

the Village  
of  
Willow Springs  
1892  
Spring 2016

Neighbor to Neighbor



Shall Video Gaming be authorized in the Village of Willow Springs?	YES NO
For joining the Tri-State Fire Protection District and assuming a proportionate share of bonded indebtedness, if any.	YES NO

## Are You Registered to Vote?

The 2016 Presidential Primary Election is **Tuesday, March 15.**

**Apply for a Mail-In Ballot** – visit Cook County Clerk Elections at <https://mailvoting.cookcountyclerk.com/> or call (312) 603-0946. You must apply no later than March 10. Ballot must be postmarked by March 15.

**Early Voting** is held at the locations listed below now until March 14, only if you are currently a registered voter.

Hodgkins Village Hall 8990 Lyons St., Hodgkins		
M-F	March 7-11	9pm – 5pm
Sat.	March 12 <sup>th</sup>	9pm – 5pm
Sat.	March 13 <sup>th</sup>	9pm – 3pm

Bridgeview Court House 10220 S. 76 <sup>th</sup> Ave. Room 238, Bridgeview		
M-F	March 7-11	9pm – 5pm
Mon.	March 14 <sup>th</sup>	9pm – 5pm

**Even if you are not registered, you can still vote early until March 14. Bring two forms of identification to either of the locations above and you will be allowed to cast your ballot immediately following your registration.**

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708.467.3711  
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# Informational Town Hall

**SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 2016  
11 A.M. UNTIL 2 P.M.  
WILLOW SPRINGS FIRE STATION  
8259 WILLOW SPRINGS ROAD**

Ask questions and get answers about the March 15 Primary Election Referendum.  
An Open House will follow. Learn about Tri-State's equipment and capabilities.  
Families are encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be served.

# Telephone Town Hall

The March 15 Primary Election Referendum regarding Willow Springs joining the Tri-State Fire Protection District comes to your door via telephone on

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2016  
at 7:30 P.M.**

The Village is utilizing automated call technology to reach your home.  
**If you do not receive the automated call please dial 708-529-5006 to join the conversation.**

# COMING SOON!

## Added Metra Train Service

# 2:45 p.m.

## From Chicago to Willow Springs

Beginning **Monday, March 14**, Metra Train #915 will include an additional departure time from Chicago Union Station at 2:45 p.m. and will include these:

Willow Springs 3:18 p.m.	Lockport 3:38 p.m.
Lemont: 3:28 p.m.	Joliet 3:50 p.m.

The train will then depart Joliet at 4:00 p.m. and deadhead back to Chicago Union Station to arrive at 5:10 p.m.

## March 15, 2016 Referendum On Future Fire Protection Services Provider

► Municipalities provide firefighting and ambulance services either through an in-house Fire Department controlled by the Mayor/Board of Trustees or through a multi-village Fire Protection District controlled by an independently elected Board of Trustees.

► In 2006, the residents of Willow Springs voted against increasing expenditures for new equipment and vehicles for our in-house Fire Department. Factors at the time included rising costs of salaries, benefits, pension obligations, equipment, safety clothing and gear for all firefighters, paramedics, and engineers. For the next 7 years, the Village explored alternatives to operating an in-house Department.

► In 2013, the Village of Willow Springs signed a contract with the Tri-State Fire Protection District to provide firefighting and ambulance services to our residents, for a 3-year evaluation period. This final year of the Tri-State contract costs \$575,000 and expires September 30. Tri-State has offered the Village the opportunity to become a full member of its District. Tri-State's tax rate for 2014 was 0.7389. For comparison, the other two contiguous Fire Districts, Pleasantview and Roberts Park, are 0.842 and 1.070, respectively. Additionally, Tri-State's ISO 2 rating places it in the top 1 percent of fire protection providers in the nation.

**Choice 1:** To staff and equip an in-house Willow Springs Fire Department, comprised of full- and part-time firefighters, would require a property tax increase to pay all day-to-day operating costs estimated at roughly \$2,000,000 per year; plus additional bond debt to replace obsolete equipment, estimated at \$1.5 million to \$2.0 million.

**Choice 2:** Joining the Tri-State Fire Protection District would establish a new property tax line item for our proportional share of the District's annual budget. The Willow Springs portion of the District's annual budget will be \$1,200,000.

The question on the March 15, 2016 ballot reads as follows:

**“For joining the Tri-State Fire Protection District and assuming a proportionate share of bonded indebtedness, if any.”**

*If you support Choice 1, vote “NO”. If you support Choice 2, vote “YES”.*

**Please Vote On March 15, 2016**  
**Or Request A Mail In Ballot From The County Clerk.**

# Vehicle Stickers expire June 30

Stickers on sale Monday, April 4



Only available at Village Hall

## 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

**ON JULY 1, VEHICLE STICKER FEES DOUBLE**  
**Seniors 65 + receive one FREE sticker per household.**  
**Stickers are no longer available by mail**

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# Are you harboring a fugitive?



Get your dog licensed when you get your vehicle sticker. Tags are purchased at the Village Hall for \$10. The tags are valid from July 1 and expire June 30 each year along with your vehicle stickers.

## Why do I need to register my dog?

- helps ensure all dogs in the Village have up-to-date vaccinations, which keeps your dog safe.
- allows our police to identify your dog if lost.

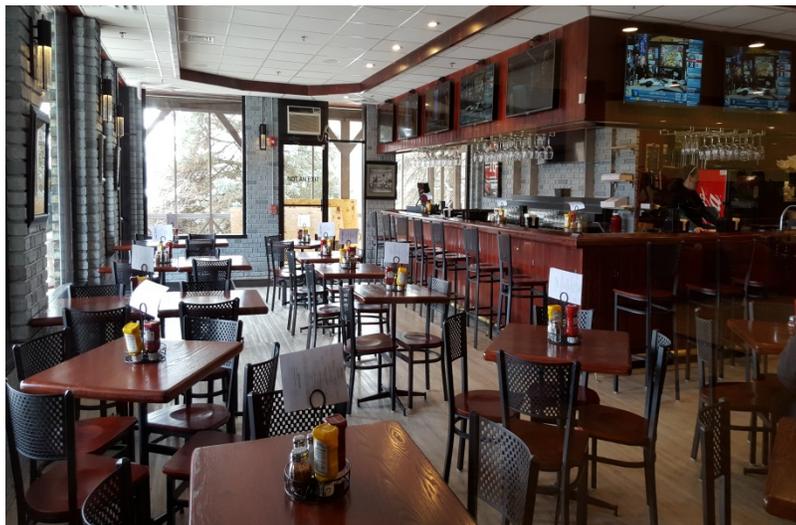
## What do I need to bring?

- dog's shot records
- \$10 (cash, check, credit or debit card)

# New Year ♦ New You ♦ New Eats & Drinks in Town!

## Capri Sport

Capri Ristorante Burr Ridge is bringing a brand new concept to the new Score Sports Center at **8300 Wolf Road** in Willow Springs with “**Capri Sport.**” Capri Sport offers a full-service sports bar concept to both the public and members for lunch and dinner. Come sit and enjoy our full-service restaurant and bar with a hand-selected menu. Gather your friends together and enjoy game days on one of their 13 LED Flat-Screen TV’s while sipping on an ice-cold beer or a soothing glass of wine.



Visit <http://www.scoresportscenter.com/capri-sport/> to view Capri Sport’s menu. Reservations and catering are available. Email [info@scoresportscenter.com](mailto:info@scoresportscenter.com) for more information.

## Winchester Brewing Company

Winchester Brewing Company officially opened their local taproom and online store on Friday, February 5! Winchester Brewing Co. carries a variety of brewing supplies, retail craft beer and wine, and also is home to an onsite taproom. The Winchester Taproom focuses on local brews or breweries that focus on a green initiative, giving back to the community or following sustainable processes to better the environment.

Visit the **Winchester Taproom, 131 Market Street** in the Village Center, to check it out. Come by for some supplies, stay for a drink, or even pick up something to-go. You can always check what’s on tap by visiting [www.beermenus.com](http://www.beermenus.com). Enjoy the game on their 55" LED TV or 100" projection screen, with a friendly atmosphere you may never want to leave!

Winchester Brewing Company is also now your local stop for homebrew supplies. Visit <http://www.winchesterbrewco.com/> to check out what supplies are in stock. Order online and select in-store pickup to ensure your items are ready for you when you get in.

Call **708-365-9465** to contact Winchester Brewing Company. Follow them on **Facebook** to stay up-to-date with their latest promotions and events.



**W**INCHESTER  
BREWING CO.

# Traveling downtown made fast and easy... Take the Metra right from Willow Springs!

**Train Schedule:** The Heritage Corridor line leaves Willow Springs at 6:09, 6:49 and 7:32 a.m. and returns to Willow Springs at 5:23, 5:58 and 6:45 p.m. Mon. - Fri. The line runs from Joliet to Union Station in Chicago.

**Train Tickets:** Tickets for the train are done directly through Metra. The Village Hall does not sell train tickets.

**Parking:** Parking per day at the Willow Springs Metra Station is paid through **PassportParking Mobile Pay**. If you prefer to pay for parking on a monthly or 6-month basis, monthly parking permits are available at the Willow Springs Village Hall. There is no overnight parking available.

## What is PassportParking Mobile Pay?

PassportParking is a new cashless, mobile payment parking application that allows drivers to skip the trip to the meter and pay for parking directly from their mobile phone.



### Registering for PassportParking:

Before parking for the first time, you must register for PassportParking. To register, download the PassportParking app and then follow the instructions on the app. If you do not have a smart phone, register online at [passportparking.com/park](http://passportparking.com/park), using Facebook, or by calling the local number listed on the meter.

### Paying for daily parking using PassportParking:

*Pay by App* – The PassportParking app allows users to start or extend a parking session, add or update payment card details, electronically validate their parking, as well as manage notification and receipt options.

*Pay by Web* – The same app functions are also available on the mobile website, [m.ppprk.com](http://m.ppprk.com). In addition, the website allows users to view and print individual or sets of their previous parking transactions.

*Pay by Voice* – **No smart phone?** No problem! To Pay By Voice, dial 847-380-4332 and follow voice prompts to complete the transaction. First-time users will need to enter credit card information using the phone's keypad. To extend a parking session, users can call back and manage their existing session.

*Pay by Text* – To Pay By Text, text the Zone number (**Zone Number is 60480**), Parking Space Number, and the amount of time you wish to stay in the following format: ZoneNumber\*SpaceNumber\*Time to 847-380-4332. Users will receive a confirmation text letting them know they've successfully paid for parking.

Note: Users must be pre-registered with PassportParking to utilize Pay By Text.

### How Much Does Parking Cost?

Daily through PassportParking - \$2.25  
Monthly Parking Permit - \$ 40  
6-Month Parking Permit - \$210



Questions about Metra parking? Call (708) 467-3700.

## Village Joins Complete Streets Initiative

Mayor Alan Nowaczyk and the Village Board voted unanimously to join the National Complete Streets Coalition at the Board Meeting on January 28, 2016. Willow Springs is home to miles of scenic trails connecting people to each other and to the natural beauty of the Village, and the Village desires to ensure environmentally friendly modes of transportation for residents and visitors alike. By adopting a Complete Streets policy, the Village pledges to direct our transportation planners and engineers to routinely design and operate the entire right of way to enable safe access for *all* users, regardless of age, ability, or mode of transportation.

This means that every transportation project will make the street network better and safer for drivers, transit users, pedestrians, and bicyclists – making our village a better place to live. Making these travel choices more convenient, attractive, and safe means people do not need to rely solely on automobiles. The Village strives to maintain its identity as a friendly, close-knit community which offers recreational outlets to promote fun, healthy lifestyles, and creating a safe, connected network of transportation is how we play to do that.



### IMPORTANT: License Plate Renewal and Emission Testing Notices

**The Illinois Secretary of State will no longer mail license plate renewal notices AND the EPA will not mail emission test notices.** The easiest way to avoid penalties is to sign up for e-mail notices at <https://www.ilsos.gov/LicenseRenewal/>. The email you receive for your plate renewal will also include whether or not a Vehicles Emissions Test is required.

To register for email notices, you will need:

- Your registration ID and PIN (found on your current registration card).
- Your insurance agency, policy number, and expiration date.
- Payment.

\* Remember to print out your transactions receipt. If you renew online *before* your previous registration expired, the receipt shows proof your registration has been renewed. This receipt is valid for 30 days after your previous registration's expiration date.

Other options to renew your license plate:

**By Phone:** call (866) 545-9609

**In Person:** visit your local Illinois DMV office



# PUBLICWORKS



## Branch Pick-Up Service

Every other Monday May 2 – Monday, Sept. 26

Southside: 1st & 3rd Mondays / Northside: 2nd & 4th Mondays

### Quick Facts about Branch Pick Up

- Branches must be on *your* easement, not in the street
- Meant for routine maintenance and pruning, not full or parts of trees
- Branches can be no more than 3” in diameter & 6’ in length
- Chipping is limited to 10 minutes per residence
- Pine trees are not able to be chipped by Public Works due to the sap on the branches
- Yard waste cannot be mixed with 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.

*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 in 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!

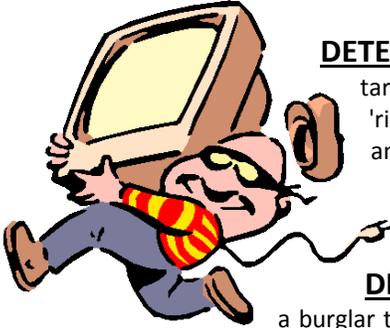
# Tips on Crime Prevention from your Police Department



Crime Prevention and suppression cannot be the sole responsibility of the Police Department. It is critical that each individual resident and business owner take steps to assist in the prevention of criminal behavior/activity.

Many crimes occur when persons with criminal intent are presented with the **OPPORTUNITY** to realize their goals. The Crime Prevention process is intended to remove or lessen this **opportunity**. The Police Department contributes to this effort by visible and vigilant patrol, but this alone will not eliminate criminal activity.

There are four principles of residential security that if applied, will dramatically reduce your chances of becoming a victim. The four principles can be described as the four D's - **Deter, Delay, Deny, and Detect.**



**DETER** is the core element of opportunity. This involves several techniques mainly targeted toward the exterior of the residence. These are designed to make your home a 'risky' target. These include lighting, signs, and your immediate environment in general and the most important being community involvement in calling the police when something suspicious is seen. The sooner the police are called, the sooner the suspicious or criminal activity can be investigated and addressed.

**DELAYING** the criminal. Make it hard for a criminal to break in. The longer it takes for a burglar to break into your home the more chance the criminal has of being caught, and the burglar knows this. If a resident can delay the criminal's entrance for at least four to five minutes, it is generally sufficient to prevent entry. These tactics include door and window locks designed to resist entry.

Criminals are looking for easy, quiet and timely entry. If the burglar is neither deterred nor delayed then to **DENY** the criminal access to your valuables is the next consideration. These strategies include marking household property, using a safe, and keeping inventories and disbursement of valuables.

Finally, **DETECTING** the criminal is obviously an important piece of the puzzle. Detection involves devices such as alarms, neighborhood watch, and even dogs.

## Thursday, August 4, 2016

### 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Benefit Car Show



400+ show cars, live music by The New Invaders, freshly grilled food, beer tent, and free shuttle bus to and from site.

The Willow Springs Events Committee's

# Children's Easter **EGG** Hunt

When: Saturday, March 19

Check-In: 10 a.m.

Where: Lions Park (201 Park St.)

Ages: Baby – 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Register By: 3/11 call 708-467-3700

*Remember to bring a basket!*



## **Clean Willow Day Scavenger Hunt**



Do you think you can find a soda can? A fast food wrapper? How about something bigger than your hand? Join your friends in a "Clean Willow Day" competition to celebrate Earth Day. Gloves, bags, and vests provided. Prizes given to winners of the scavenger hunt! Everyone gets lunch and a community service certificate.



When: Saturday, April 23

Check-In: 10 a.m.

Where: Public Works (8261 Willow Springs Rd.)

Ages: Children & adults of all ages!

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



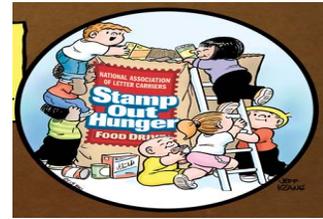
**BE THE SOLUTION  
END POLLUTION!**

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO  
*"Coffee with Mayor Alan Nowaczyk"*  
 Saturday, May 21, 2016  
 10 – Noon at Village Hall

*Please join Mayor Nowaczyk for another in a series of informal questions, answers and comments from your Willow Springs friends and neighbors*

The 24<sup>th</sup> annual Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive  
 —Saturday, May 14, 2016—

On May 14, bag up some non-perishable food items and put them by your mailbox well before your letter carrier's normal pick-up time. Your letter carrier will collect your items for donation to local community organizations. Note that he or she will be delivering and collecting mail as usual, on top of collecting food donations.



The top requested non-perishable food items are: cereal, pasta, pasta sauce or spaghetti sauce, rice, canned fruits and vegetables, canned meals (such as soups, chili and pasta), 100% juice, peanut butter, macaroni & cheese, canned protein (tuna, chicken and turkey), beans (canned or dry).

For more information, visit Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/StampOutHunger/>.

**SEVERE STORM SEASON IS UPON US!**

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



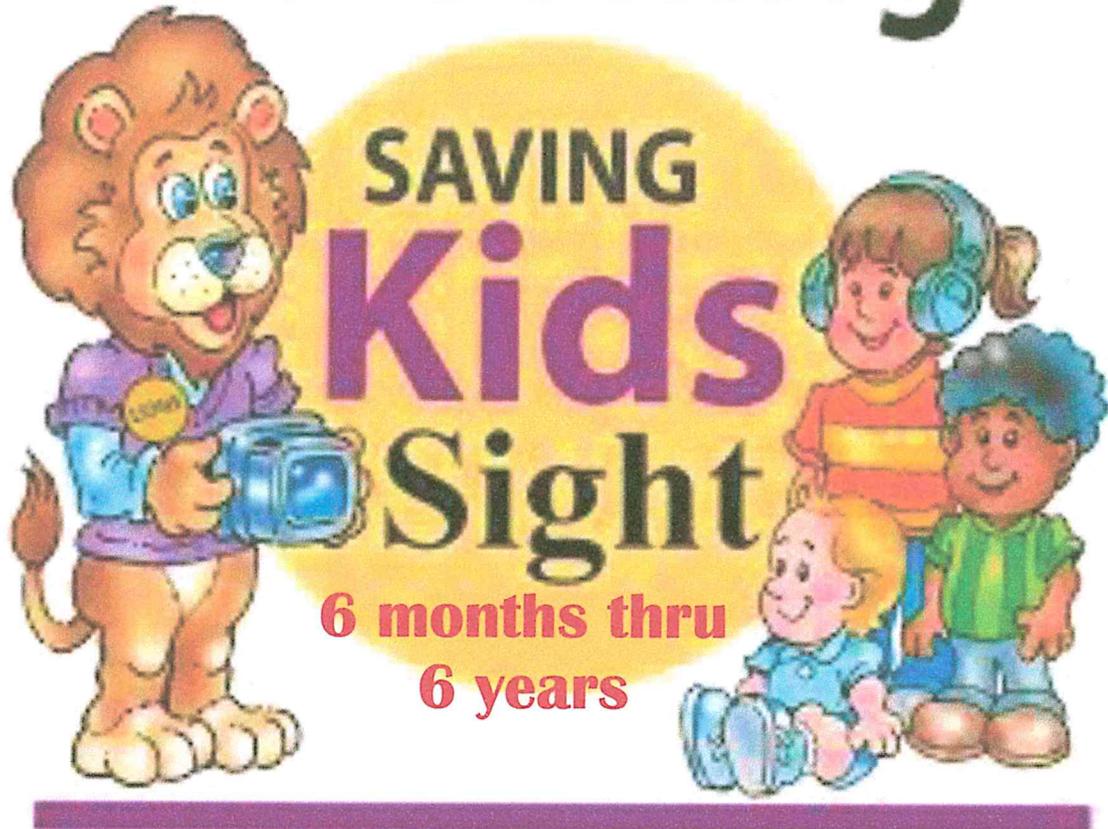
**TORNADO WATCH:** THIS MEANS THAT CONDITIONS ARE RIGHT FOR A TORNADO. BE PREPARED TO TAKE COVER IF ADVISED.

**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 lightening 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 lightening 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.

# FREE Vision Screening



Screening done by a Plusoptix camera

Place: Willow Springs Senior Center

Date April 24, 2016

Time: 12:30 P.M Till 5 P.M.



Sponsored by



# The Willow Springs Lions Community Dinner

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**Sunday • April 24 • 2016**

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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

Take OUTS available

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

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

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

Ticket information:

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

# ~ Senior Club News ~

**ARE YOU READY YET ?** TO VISIT WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS , MEET NEW FRIENDS ? IF SO , **WILLOW SPRINGS SENIOR CLUB** , IS WAITING FOR YOU ! WE MEET THE **THIRD TUESDAY** OF EACH MONTH AT **10:30 A.M.** , **MTG. STARTS AT 11:00** . FOLLOWING OUR MEETING , WE SOCIALIZE , AND ENJOY A CATERED LUNCH . AFTER , WE HAVE A RAFFLE AND PLAY BINGO . SOME OF OUR AMENTITIES INCLUDE CARD GAMES , OUR BOOK SWAP, DVD COLLECTION AND A **NEW** , MOVEMENT / EXERCISE GROUP.

WE CELEBRATED CHRISTMAS **2015** WITH A LUNCHEON AND ENTERTAINMENT AT THE NEWLY REFURBISHED CAMELOT AND WELCOMED THE NEW YEAR AT , THE SABER ROOM WITH A LUNCHEON AND ENTERTAIANMENT ALSO, MUCH FUN WAS SHARED BY ALL .



THERE WILL BE A **SENIOR BAKE SALE** DURING THE **PRIMARY ELECTION, MARCH 15 TH** . YOU CAN BRING YOUR BAKED GOODS MONDAY MORNING FROM 10 A.M. UNTIL NOON AND TUESDAY . THIS WILL ALL TAKE PLACE AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER **8156 ARCHER AVE.** C'MON AND HELP OUT OR SIT AND HAVE A CUP OF COFFEE AND VISIT AWHILE .

REMEMBER , OUR REGULAR MEETING WILL BE ONE WEEK LATER , BECAUSE OF THE PRIMARY . THE **MARCH MEETING WILL BE ON THE 22 ND** . DON'T BE SHY YOU KNOW US, WE'VE BEEN AROUND FOR , **AWHILE ;)**

WE ARE OPENING OUR CARD ROOM TO ANYONE THAT WOULD LIKE TO PLAY CARDS OR BECOME A MEMBER , BOOK SWAP IS OPEN MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY FROM 10 -1 . **EXERCISE** BEGINS , MON. **FEBRUARY 22<sup>ND</sup> 9-10 , WED . 10-11 AND FRI . 10-11** . "MOTION IS THE LOTION " TO KEEP US GOING !!!! ( AND DO KEEP IN MIND, THE MOVEMENT IS AT YOUR PACE )! **LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU !**

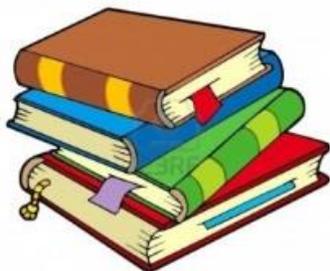
QUESTIONS ??? PLEASE CALL JEAN MRKACEK

839 - 1491 ( MEMBERSHIP )

ADRIANNE HANSON

839 - 8610 ( CARDS / BOOKS )

SANDY MUNCH 839 -2585 ( EXERCISE )





# Village Wide Garage Sales

Thurs., June 23 – Sun., June 26  
8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

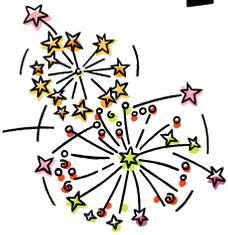
Call the Village Hall at 708.467.3700 to  
have your address put on the Garage Sale Listing!

## Fireworks Display

Presented by Pleasantdale Park District

Sunday, July 3 at Dusk

Walker Park ~ 7425 Wolf Road



It's that time of the year...

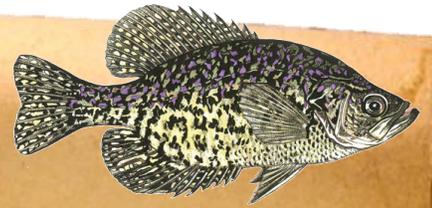
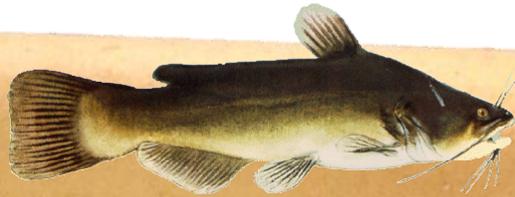
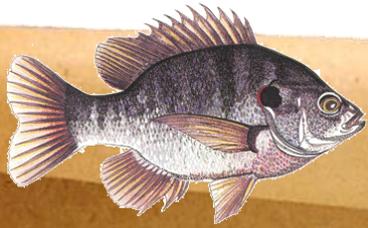
**Do YOU need a building permit?**



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.**



*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. & 85<sup>th</sup> St.

Don't forget to bring yer **bucket fer fish** or  
ye have to walk the Cap'n's 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 8.**

*See ye there... Aaaaargh!!!*



# “Central Bark” Dog Park Opening Day



**Saturday, June 18  
Noon – 3 p.m.  
Lions Park (201 Park St.)**



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

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

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

## Please Protect Healing Waters Pond

### **NOTICE:**

## **Healing Waters is being restocked AGAIN.**

The pond needs one full year to repopulate itself. No fishing signs are posted. Violators will be fined.

Please give our children a chance to catch a fish at the 2016 Children’s Fishing Derby.

**Fishing is prohibited in 2016  
at Healing Waters Pond.**

**Please report violators to POLICE 708-839-2732**



# Children's Christmas Party



The 2015 Christmas Party on Saturday, December 5 was made possible by generous donations from: Anne Monteleone, Automasters Tire & Service Center, Beary Landscaping, Bionature, Bonnie's Country Cafe, Cagwood Consulting, Fanaberia Salon & Spa, Fred Bluder & Son Tree Service, Gemcom, Hoeffler-Butler Engineering, The Illinois Billiard Club, Kay's Food & Liquor, Laborer's Local 225, Law Offices of Louis F. Cainkar, Odelson & Sterk Attorney at Law, Robert Molaro & Assoc., Rowell Chemical, Ruiz Lawn Maintenance, Sandi Auto & Truck Repair, V. Billie Selimos, VanAllen Recycling, West Suburban Water Commission, William R. Edmondson Post #832, Willow Springs Friendly Tap, Willow Springs Lions Club, Willow Springs Senior Club, and Zarzycki Manor Chapels.

A special thank you to the Willow Springs Lioness Club for volunteering and baking delicious desserts for all to enjoy and to Sarah's Pony Rides for providing ponies for the kids to ride at the Village Circle!

Most of all, a huge thank you to the Willowbrook Ballroom for opening the doors of their Grand Ballroom for the party!

## Tree Lighting Celebration



Children gather in the Village Center for the annual tree lighting celebration in the Village Center. The countdown began... 5... 4... 3... 2... 1



## Santa & Tri-State team up for a Candy Cane Run

Children in Willow Springs must have been extra nice in 2015 because Santa Claus made a second trip to town after the Children's Christmas Party. On Saturday, December 12 he teamed up with Tri-State Fire Department to deliver candy canes to eager children throughout town. See ya next year, Santa!



**Willow Springs Historical Society** sends Birthday wishes to our centenarian, Jack Wilson on his 105<sup>th</sup> year on February 25, 2016. **Congratulations Jack!**

We are expecting a visit from the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes of Willow Springs Elementary School on February 29<sup>th</sup> 2016. We look forward to showing them some of the History of the Village so that they can share it with their family and classmates.

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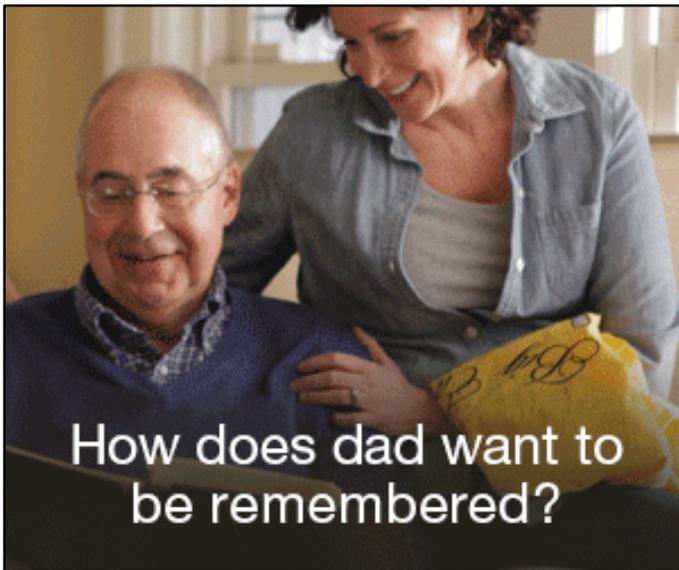
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**Village of Willow Springs 2016 Calendar of Events**

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Date		Event	Details	
March	19	Saturday	Easter Egg Hunt	Lions Park, 201 Park St., 10 a.m.
April	4	Monday	Vehicle Stickers On Sale (bring your renewal card)	Village Hall, 1 Village Circle, Starts at 9 a.m.
April	23	Saturday	Clean Willow Day	Public Works Bldg., 8261 Willow Springs Rd., 10 a.m. - Noon
April	24	April	Willow Springs Lions Club Pork Chop Dinner	Senior/Community Center, 8156 Archer Ave., Noon - 5 p.m.
May	2	Monday	Branch Pick Up Begins	Southside: 1st/3rd Mondays - Northside: 2nd/4th Mondays
May	14	Saturday	Post Office Mail Box Food Drive	Place non-perishables by your mailbox by 7 a.m.
May	21	Saturday	Coffee with the Mayor	Village Hall, 1 Village Circle, 10 a.m. - Noon
May	30	Monday	Memorial Day Ceremony	11 a.m. - Watch for details!
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 Children's Christmas Party Tree Lighting Celebration	On your street, listen for sirens, 8 a.m. - Noon Willowbrook Ballroom, 8900 Archer Ave., Noon - 3 p.m. Village Center, 1 Village Circle, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.