

Willow Springs Messenger

Happy Spring!

After a relatively mild winter, we have been working hard in the Village to get ready for spring and summer. Thanks to the public works and our snow team for keeping the streets in tip top shape!

Welcome to Liz Gorman, the new Illinois Tollway Executive Director. She is taking an active interest in areas of flooding in our community that can be impacted by the Tollway. The Tollway is currently working with members of our community on flood mitigation.

Many residents have inquired about the smell of asphalt near the river. Rest assured that the village administration is addressing this issue - we have cited the company and are monitoring them for future violations. We are also working with them on a long term solution.

As you look through this newsletter, you will find information on our many upcoming events such as Clean Up Willow Day. Come out, lend a hand and get to know your neighbors. We are excited about the great things happening in our village and are confident that you will be too!

Vehicle Stickers go on Sale in April

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9 A.M.

APRIL Village of Willow Springs 21



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COMMUNITY SERVICE CERTIFICATES

Sponsored by the Beautification Commission and the Public Works Department

Public Works Open House at 1 p.m.

All residents welcome!

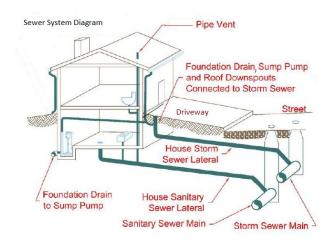
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PUBLIC WORKS DISHES THE FACTS ABOUT SEWER SYSTEMS...

There are two types of sewer systems in our village: storm water sewers and sanitary sewers. Storm water systems and drains carry rain water, ground water and road runoff water to an open body of water such as streams, lakes or rivers. Sanitary sewers carry waste water from residential and commercial buildings to a treatment plant where the contaminants in the water are removed.

Storm drains and sanitary drains are separate to prevent cross contamination. In a residence, each drain system is connected to the village sewers by underground pipes called lateral lines. A lateral line is



usually 4 to 6 inches in diameter and installed at a slope using gravity for water flow. Maintaining lateral lines is the homeowner's responsibility. (See sewer system diagram). Not all areas of Willow Springs have storm sewers. When storm sewers are not present, the water is drained above ground in ditches or culverts.

WHAT CAUSES BACKUPS?

Backups can be caused by a number of factors, but usually the cause of a backup is a blockage in the lateral lines. The most frequent cause of a blockage is fat, oil, or grease accumulation, tree roots, disposable diapers, sanitary napkins, flushable wipes and other items that do not dissolve in water.

Willow Springs uses five lift stations to assist where gravity needs a little extra help pumping the sanitary water to its final destination. Each month, the public works department checks all of the lift stations and physically removes many of the items listed above. These items have been found in ALL of the lift stations on a regular basis during maintenance checks. Recently, we had to replace the pump at one of the lift stations which is very costly to the village. Please refrain from using flushable wipes; although they do flush, they do not dissolve like toilet paper.

Leaves, twigs, grass clippings and plastic bags can create blockages in our storm sewers. When these items get wet, they clump together forming clogs in the sewer mains and can back up into the storm lateral lines. They also cause flooding and can make our streets impassable.

Sometimes our sewers get overloaded. When big storms hit like they did last October, the volume of water can overwhelm the capacity of the sewer system. When this happens the mains cannot handle the flow from homes and the lateral lines can backup. During a storm event, sump-pumps ejecting storm water from beneath your house should be directed toward the street. If you pump to the back yard and the sanitary sewer main is in the back, it can fill the sanitary with storm water and cause sewage to backup into your house.

HOW DO I KNOW IF A BASEMENT BACKUP IS FROM TOO MUCH RAIN OR A CLOGGED LATERAL?

When basement backups occur because of capacity issues in the sanitary sewer system, they usually impact more than one home on the block. If your home is the only one backing up, there is likely a problem with your lateral line. If it's not raining and you get water backing up into your home through a floor drain, you likely have a clogged lateral. The water that you used inside your home cannot get through the lateral and empty into the village's sewer in the street.

The Willow Springs Lions Community Dinner

Sunday · April 29 · 2018

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



Take OUTS available

The Willow Springs Senior Center 8156 Archer Avenue • Willow Springs

Noon to 5:00 PM

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.

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 Lioness Club Inaugural



BRAKAST



Sunday, April 15, 2018 8 a.m. - 1:30 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.

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

Metra Schedule: The Heritage Corridor line leaves Willow Springs at **6:10**, **6:51** and **7:32** a.m. and returns to Willow Springs at **3:17**, **5:22**, **5:57** and **6:43** p.m. Monday – Friday. The line runs from Joliet to Union Station in Chicago.

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

Parking: Parking per day at the Willow Springs Metra Station is paid through <u>PassportParking Mobile Pay</u>. 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.

How do I use PassportParking?

PassportParking is a 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 or by calling the phone number listed on the meter.

Using PassportParking:

Pay by App – The PassportParking app allows users to start 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: <u>m.ppprk.com</u>. 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 <u>voice</u>, 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.

Pay by Text – To pay by <u>text</u>, text the Zone number <u>(Zone Number is 60480)</u>, 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.

Parking Fees:

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



Willow Springs Senior Club News

A few members of the Willow Springs Senior Club started December with a trip to Moraine Valley College to see a comedy "Ho, Ho, Holy Night" performed by Mother Superior. It was very entertaining & funny!

The Willow Springs Senior Club voted in a new president & 1st VP at their Christmas party held on December 19th at the Holiday Inn in Countryside. The new president is Adrianne Hansen and the new 1st VP is Mary Losew - both were sworn in along with Maryann Zima in her current position of Treasurer by Village Clerk Mary Jane Mannella.

The senior club will be holding their Bake Sale on Election Day, March 20th at the Community Center, 8156 Archer Ave. Willow Springs, IL. Please stop by for some sweet treats!!



Some Willow Springs Seniors play Poker on Mondays from 10:30 a.m. to Noon & Pinochle on Fridays from Noon to 2:00 p.m.

Their library of books & movies is open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:30 to Noon and on Fridays from Noon to 2:00.

If you would like to become a member, please call Jean Mrkacek at 708-839-1491. All seniors 55+ from Willow Springs and surrounding areas are welcome to join us! We meet the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 10:30 a.m.

Pictured from left to right: President Adrianne Hansen, Treasurer Maryann Zima, 1st Vice President Mary Losew, and Village Clerk Mary Jane Mannella.

Historical Society News for 2018

Greetings! The members at the historical society are gearing up for a busy year. As our space is limited, we will be rearranging our artifacts and cataloging our collection. We continue to request anything pertaining to the

history of Willow Springs. We have a surplus of T-Shirts from the Quasquicentennial celebration last year and they are available in all sizes for the discounted price of \$10.00. Contact the Clerk's Office or a member of the historical society to purchase one.

As usual, we are open the $\mathbf{1}^{st}$ Saturday of the month from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Our monthly meetings are held on the **third Monday** of the month at 7:00 p. m. at the Community Center (8156 S Archer Ave.) Hope to see you there!!



Pictured on right: Spring Forest Deli

A MESSAGE FROM POLICE CHIEF SAM PULIA...

WILLOW SPRINGS POLICE JOINS DRUG TAKE BACK DRUG PROGRAM

The Cook County Sheriff's Prescription Drug Take Back Program is a free service for Cook County residents to collect their unused and expired prescription and nonprescription drugs. Unused pills can become a source of accidental overdoses, illegal possession and misuse that can lead to poisoning or death. The Willow Springs Police have joined a host of communities participating in this program to dispose of unwanted, expired or unneeded drugs.

Inside the lobby of the Willow Springs Police Department is a receptacle similar to a mail box that your unwanted pills and pharmaceuticals can be placed from 7am-11pm.

Do not leave pharmaceuticals lying around unattended • Do not throw them in the trash or down the sink • Do not flush them down the toilet

This free service is not available for use by retail businesses or other companies that handle prescription drugs.

WILLOW SPRINGS POLICE ADDRESS OPIOID CRISIS

Willow Springs Police Officers have been trained in the administration of NALOXONE (Narcan) which has been successfully used to save the life of persons who have overdosed on Opioid based drugs.

More people are killed by an opioid overdose than by guns or car crashes. But YOU can save a life by arming yourself with naloxone. This accessible and easy-to-use drug can reverse an overdose. Members of the public interested in knowing how to obtain free naloxone should email opioid.help@cookcountyil.gov for further information.

IRS PHONE SCAMS

With tax season right around the corner this community as well as many others have received reports of receiving phone calls from the Internal Revenue Service. In this scam, an automated voice claims there is a warrant out for the arrest of the receiver of the call and that they must call a phone number with a Chicago area code to resolve it. Upon calling the number, a person claiming to be an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) agent states that the caller must make payment or the warrant will be passed on to law enforcement authorities. The fake agent may give a bogus badge number and be able to recite the last four digits of the caller's social security number. In some cases the phone number received on your caller ID can be the 800 number to the IRS Office.

This is a known scam that becomes particularly pervasive around tax time. The IRS does not initiate contact with taxpayers without sending prior notification via mail. Additionally, the IRS does not work with local law enforcement authorities in this manner.

- If you believe the call is suspicious, hang up.
- **Never** give personal information, such as social security or bank account numbers, over the phone.
- Legitimate IRS agents and law enforcement agencies do not ask that payments be made via pre-paid debit cards.
- In some cases, the phone numbers may appear to be from legitimate agencies due to phone number spoofing applications. If this is the case, call that agency to determine if there is a legitimate reason to contact you. Do not use the phone number the caller gives you.

Do not hesitate to contact the Willow Springs Police should you receive such a call.

STATE OF ILLINOIS DEBT RECOVERY PROGRAM

Last month the Village of Willow Springs joined a host of other communities in the State of Illinois Debt Recovery Program. Beginning January 2018, those individuals owing an unpaid debt to the Village of Willow Springs will be subject to the amount of the debt being deducted from their State Income Tax Return or other State of Illinois revenue payments (i.e. lottery winnings or state payroll). If you have an unpaid ticket or debt to the village, please contact our police records department at 708-839-2732 extension 227 to rectify the situation.

The Village of Willow Springs is poised to go back 7 years in our collection efforts. I am encouraging all of our residents and non-residents alike to contact our records division to see whether or not there is an unpaid debt to this village.

Additionally, if you have 10 unpaid parking tickets, including failure to purchase or display a current Willow Springs vehicle tag on your vehicle, your ILLINOIS DRIVERS LICENSE IS SUBJECT TO BEING SUSPENDED. If you are caught driving on a suspended driver's license you will be arrested, photographed, fingerprinted, your vehicle may towed, and in addition to the towing charge, an administrative tow fee of \$500.00 will be imposed before your car will be released.

At the February 8, 2018 Board Meeting, the village board authorized the police department to contact the Illinois Secretary of State's Office and proceed with the suspensions of four individuals who have accumulated 10 or more parking citations. These individuals have now accumulated fines and penalties that have exceeded between two and three thousand dollars each owed to the village.

Additionally, their names will be sent to the Comptroller's Office for the debt to be deducted from their State Tax Return over the next several tax years.

The Police Department and Village are willing to work with you on a case by case basis to avoid the actions above. Please call us before any unpleasant surprise shows up in your tax refund check.

DOG COURTESY

Please keep in mind our animal ordinances!

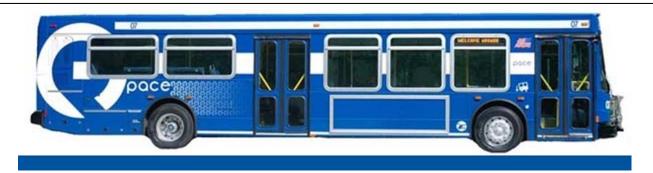
- Any dog found upon any public property, public park, and public street or on private property not owned or possessed by such owner, shall be deemed at large unless such dog is firmly held on a leash or is in an enclosed vehicle.
- No owner, keeper or person in control of any dog shall fail or refuse to immediately remove excrement left by such dog on any public property, public park, public street or on private property not owned or possessed by such owner, keeper or person in control of such dog and to transmit and deposit the same in a proper receptacle located on property owned or possessed by such owner, keeper or person in control of said dog.
- Any fines not specifically defined in any of the sections of Village Code **Chapter 2 Animal Regulations** shall be levied at not less than Fifty dollars (\$50) nor more than Seven Hundred Fifty dollars (\$750). (Ord. 02-O-2009)



The Village of Willow Springs participates in a "Reverse 911" system which dispatches public safety messages directly to your phone in the event of an emergency. To register go to the village website at www.willowsprings-il.gov and click on the police department link.







Pace Bus Route 390 with service between UPS Hodgkins and the Midway CTA Station will only stop on Archer at Nolton and Willow Springs Road. For schedule information, visit www.pacebus.com.

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	Willow Springs Family Restaurant Restaurant	708-330-5005

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Office Hours:

Monday through Friday; 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Every 2nd and 4th Thursday: 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Village Committee/Board Meetings: 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month, 7 p.m.

ECRWSS Willow Springs Occupant Willow Springs, IL 60480

	Village of Willow Springs 2018 Calendar of Events						
Date		9	Event	Details			
March	24	Saturday	Easter Egg Hunt	Lions Park, 201 Park St., 11am			
March	24	Saturday	Easter Egg Hunt	Willow Park, 8827-9795 Chaucer Dr., 1pm			
April	15	Sunday	Lioness Pancake Breakfast	Community Center 8156 Archer Ave., 8am - 1:30pm			
April	21	Saturday	Clean Willow Day	Public Works Bldg., 8261 Willow Springs Rd., 9am			
April	21	Saturday	Public Works Open House	Public Works Bldg., 8261 Willow Springs Rd., 1pm			
April	29	Sunday	Lions Club Pork-Chop Dinner	Senior/Cummunity Center 8156 Archer Ave., Noon-5pm			
May	7	Monday	Branch Pick Up Begins	Southside: 1st/3rd Mondays - Northside: 2nd/4th Mondays			
Мау	12	Saturday	Post Office Mail Box Food Drive	Place non-perishables by your mailbox by 7am			
May	28	Monday	Memorial Day Ceremony	11am - Archer Ave and Willow Springs Road			
June	7 - 10	Thurs - Sun	Village-Wide Yard Sales	Throughout the Village, 8am - 3pm			
June	16	Saturday	Fishing Derby at Lake Carriage Way in Burr Ridge	9-11 am Call Pleasantdale Park Dist by 6/9 to register (630)662-6220			
June	29	Friday	AVOID FINES. VEHICLE STICKERS DUE TODAY!	Purchase at Village Hall 9am - 5pm			
July	3	Tuesday	Fire Works Display	Pleasantdale Park District, 7425 S. Wolf Rd., Dusk			
Aug.	2 - 5	Thurs - Sun	Willow Fest 2018 - Carnival, Car Show, Concerts, Crafters	Village Center, 1 Village Circle			
Sept.	13	Thursday	September 11 Remembrance Candlelight Vigil	Village Hall, 1 Village Circle, 6:30 - 7pm			
Sept.	8 & 9	Sat. & Sun.	A River Thru History	Free Shuttle to Rendezvous grounds			
Sept.	24	Monday	Last Day for Branch Pick Up	Place branches on easement by 7am			
Oct.	1	Monday	Leaf Pick Up Begins	Place leaves on easement by 7am			
Oct.	6	Saturday	Wicked Willow Night	Lions Park, 201 Park St.			
Nov.	2	Friday	Lions Club Las Vegas Night	Royalty West, 8675 Archer Ave., 7pm - Midnight			
Dec.	ТВА	TBA	Children's Christmas Party/Tree Lighting Celebration	ТВА			