

the Village  
of  
Willow Springs  
1892  
Spring 2015

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Neighbor to Neighbor

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Recently the Village had the pleasure of honoring two young Willow Springs residents who achieved their goals with dedication, hard work and sense of giving back to their community: Gabriel and Malik Thalji. Both were recognized at the March 12 Board Meeting for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America.

Each of these Eagle Scouts accomplished projects that affected their community: Gabriel spearheaded the construction of an outdoor classroom at Pleasantdale School, and Malik led the installation of an outdoor fire pit and seating area at Pleasantdale Park District.

With the usual recap of negative events and misfortune we see too often in the news, I welcome the opportunity to laud the spirit of community and citizenship these young men, ages 17, and 20, display. Congratulations to their parents, and the staff and members of Troop 69 for their nurturing and support.

Also worth noting, is the recognition our community received by the real estate website, Movoto.com, which contacted the Village to relate that it had made its "Top 10 Chicago Suburbs" list, based on amenities per capita, standard of living, total crimes, violent crimes, high school graduation rate and average commute time. This recognition, in addition to being named last year the "Safest Suburb in the Southland" area, helps improve the image of our small, but proud, town, and further protects our property values.

The coming months entail a busy schedule of infrastructure improvements to improve roadways, parking and drainage in the Village. Returning revenues back into basic services remains the goal of this Village Board as it ensures that our lifestyle and values are protected.

I am pleased to note that our recycling program continues to grow each year. We can all be proud of our efforts to maintain a "Green" community. As the weather warms, don't forget to check out our Dog Park and Splash Pad at Lion's Park. Also, be reminded that Tuesday, April 7, is Election Day in Willow Springs. Please take time out of your often busy schedule to ensure the Village is represented by your choice of the candidates most qualified to lead our Village. With summer just around the bend, please watch for children playing, bicyclists and motorcycles on our roadways.

Warmest Regards,

Alan



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# Fitness Club and Restaurant Plans Fall Opening

The multi-million dollar renovation of the former Chalet property, located at 8300 S. Wolf Road, remains on target for a Fall 2015 opening.

Phase one plans of Score Sports Center completed this month with the transformation of the indoor pool and the installation of a state-of-the-art basketball facility to showcase three full-size basketball courts.

Besides swimming and playing hoops, the 60,000 square-foot facility offers a gamut of physical activities and includes a supervised nursery to allow parents to bring their young children. Members can train on the newest Life Fitness cardio machines, play racquetball, or tackle a number of fitness and training classes. Additionally, members can participate in one-on-one, personalized weight loss programs led by an industry professional.

The mission of Score Sports Center is to help local businesses and families achieve a wide range of health and fitness goals in a family friendly atmosphere.

Owners of the Score Tennis & Fitness in neighboring Countryside purchased the property from the Pleasantdale Park District a year and a half ago and set course to completely redo the facility. WTS International, a renowned management company specializing in upscale fitness clubs and wellness centers, was hired to run the day-to-day operations of the club.

In addition to the fitness center, Score Sports Center will offer a full-service restaurant and bar with access for members and non-members alike.



The Willow Springs Events Committee Presents the...

# Annual Easter Egg Hunt



Sat. March 28, 2015

Doors Open 10 a.m.

Lions Park

201 Park Street



## COMING THIS AUGUST



**400+ cars, live music all night long, best food in town, beer tent,  
and convenience shuttle services all day & night**

**Thursday, August 6, 2015**

# PUBLICWORKS



## Branch Pick-Up Service

Branch pick-up service runs from May to October 1.

### Pick-Up Schedule

**Southside: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays**

**Northside: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays**

Place your branches (no more than 3 inches in diameter & 6 feet in length) in the easement. Village code only allows us to spend no more than ten minutes at each household to chip clippings. Public Works does not chip full trees or branches from full trees. You or your contractor is responsible for removing from your property full trees or parts of full trees. Public Works is not able to chip branches from pine trees due to the sap on the branches.

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 \$2.70 each. Please store larger branches inside your yard so they may be chipped in the spring.

## HELP FIGHT WEST NILE

Mosquitoes carrying the West Nile Virus primarily come from standing water around your home. It doesn't take much water for mosquitoes to develop. You can take the following simple steps to eliminate potential sources:



- ✓ Throw away all trash that can hold water (cans, jars, bottles, etc.)
- ✓ Clean rain gutters and downspouts to prevent water from standing in gutters or on flat roofs
- ✓ Change water in bird baths, wading pools, etc. at least once a week.
- ✓ Maintain swimming pools properly
- ✓ Keep ditches and streams on or around property free of grass clippings, garbage, and other debris to insure proper flow
- ✓ Stack pails, barrels, tubs, wheelbarrows, and similar containers upside down
- ✓ Clean out and fill tree holes
- ✓ Stock ornamental ponds with goldfish or other surface-feeding fish
- ✓ Dispose of used tires properly



**ELIMINATE ANY PLACE WATER CAN STAND STILL  
AND...YOU ELIMINATE MOSQUITOES!**

# Village Prepares for Busy Schedule of Infrastructure Improvements

The Village of Willow Springs is undertaking several exciting projects within the community. The Village is working on sidewalk, road, parking lot, and drainage improvements throughout the Village. The projects will address several areas in need of improvement that will improve functionality of facilities, aesthetic improvements, and enhance the quality of life for residents within the community. Highlight projects include:

**“Willow Walks” is a ‘Safe Routes to School Project’** that will consist of sidewalk improvements to provide a pedestrian walkway to Willow Springs School. The project is currently in design and will entail additional sidewalk to the south, west and east. The most exciting component will be pedestrian access across the ravine at Vinewood Avenue. The Village committed to completing this project, working through several re-design applications to comply with federally- funded aspects of the project. This access will compliment and link the School Drop-off Zone along Vinewood Avenue which the Village funded in 2006. Another ‘Safe Routes’ project installed sidewalks in 2012 along the path to Pleasantdale School, along German Church Road and School Street.

**A new Village-owned parking lot for Metra commuters** is currently in design stages, with the goal of construction in the spring. The Village reviewed multiple conceptual plans to ensure that the needs of the community were met. The selected plan will help complete the Village Center area and provide additional off-hours parking for future business growth. The improvements will provide closer access to the Metra Station, safety improvements and additional landscaping to the Village Center.

**The West Suburban Water Commission has two water main improvement projects** planned in the Village this year. The water main along Cedar Street will be replaced from Forest Street to Elm Street. Spring Street will also receive a new water main from Archer Avenue to Blackstone Street. The Village plans to work with the Water Commission to time its planned road paving improvements along Cedar Street with the water main installation. Cedar Street has been identified as one of the Village’s highest priority roads in need of repair. An additional water main project is planned for Hill Street, from Blackstone to Archer. Again, the Village addresses any necessary road maintenance at the same time to economize resources. The Water Commission continues to improve water service lines in the Village, having recently completed the removal and upgrade of the final four-inch main on its system.

**The Village, in conjunction with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District,** is approaching the bid stage for Phase Two of a drainage project along the Ravine Watershed route. Last fall, in the initial phase, the Village improved the alleyway between Hill and Springs streets in advance of the MWRD phase which will manage storm water draining down from the higher elevations of the Forest Preserves.

**As part of a separate Stream bank Stabilization project,** the MWRD is already underway with improvements along Poston Road where the banks of the Cal-Sag Channel are being restored from major erosion.

**Left turn lane improvements along Archer Avenue** began in March with the Illinois Department of Transportation planning to complete work by mid-June. Please be prepared for occasional lane closures as the project progresses in coming weeks.



# Fire Department News

## *Tri-State looks back at 2014, plans for future*

Tri-State Fire Protection District continues to evaluate capabilities and upgrade performance to provide the best possible fire and emergency medical service. In 2014, Tri-State FPD activated one of three new 2015 Ford 450 Ambulances (with a Wheel Coach Box) into its fleet. The other two Ambulances will be added into service later this year.

Tri-State FPD continues to handle all repairs and maintenance internally, for all fire department vehicles, to control quality and costs.

The Tri-State's Fire Prevention Bureau relocation, from Darien to Willow Springs, is now complete; the Bureau's two Inspectors/Fire Investigators and Administrative Assistant now share half the firehouse space at 8259 Willow Springs Road. Among many things, the Bureau inspects all business properties, investigates all fires and reviews plans to new buildings for tenants wishing to occupy space within the district.

The Fire Prevention Bureau has inspected many of the businesses in Willow Springs, and is on target to complete a full inspection of all structures. Tri-State's goal, as a Fire Department, is to ensure Willow Springs residents' safety and peace of mind.

\*In 2014, The Willow Springs Station responded to 568 EMS/Fire Rescue calls for Willow Springs residences and businesses.

Tri-State is proud to announce that in December 2014, the Fire Prevention Bureau was honored with two "Fire Investigators of the Year" awards for providing evidence resulting in the arrest of a subject on a "Class X Felony" Arson Charge.

As a part of the Village community, Tri-State FPD participated in many of the Willow Springs events last year including: the Children's Fishing Derby, Easter Egg Hunt, Halloween Party, "Chatting with The Chief" School Program, the Benefit Car Show, The Tree Lighting Party at Village Hall, and the Christmastime Santa Run.

**Please mark your calendars for October 2015, when the Fire Department holds its Annual Fire Department Open House, at 8259 Willow Springs Road.** Bring the kids to enjoy a close-up look at the Firehouse and Equipment. The exact date and time will be announced via the Newsletter, Village signs, the Village website, and Facebook page. We look forward to seeing you there.



## ***Electronic Recycling Reminder:***

The Village sponsors an electronics recycling service for **residents of Willow Springs only.** Items can be dropped off at the Willow Springs Fire Station, 8259 Willow Springs Rd., from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. You must show proof of residency upon dropping items off. For questions, call the Fire Department (708-839-5665).

**Accepted items include: televisions, CRT monitors, LCD monitors, Computers, laptops, printers, fax machines, copiers, VCRs, keyboards and mice, DVD players, microwaves, stereos, speakers, cable cords, telephones, cell phones, game consoles, and handheld devices (iPods, CD players, etc.)**

# **Police Department News**

## *Willow Springs Police offer seniors popular “Senior Citizen Law Enforcement Academy”*

Please join your neighbors and friends in the popular training program offered through the County Sheriff’s Department beginning this May. This popular 6-session training provides an inside look at area scams and illegal activities. It also helps you to understand the processes Police use to counter these activities. Learn how to protect yourself and assist your local Police in keeping Willow Springs safe. Each session will be hosted at either the Willow Springs Police Department, 8255 S. Willow Springs Road, or the Justice Village Hall, 7800 Archer Avenue. Specific times will be announced shortly. Call 708-467-3700 or:

**Check these websites for updated times and locations:**

**[www.willowsprings-il.gov](http://www.willowsprings-il.gov)**

**[www.facebook.com/Villageofwillowspringsil](http://www.facebook.com/Villageofwillowspringsil)**

### **Session 1 - Wednesday, May 13**

#### ***Office of the Cook County Sheriff & the Sheriff’s Police Department***

Welcome & Overview of the Cook County Sheriff’s Office

Overview of the Willow Springs & Justice Police Departments

### **Session 2 - Wednesday, May 20**

#### ***Crimes Against the Elderly/Senior Safety***

Personal Safety, Identity Theft, Telemarketing Scams, Con Games & Elder Abuse

### **Session 3 - Wednesday, May 27**

#### ***Law Enforcement Agency Operations***

911 vs. Non-Emergency Calls & Overview of the Communications Unit

Patrol Procedures

Crime Scene Processing & Fundamentals of an Investigation

### **Session 4 - Wednesday, June 3**

#### ***Gangs & Illegal Drugs in Cook County - Awareness & Prevention***

Overview of Gang Crimes Unit & Narcotics Unit

K-9 Demonstration

### **Session 5 - Wednesday, June 10**

#### ***Court Services, Corrections & Alternative Incarceration Programs***

Overview of the Sheriff’s Court Services Department & Civil Process Division

Overview of the Cook County Jail - Divisions I - XI

Department of Women’s Justice Services & Alternative Incarceration Programs

### **Session 6 - Wednesday, June 17**

#### ***Local Community Policing Programs & Graduation***

Understanding Community Policing & Forming a Neighborhood Watch

Graduation Ceremony & Reception



## **We don't miss a beat...**

If you see a Police Officer in our local parks, don't worry. They are just doing a routine foot patrol. Feel free to say hello and let them know if you have any suggestions to make our town safer.

# Get Ready to Race!

The Intelligentsia Cup is proud to announce that the Illinois Cycling Association has selected the Willow Springs road race presented by Tower Racing as the 2015 Illinois State Road Race Championships.

**The race date is set for:**

**Sunday, July 19**

More information about this race, including the categories and times, will be coming soon.

For more information, visit: <http://www.prairiestatecyclingseries.com/>



# Willow Springs makes Top 10 Best Chicago Suburbs List

*(Reprinted from [movoto.com/chicago-il/best-chicago-suburbs/](http://movoto.com/chicago-il/best-chicago-suburbs/))*

Whether you're heading to Chicago for the museums, the theater, the architecture, or the food, there's no doubt about it, you'll be impressed with all this city has to offer. It's a wonderful place... to visit.

But to live there? That takes a certain kind of person. Someone who loves city life through and through. Someone who doesn't mind the hustle and bustle and maybe a little noise.

For the rest of us, though, there are always the suburbs.

Don't worry, these 10 places aren't your stereotypical boring suburbs—they are near Chicago, after all. No, these 10 places are cream of the crop.

Here are the 10 best Chicago suburbs:

1. Burr Ridge (tie)
1. Park Ridge (tie)
3. Glenview
4. Kenilworth
5. La Grange (tie)
5. Palos Park (tie)
7. La Grange Park (tie)
7. Western Springs (tie)
9. Wilmette
- 10. Willow Springs**

We created this list by looking at Chicago's nearby communities in terms of the following criteria:

Amenities per capita

Standard of living (cost of living, median home price, median rent, median household income, and student to teacher ratio)

Total crimes

Violent crimes

High school graduation rate

Average commute time

## 10. Willow Springs



Source: Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center via Facebook

The Village of Willow Springs is the perfect community for those looking to get away from it all.

Here you can get back to nature at one of the community parks or forest preserve trails. You can connect with your family, without all the distractions of a big city (including amenities).

And you can get to know the people around you—which you undoubtedly will, as Willow Springs is only about four square miles and 5,000 people strong.

It's peaceful, it's quiet, and it's literally about 10 times safer than living in Chicago.

## It's Time for Coffee and Conversation



*You Are Cordially Invited to Enjoy*

*“Coffee with the Mayor”*

*Saturday, May 16, 2015*

*10 – Noon at Village Hall*

Please join Mayor Alan Nowaczyk for another in a Series of Informal Questions, Answers and Comments from your Willow Springs Neighbors.

## **Congratulations!** **“Class of 2015”**

*Mayor Nowaczyk, the Board of Trustees, and the Village Staff congratulate all the Graduates! We hope you enjoy this memorable time in your life. We wish you the best that life has to offer and for a healthy and prosperous future.*





**Military buff?**

**Military channel fan?**

**Ever wonder what it was like?**

**Do you own any military items, old or new?**

**You won't want to miss the Willow Springs  
Historical Society's**

# **Military Artifact Display**

**Sunday, May 3, 2015**

**Community Center (8156 Archer Ave.)**

**1 - 4 p.m.**

*Free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.*

*Call the Village Hall (708-467-3700) if you have any military artifacts to put on display for the event.*



# 2015 Calendar of Willow Springs Events



Date	Time	Event	Time	Site
Mar. 28	Sat.	Kids' Easter Egg Hunt	10:00 am	Lions Park
April 1	Wed.	Vehicle Stickers On Sale Now		Village Hall, One Village Circle
April 25	Sat.	Clean Willow Day	10:00 am - Noon	8261 Willow Springs Rd. (To Volunteer Call: 467-3700)
April 26	Sun.	Lions Pork Chop Dinner	12:00 - 5:00 pm	Community Center, 8156 Archer
May 3	Sun.	Military Display	11:00 am - 2:00pm	Community Center, 8156 Archer
May 4	Mon.	Branch Pick Up Begins		Southside: 1st/3rd Mondays Northside: 2nd/4th Mondays
May 9	Sat.	Post Office "Mail Box Food Drive"		Place non-perishables by your mailbox by 7:00 am
May 25	Mon.	Memorial Day Ceremony	11:00 am	Archer and Willow Springs Road
June 6	Sat.	Children's Fishing Derby	10:00 am	Healing Waters Pond
June 18-21	Thur. - Sun.	Village Wide Yard Sales	8:00 am - 3:00 pm	Throughout the Village call to reg. 708 467-3700
June 30	Tues.	Village Vehicle Sticker Due		Village Hall, One Village Circle
July 3	Dusk	Fire Works Display		Pleasantdale Park District 7425 S. Wolf Rd.
July 19	Sun.	Prairie State Cycling Series		Pro-Am bike racing in Willow Springs. From Rte. 83 to Willow Springs Rd. via Archer Ave., to 107th Street, west to Rte. 83
Aug. 6	Thur.	8th Annual Benefit Car Show	2:00 pm - 9:30 pm	Village Center
Sept. 10	Thur.	Candlelight Vigil September 11 Remembrance	6:30 pm	Village Hall, One Village Circle
Sept. 12-13	Sat. - Sun.	A River Thru History		Free Shuttle at U.P.S.
Oct. 1	Thur.	Leaf Pick Up Begins		Please rake leaves to easement
Oct. TBA		"Coffee with the Mayor"	10:00 am - Noon	Village Hall, One Village Circle
Oct. 2	Fri.	Kids' Halloween Party		Location TBA
Oct. TBA		Ladies Night Out	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Lioness Fund Raiser at the Willowbrook Willowbrook Ballroom, 8900 Archer Ave.
Nov. 6	Fri.	"Vegas Night" Lions Fundraiser	7:00 pm - Midnight	Royalty West, 8675 Archer
Dec. 5	Sat.	Fire Dept. Santa Candy Cane Run	All Morning	Your driveway
Dec. 5	Sat.	Children's Christmas Party	Noon - 3:00 pm	Willowbrook Ballroom
Dec. 5	Sat.	Tree Lighting Celebration	3:00 pm - 4:30 pm	Village Hall, One Village Circle

# Remember Our Heroes



*Monday, May 25 at 11 a.m.*

Corner of Willow Springs Road and Archer Ave.

## *Memorial Remembrance Ceremony*

*Please join William R. Edmondson Post 832  
in honoring our Veterans this holiday.*

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**It's that time of the year...**

## **Do YOU need a building permit?**



**Call the Village Hall (708)467-3700 to ask  
us before you start any construction.**

**All contractors must be registered annually  
with the Village before performing any work at your  
home. Call the Village Hall to verify your contractor has insurance.**



# Childrens' Fishing Derby

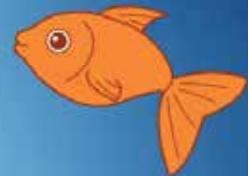
## Sat. June 6

**Registration Required**

**By Wednesday May 27**

**Call 708-467-3700**

**FREE EVENT**



### **Where:**

#### **Healing Waters Pond**

(corner of German Church Rd.  
& Willow West Dr.)

**The pond is freshly  
stocked**

***Come catch 'em!***

### **When:**

**Check-In: 10 am**

**Fishing: 10:15-11**

**Lunch & trophies:  
11-noon**

### **What each child needs to bring:**

- a big smile
- a bucket

### **What we provide:**

Cane poles, live bait, and a hot dog lunch served up by Tri-State Fire Dept. and the Willow Springs Lions Club.





# Village Wide Garage Sales

Thurs., June 18 – Sun., June 21  
8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

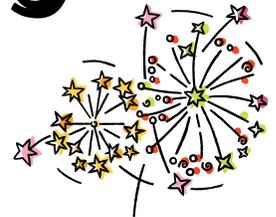
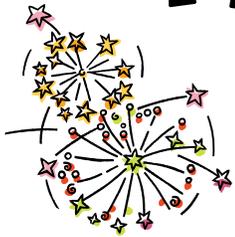
Call the Village Hall at 708.467.3700 to  
have your address put on the Garage Sale Listing!

## Fireworks Display!

Presented by Pleasantdale Park District

Friday, July 3 at dusk

7425 Wolf Road



## This spring...

Don't forget to take advantage  
of the weather and our wonderful

**bike trails** in town!

For more information on local bike trails contact the  
Cook County Forest Preserve (708) 771-1001  
or visit on the web:

<http://www.traillink.com/project/calumet-sag-trail.aspx>

or

[http://www.railstotrails.org/ourWork/whereWeWork/midwest/  
projects/IL-CookCounty-CalumetSagTrail.html](http://www.railstotrails.org/ourWork/whereWeWork/midwest/projects/IL-CookCounty-CalumetSagTrail.html)





The sweet smell of hot pancakes and coffee filled the air at the Community Center on February 14. Thanks to all who supported the The Events Committee's "Sweetheart Pancake Breakfast" fundraiser. Guests feasted on pancakes, sausage, peaches, cookies, coffee, orange juice, and strawberry milk.

Judy Grzyb was the lucky winner of the Valentine's Day split the pot.



# The Willow Springs Lions Community Dinner

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**Sunday • April 26 • 2015**

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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.

Adults  
\$7.00

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!**

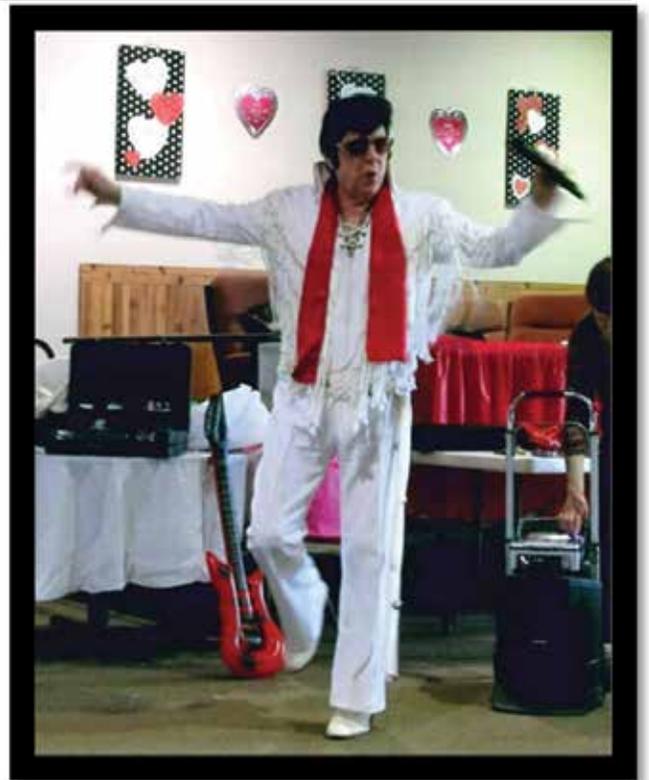
Ticket information:

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

# "THE KING OF ROCK N' ROLL"



As always, the **Willow Springs Senior Club** had a great time! Elvis joined them at their February meeting. The Senior Club meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month at the Community Center (8156 Archer Ave.). Doors open at 10:30 a.m. and the meeting begins at 11:00 a.m. New members are always welcome! For more information, call Jean Mrkasek at 708-839-1491 or Delores Nedved at 708-839-5696.



# FEELING SPUNKY? JOIN THE CLUB!

THE **WILLOW SPRINGS SENIOR CLUB** HAS BEEN ACTIVE AND GROWING IN THE VILLAGE FOR MANY YEARS AND WE ATTEMPT TO IMPROVE AND OFFER MORE TO OUR MEMBERS ALL THE TIME.

WE HOLD OUR MEETINGS ON THE THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH WITH DOORS OPENING AT 10:30A.M. THE MEETING BEGINS AT 11:00 A.M. AND IS FOLLOWED BY A CATERED LUNCH, RAFFLE AND BINGO. WE OFTEN HAVE GUEST SPEAKERS WHO PROVIDE US WITH INFORMATION RELATED TO SENIORS.

MEMBERS WERE SURPRISED AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING. TO CELEBRATE BOTH VALENTINES DAY AND FAT TUESDAY, ENTERTAINMENT WAS PROVIDED WITH A VISIT BY "ELVIS." THE HOUR PLUS PERFORMANCE WAS ENJOYED BY THE GROUP AND THEY COULD SAY "ELVIS WAS IN THE BUILDING!"

AT OUR MARCH MEETING , WE WILL HAVE A REPRESENTTIVE OF THE WATER COMMISSION WHO WILL BE GIVING INSTRUCTIONS RELATED TO THE COMPUTERS IN THE CENTER AND POSSIBLY SET UP A CLASS FOR THOSE INTERESTED.

THERE WILL BE A SENIOR BAKE SALE IN APRIL IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE VILLAGE TRUSTEES ELECTION AND HOPE EVERYONE WILL COME OUT TO VOTE AND TO SUPPORT OUR EFFORT.

ALSO AT OUR APRIL MEETING, WE WILL BE ADDRESSED BY THE COOK COUNTY SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT. THEY ARE BEGINNING A "LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY" WHICH WILL PROVIDE INFORMATION TO THE SENIORS IN THE FORM OF CLASSES, AND INFORMING THEM OF THE MANY SCAMS AND FRAUDS DIRECTED MAINLY TO SENIORS. THE CLASSES WILL RUN FOR 6 CONSECUTIVE WEEKS BEGINNING IN MAY. MEMBERS WILL BE ASKED TO SIGN UP AT THE MEETING.

SENIORS NOT BELONGING TO THE CLUB ARE ALSO WELCOME TO SIGN UP FOR THE CLASS BY CALLING JEAN MRKACEK AT 839-1491 OR DOLORES NEDVED AT 839-5696.

OUR CARD GROUPS ARE GOING STRONG WITH POKER ON MONDAYS AND PINOCHLE ON FRIDAYS. THESE ARE FOR MEMBERS ONLY, SO IF YOU LIKE TO PLAY, JOIN THE CLUB AND START PLAYING.

THE "BOOK SWAP" IS ALSO AVAILABLE TO ANY ADULT VILLAGE RESIDENT AND IS AVAILABLE MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY FROM 10:00 A.M.TO 1:30 P.M. COME IN AND BROWSE. NEW BOOKS ARE ADDED QUITE OFTEN.

WE ARE ACCEPTING AND WELCOMING MEMBERS FROM OUTSIDE THE VILLAGE. FOR INFORMATION REGARDING MEMBERSHIP AND DUES CALL EITHER OF THE NUMBERS ABOVE.

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## NOTICE: Sanitary Sewer Backups

To prevent costly, unnecessary and messy sewer backups, **DO NOT** put items such as paper towels, diapers, sanitary products, and rags into the sewer system.

**Other products that cause significant damage include paint, motor oil, antifreeze, and all other hazardous chemicals. These materials cause extensive damage to the sewer system and to our environment. Please educate your family and friends.**

**Think you're a green person?  
PROVE IT!**

**Roll up your sleeves & make a difference**

# “Clean Willow Day”



**When: Saturday April 25**

**Where: Public Works  
(8261 Willow Springs Rd.)**

**Check-In: 10 a.m.**

**Lunch: Noon at the Fire Dept.  
(8259 Willow Springs Rd.)**

Bring a friend along on April 25 to celebrate Earth Day. Gloves, bags, and vests are provided. Community Service Certificates available.

**Please call (708) 467-3700 to register by 4/22**

**BE THE SOLUTION  
END POLLUTION!**



# Your Vehicle Sticker Expires June 30



## **Why do I need a Vehicle Sticker?**

-- Vehicles stickers help our Police patrol your neighborhood, know who belongs, and keep it safe. Anyone who lives in the Village or houses a car in the Village is required to purchase a sticker.

## **What do I need to purchase a Vehicle Sticker?**

-- Your Renewal Card received in the mail, and \$30 for the sticker or \$47.50 for a B-plated truck.

## **What if I do not have a Renewal Card?**

-- Bring your Vehicle Registration to the Village Hall to buy a sticker.

**Please note: ON JULY 1, VEHICLE STICKER FEES DOUBLE**

**Reminder: Stickers are NOT available by mail**

**Seniors 65 + receive one *free* sticker per household.**

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## Lost Dog?

*Don't let this happen to your BFF*

*Protect your puppy*



Register your dog annually at the Village Hall. Help our Police identify your dog by purchasing a dog identification tag. It's the best \$10 you can spend! These tags expire June 30. **Please bring your dog's shot records with you.**

# Pre-Season High-Efficiency Central Air Sale



*American Standard*<sup>®</sup>  
HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING

*We Service  
and Replace  
All Makes  
and Models.*

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up to  
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| ★ Horseback Rides | \$25/hr 7 days a week           |
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# SEVERE STORM SEASON IS UPON US!

~Siren testing is always the first Tuesday of each month~



**TORNADO WATCH:** THIS MEANS THAT CONDITIONS ARE RIGHT FOR A TORNADO. BE PREPARED TO TAKE COVER IF ADVISED.

**TORNADO WARNING:** THIS MEANS A TORNADO HAS BEEN SIGHTED IN THE AREA AND TO TAKE COVER IMMEDIATELY.

Severe spring and summer storms bring tornadoes, flooding, and lightning damage to many states across the country. It is strongly advised that you try to be prepared in the event of a storm, especially the lightning that often accompanies it. Here are some important safety tips to consider:

- Keep an eye on the sky. Look for darkening skies, flashing light, or increasing wind.
- Listen to the weather radio.
- Turn off your air conditioner.
- Draw blinds and shades over windows to prevent glass from shattering into your home.
- If you are in a mobile home or car and a tornado warning occurs, get out and find sturdier shelter.
- If someone is struck by lightning, call 911 and begin CPR if necessary. They do not hold an electrical charge.

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## It's the largest one-day food drive in America!

~Always the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in May~

Last year, the food drive resulted in 72.5 million pounds of food collected across the country! This year will be the 23rd annual Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive. **Place your non-perishable food items in a bag by your mailbox by 7 a.m. Saturday, May 9, and they will be collected along with your mail.**

For more information, visit: <http://www.nalc.org/community-service/food-drive>

OR

Share the word through Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/StampOutHunger>



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- Ashbary Coffee House**  
*Coffee House/Food/Drinks.....* 708-839-6963
- Bonnie's Dining & Banquets**  
*Restaurant/Banquets.....* 708-839-5820
- C.C.'s Grove Inn**  
*Restaurant/Bar.....* 708-839-1959
- Dunkin Donuts**  
*Donut Shop.....* 708-467-0960
- Greco's of Willow Springs**  
*Restaurant.....* 708-839-0333
- Imperial Oak Brewing**  
*Micro Brewery.....* 708-559-7311
- Irish Legend**  
*Irish Pub/Restaurant.....* 708-330-5264
- Judy's Friendly Tap**  
*Tavern.....* 708-839-9508
- Mo's Willow Pub & Grub**  
*Restaurant/Bar.....* 708-467-0400
- My Way Café**  
*Restaurant.....* 708-839-1600
- Royalty West Banquets**  
*Banquet Hall.....* 708-839-5200
- Spring Forest Deli II**  
*Deli.....* 708-839-1056
- Subway**  
*Fast Food.....* 708-467-0960
- Tropical Sno (Seasonal)**  
*Shaved Ice Stand.....* 708-698-5065
- Willowbrook Ballroom**  
*Ballroom, Banquets.....* 708-839-1000
- Willow Springs Family Restaurant**  
*Restaurant.....* 708-467-3839



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*Heating & A/C.....* 708-839-5550
- Air Design Systems**  
*Heating & A/C.....* 630-654-1900
- Assured Air**  
*Heating & A/C.....* 708-839-5760
- Bower Woods**  
*Wood Working.....* 708-330-5180
- Crest Concrete Coatings**  
*Concrete Contractor.....* 708-485-9700
- Father & Son Landscaping**  
*Landscaping.....* 708-430-4746
- Mazur & Son Construction**  
*General Contractor.....* 708-839-5959
- Ruiz Lawn Maintenance**  
*Lawn Care.....* 708-839-0414
- Streamline Construction**  
*Construction & Development.....* 708-216-9700
- Argo Roofing**  
*Roofing Contractor.....* 708-354-3107

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- Dr. John Arce**  
*Dentist.....* 708-839-9636
- Dr. Mueemann**  
*Dentist.....* 708-467-1000
- Baltirres Dental P.C.**  
*Dentist.....* 773-582-7200
- Healing Hands Physical Therapy**  
*Physical Therapist.....* 708-915-0950
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- Zarzycki Manor Chapels**  
*Funeral Home.....* 708-839-8999

# SALES & SERVICES

|                                                    |              |  |                                          |              |
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| <b>2 Bici</b>                                      |              |  | <b>Memory Lane Stables</b>               |              |
| <i>Bicycle Shop.....</i>                           | 708-330-5234 |  | <i>Horse Stables.....</i>                | 708-845-0865 |
| <b>7-Eleven</b>                                    |              |  | <b>National Title Center</b>             |              |
| <i>Gas Station.....</i>                            | 708-467-0228 |  | <i>Title Insurance Company.....</i>      | 708-375-1400 |
| <b>All Fur One Grooming</b>                        |              |  | <b>Nexeo Solutions</b>                   |              |
| <i>Dog Grooming.....</i>                           | 708-839-9200 |  | <i>Chemical Solvent Distributor.....</i> | 708-588-2900 |
| <b>Bionature Massage, Healing &amp; Nails</b>      |              |  | <b>Northwestern Mortgage Company</b>     |              |
| <i>Bioenergy Consulting.....</i>                   | 708-415-4044 |  | <i>Mortgage Company.....</i>             | 708-839-4900 |
| <b>Bike 22 Vapor</b>                               |              |  | <b>Pekron Consulting</b>                 |              |
| <i>Electronic Cigarette Vapor Shop.....</i>        | 708-330-5020 |  | <i>Environmental Consulting.....</i>     | 708-839-0600 |
| <b>Chair Covers By Sylwia</b>                      |              |  | <b>Rapid Reimbursement Solutions</b>     |              |
| <i>Linen Rental.....</i>                           | 708-294-5200 |  | <i>Medical Billing Solutions.....</i>    | 708-467-0813 |
| <b>CMS Publishing</b>                              |              |  | <b>Remax Market</b>                      |              |
| <i>Publishing.....</i>                             | 708-839-9201 |  | <i>Real Estate Office.....</i>           | 708-839-8100 |
| <b>Comprehensive Planning</b>                      |              |  | <b>Rowell Chemical Corporation</b>       |              |
| <i>Insurance &amp; Securities.....</i>             | 708-839-9100 |  | <i>Chemical Distributor.....</i>         | 708-839-1707 |
| <b>Cross Tread Industries</b>                      |              |  | <b>Sarah's Pony Rides</b>                |              |
| <i>Manufacturing.....</i>                          | 630-850-7100 |  | <i>Horse Stables and Pony Rides.....</i> | 630-802-1316 |
| <b>D &amp; B Heating &amp; Cooling</b>             |              |  | <b>Sandi Auto &amp; Truck Repair</b>     |              |
| <i>Heating &amp; Air Conditioning.....</i>         | 708-839-0711 |  | <i>Auto Repair.....</i>                  | 708-839-1515 |
| <b>Dead Serious Tattoos</b>                        |              |  | <b>Shine Institute</b>                   |              |
| <i>Tattoo Shop.....</i>                            | 708-467-0951 |  | <i>Chinese Herbal Therapy.....</i>       | 708-467-0997 |
| <b>Fanaberia</b>                                   |              |  | <b>Sirivicious Rooming House</b>         |              |
| <i>Hair Salon &amp; Day Spa.....</i>               | 708-467-0455 |  | <i>Rooming House.....</i>                | 708-839-8597 |
| <b>First Merit Bank</b>                            |              |  | <b>Soul Proprietor</b>                   |              |
| <i>Financial Institution.....</i>                  | 708-839-3054 |  | <i>Spiritual Guidance.....</i>           | 708-277-4958 |
| <b>Gencom</b>                                      |              |  | <b>Southerland Storage &amp; Towing</b>  |              |
| <i>Fire &amp; Safety Systems.....</i>              | 708-839-6840 |  | <i>Storage &amp; Towing.....</i>         | 708-839-1869 |
| <b>Grand Prairie Transit</b>                       |              |  | <b>Speedway</b>                          |              |
| <i>School Bus Company.....</i>                     | 630-655-8739 |  | <i>Gas Station.....</i>                  | 708-467-0960 |
| <b>Great Lakes Credit Union</b>                    |              |  | <b>State Farm Insurance</b>              |              |
| <i>Financial Institution.....</i>                  | 847-578-7000 |  | <i>Insurance Office.....</i>             | 708-839-1700 |
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| <i>Dog Services.....</i>                           | 708-214-6242 |  | <i>Martial Arts Studio.....</i>          | 708-314-9653 |
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| <i>Professional &amp; Personal Assistance.....</i> | 708-214-6242 |  | <i>Manufacturing.....</i>                | 708-839-1400 |
| <b>Illinois Billiard Club</b>                      |              |  | <b>Valvoline</b>                         |              |
| <i>Billiards Club.....</i>                         | 708-839-1331 |  | <i>Motor Oil Manufacturing.....</i>      | 708-579-4660 |
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| <i>Liquor Store.....</i>                           | 708-839-8383 |  | <i>Florist.....</i>                      | 708-839-0009 |
| <b>Kukuc Photography</b>                           |              |  | <b>Willow Springs Hardware</b>           |              |
| <i>Photography Studio.....</i>                     | 708-929-4136 |  | <i>Hardware Store.....</i>               | 708-839-1040 |
| <b>Lavery Express Transportation</b>               |              |  |                                          |              |
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*Village Committee/Board Meetings:*

*2nd and 4th Thursday of each month,  
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The new website is up and running! It is updated regularly with Village events and news. Find information about community organizations, local businesses, schools, or places of worship in our Area Directory. Find contacts for Village departments and utility companies or download permit and application forms.

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