will be holding elections for our board members.

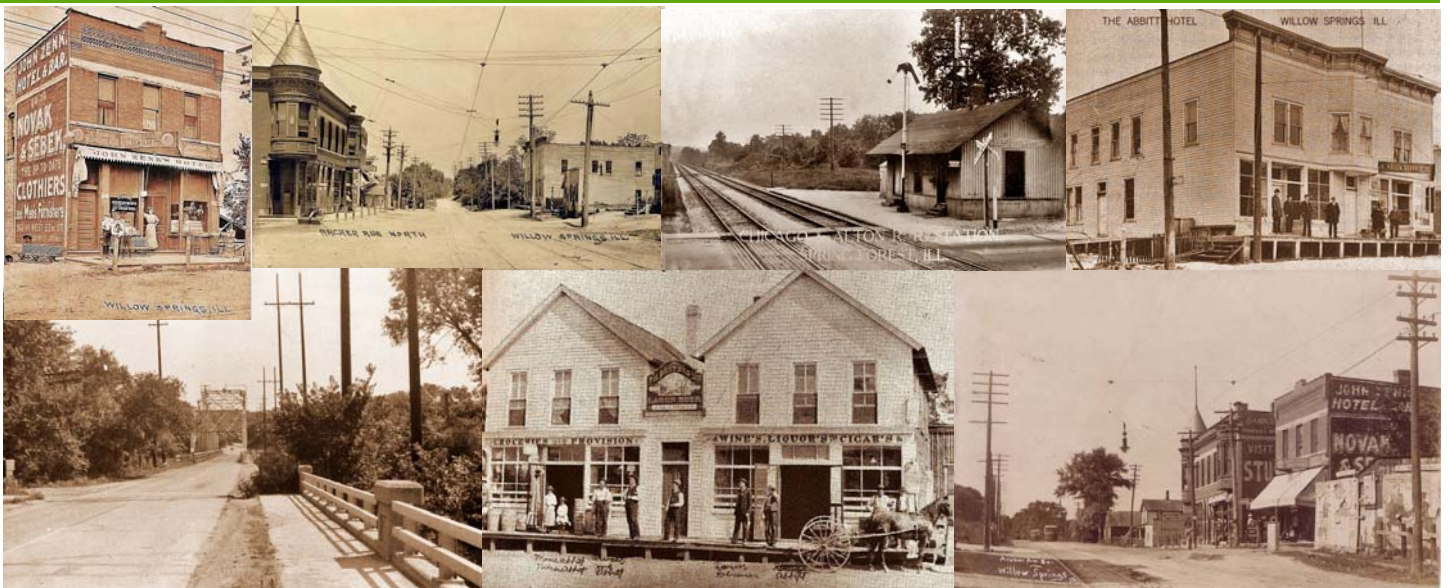
Christmas is coming fast & we've already reserved our place for food & fun at Royalty West on December 20th.

Remember, if you are 55+ and looking for a day to relax, meet new friends have lunch and browse through our free library, please call Nancy Phillips, our membership lady at 708-209-5581. To join its only \$10.00 a year & \$7.00 per meeting.

Hope to see your smiling face soon!

Adrienne Hansen, Willow Springs Senior Club President

HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS



Sending postcards of your hometown was a very popular thing to do at the turn of the century; the 20th century that is! Among these postcards are photos of the Abbitt Tavern and General Store on the corner of Willow Springs Road and Archer.

SAVE THE DATES

OCTOBER 15, 2022
BREW MOON BEER & BAND FESTIVAL
@ THE MAX
IN MCCOOK, IL

75+ BREWERIES
150+ BEERS

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CLASSIC ROCK

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STADIUM CLUB
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BLUE MOON

Wicked Willow
will be held on Halloween
Monday, October 31
Lions Park
6pm-8pm

JOIN US FOR

HOT COCOA WITH THE MAYOR
WEDNESDAY, OCT. 19 @ 6PM
AT THE VILLAGE HALL

WINTERFEST
NOVEMBER 19
WATCH FOR DETAILS
ON THE VILLAGE WEBSITE
AND FACEBOOK

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO OUR WILLOW FEST AND CAR SHOW SPONSORS!

All Around Amusements	Platinum	Storino, Ramello & Durkin	Gold
Grand Prairie Transit	Platinum	Bower Woods	Silver
Gold Rush Amusements	Platinum	Elite Group	Silver
Justice-Willow Springs Water Commission	Platinum	Gigi's Place	Silver
Keith's Cartage & Excavating	Platinum	Liuna Local 225	Silver
Kustom Towing Inc.	Platinum	Mo's Willow Pub and Grub	Silver
Nino's Italian Beef and Hot Dogs	Platinum	Old Willow Center	Silver
Novotny Engineering	Platinum	Pizza 750	Silver
Steak 'N Egger	Platinum	Pleasant Dale Park District	Silver
Teamsters Joint Council No. 25	Platinum	Senator John Curran	Silver
Township of Lyons	Platinum	Willow Florist Shop	Silver
Tressler LLP	Diamond	Willow Springs Friendly Tap	Silver
Sandi Auto & Truck Repair, Inc.	Gold	Gregory & Arlene Lauriano	Family
Argo Roofing Company	Gold	Karl & Martine Lehtinen	Family
Breaker Press	Gold	My Way Café	Family
Imperial Oak	Gold	Remax Market	Family
Louis F. Cainkar	Gold	Sinnott Tree Service	Family
Rowell Chemical Corporation	Gold	Bonnie's	Family

Village of Willow Springs 2022 Upcoming Events

Date			Event	Details
Oct	19	Wed	Hot Cocoa with the Mayor	Village Center, 1 Village Circle
Oct	27	Thurs	Village Board Meeting 7pm	Village Center, 1 Village Circle
Oct	31	Mon	Wicked Willow 6pm-8pm	Lions Park, 201 Park Street
Nov	11	Fri	Village Hall Closed	Village Center, 1 Village Circle
Nov	17	Thurs	Village Board Meeting 7pm	Village Center, 1 Village Circle
Nov	19	Sat	Winter Fest	TBD
Nov	24/25	Thurs/Fri	Village Hall Closed	Village Center, 1 Village Circle
Dec	15	Thurs	Village Board Meeting 7pm	Village Center, 1 Village Circle
Dec	23	Fri	Village Hall hours 9am-1pm	Village Center, 1 Village Circle
Dec	26	Mon	Village Hall Closed	Village Center, 1 Village Circle
Dec	30	Fri	Village Hall hours 9am-1pm	Village Center, 1 Village Circle
Jan	2	Mon	Village Hall Closed	Village Center, 1 Village Circle



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Office Hours:

Monday through Friday;

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Village Committee/Board Meetings:

2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 7 p.m.



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