

# tower Topics

V I L L A G E *of* W E S T E R N S P R I N G S

## ***Village President and Trustees to be Sworn In May 20***

At the May 20, 2013 meeting of the Board of Trustees, a Village President and three trustees will be sworn into office. Breaking from the tradition of a one-term limit, the Village Caucus endorsed three Village officials for reelection. President William Rodeghier and trustees Suzanne Glowiak and Jim Horvath have been reelected to serve another four years. The new trustee, Alice Gallagher, is replacing Deborah Lyons, who has served on the board for the past four years. The Village sends a "thank you" to retiring Trustee Lyons for her dedicated service while in office.



**William Rodeghier**, has served our Village as a trustee (2005/09), as the Village President (2009/13) and will continue as the Village President for the next four years. Bill is an attorney and a veteran of the Vietnam War. He is a graduate of Quigley North, Loyola University, and IIT/Chicago-Kent College of Law and a member of VFW Post 10778 and the American, Illinois and Chicago Bar Associations. Bill and his wife, Kathy, have resided in the Village for 36 years.



**Alice Gallagher** is a 20-year resident and lives in Field Park with her husband, Terry, and their five children. Alice grew up in Beverly on the south-side of Chicago, and attended Morgan Park High School. She received a bachelor's degree from Miami University of Ohio in 1981 and a juris doctorate from Seattle University in 1987. Alice is an active community leader. She has served as chair for various committees of the Field Park PTO (1995/2009) and was the PTO's Vice President in (2002/03) and President (2003/04). She has also served on the Western Springs Foundation for Educational Excellence (2002/05) and was chairman of the Grant Committee

(2003/04) and Chairman of the Foundation (2004/05). Alice served on the Western Springs School District 101 Board of Education (2005/09) and was the Board's Policy Committee Chair (2005/09). In addition to community service in Western Springs, she has taught English as a second language for School on Wheels (2008/10). Alice will represent Field Park.



**Suzanne Glowiak** has lived in the Village for 19 years. She holds a bachelor of science in mechanical engineering from Illinois Institute of Technology and a master's in manufacturing engineering from Northwestern University. Suzie has served on the Recreation Commission and as chair (2003/05) and is the current chair of the General Government Committee. She and her husband, Steve, and three children reside in Old Town North, where Suzie represents the area from Central to Western.



**Jim Horvath** is the representative from Old Town South and the east section of Old Town North from Central to Wolf. Jim has a bachelor's degree from Loyola University and received a master's degree in taxation from DePaul University. He is also a certified public accountant and is a member of both the Illinois CPA Society and the AICPA. He has served on the Police Pension Board (2002/06) and as its president in 2006. In 2005, he joined the Western Springs Community Center Association (WSSCA) Board and became its treasurer in 2007. As a current board member, Jim serves as chair of the Finance Committee. Jim and his wife, Rose, are active volunteers with St. John of the Cross and are 29-year residents of the Village.

## ***Municipal Roundup***

The President and the Board of Trustees conducted the following business during the months of March and April:

### Appointments

- Brian Cronin to the Liquor Commission

### Approved

- The issuance of a Class I (special events) liquor license, raffle license and a temporary use permit to St. John of the Cross Parish for the Family Festival scheduled for June 27–30.
- The issuance of a raffle license to LTHS Post Prom 2013 event.
- An amendment to the operating budget to account for an adjustment in the Department of Law Enforcement Services 2013 staffing plan.
- A renewal contract with Sinnott Tree Service, Inc., LaGrange, IL, for the 2013 Tree Removal Program in an amount not to exceed \$90,000. Pricing remained the same as 2012.
- The purchase from Currie Motors, Frankfort, IL, of a 2013 Ford Interceptor Sedan Police Package AWD vehicle for \$29,539 and a 2013 Chevrolet Tahoe 4x4 Police vehicle for \$30,303.
- The purchase of a 2013 Ford F250 4x4 pickup truck from Bob Ridings Fleet Sales, Taylorville, IL, for \$31,764.
- A contract with J. Nardulli Concrete for the reconstruction of Woodland Avenue from Chestnut to Hillgrove and the reconstruction of the Village Hall and Fire Department parking lots for a total project amount of \$827,951.

The Board of Trustees typically meets on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Village Hall; however, this schedule is subject to change. Residents should refer to the Village's web site meeting calendar for dates. All meetings are televised live on Comcast cable channel 6 and AT&T U-verse channel 99. Meetings are replayed on these channels daily at 2 and 7 p.m. and can also be viewed at [www.wsprings.com](http://www.wsprings.com).

### ***Overnight Street Parking Prohibited***

Residents are reminded that overnight parking on Village streets is prohibited. All vehicles must be off the street between the hours of 2 and 6 a.m. This allows the Police Department to quickly notice suspicious vehicles in your neighborhoods. On the occasion that you have overnight guests or work being done on your driveway, permission to park on the street can be received by calling the Police Department at 708-246-8540.

### SUMMER HOURS FOR VILLAGE BUSINESS

The business hours for Village Hall and Community Development will change beginning Monday, May 20, and ending Tuesday, September 3. The hours will be as follows:

Monday–Thursday ..... 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Friday ..... 7:30 a.m. to noon

### ***French Market Begins Fifth Season***

Beginning May 2 and running through October 24, the French Market will operate on Thursdays from 2–7 p.m. The open market will be on Hillgrove Avenue in front of the historical water tower. Residents and visitors will have the opportunity to browse, shop, meet and greet as the French Market season opens for the fifth year.

Vendors are always welcome to sign up for as many or as few days as you wish, as space is available. If interested in becoming a vendor, please contact Leslie Cahill at 312-575-0286 or [ccbcec@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ccbcec@sbcglobal.net).

Western Springs Historical Society

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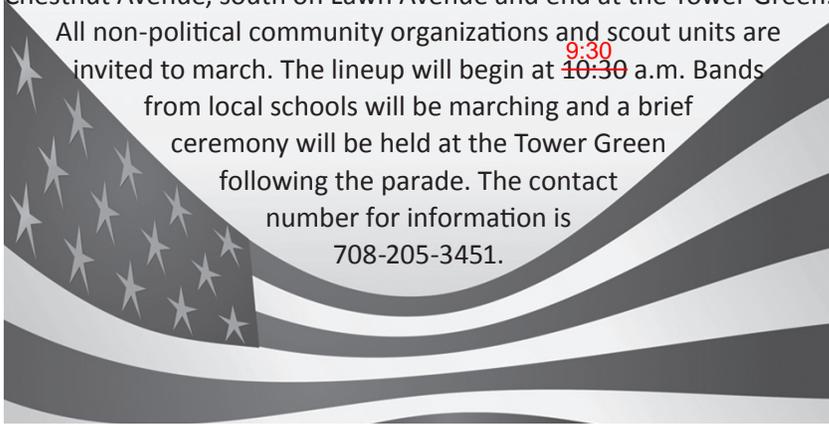
House Walk  
Sunday May 19th  
11:00<sub>AM</sub> - 5:00<sub>PM</sub>  
\$30 Per Person - \$35 Day of the event

Tickets can be purchased online at [WesternSpringsHistory.org](http://WesternSpringsHistory.org)

## Memorial Day Parade—Show Your Patriotism!

VFW Post 10778 invites all residents to the annual Memorial Day parade to be held on Monday, May 27, at ~~11~~<sup>10:00</sup> a.m. The parade, which has previously started at Spring Rock Park, will now start on Hillgrove Avenue near the Theatre of Western Springs. The route will stay north of the tracks on Hillgrove Avenue to north on Grand Avenue, east on Chestnut Avenue, south on Lawn Avenue and end at the Tower Green.

All non-political community organizations and scout units are invited to march. The lineup will begin at ~~10:30~~<sup>9:30</sup> a.m. Bands from local schools will be marching and a brief ceremony will be held at the Tower Green following the parade. The contact number for information is 708-205-3451.



## A Village on the Move

Western Springs is a village on the move—especially when it comes to residents who enjoy walking, jogging or rolling along our sidewalks. Please remember to not block sidewalks with vehicles that cause pedestrians to go around vehicles. Also low branches are a hazard to a pedestrian. The Village makes every effort to keep branches trimmed away from the parkway; however, it is the residents' responsibility to trim trees standing on private property abutting on any sidewalk. Branches must be trimmed at the height of not less than ten feet above the sidewalk. If you notice areas that need attention, please contact Community Development at 708-246-1800, ext. 180, or use the Report a Concern form at [www.wsprings.com](http://www.wsprings.com).

## Water Plant Rehabilitation Update

Construction on the water treatment plant is now 91% completed. The operational testing phase began on March 18 and ended on April 20. The plant is now fully operational with the reverse osmosis technology and is monitored by the Water Department. The blend rate for water into distribution is at the projected level of 85% reverse osmosis softened water and 15% bypass. Preliminary lab reports indicate that iron in the water is "non-detectable." The remaining phase of the project will be architectural work to complete the inside of the building.

A formal report on the output water quality will be published to the Village's web site within the next few weeks. Any questions may be directed to Matt Supert, Director of Municipal Services, at 708-246-1800, ext. 205, or [msupert@wsprings.com](mailto:msupert@wsprings.com).

The use of water for outdoor purposes will not be restricted this summer. The restriction was in place during the summer of 2012 because the water plant was under construction. The water plant is now fully operational and residents will be able to use water outdoors without any restriction. Even though there will be no restrictions on the use of outdoor water, residents should use the water conservatively.

## Village Club of Western Springs Memberships Available

In 1910, the Village Club of Western Springs was founded and is one of the few remaining clubs to survive the dark days of the Great Depression. In celebrating its 103rd year, the Village Club of Western Springs continues to thrive according to the same, simple theme—building community, meeting new people and bringing family and friends together through social interaction. The club has accomplished this through supporting and partnering with local businesses and residents of Western Springs. All club sponsored events are 100% run by dedicated volunteers and the club hosts both family and adult events. Members have the opportunity to rent the space for private events. All funds received go right back into the club to keep it running. In the spirit of friendship and relaxation, the Village Club invites you to become a part of this 103-year-old tradition. For membership information, please visit <http://thevillageclub.com>.



## Preservation Awards

The Western Springs Historical Society invites nominations for its annual preservation awards to be given this October. Nomination forms are available at [www.westernspringshistory.org](http://www.westernspringshistory.org), the Recreation Center, Water Tower Museum or the library. The deadline for submitting a nomination is May 31, 2013. For more information, you may call 708-246-9230 or visit the society's web site.



### **Neighborhood Watch**

is a program that enlists the active participation of residents in cooperation with law enforcement to reduce crime, solve problems and improve the quality of life in your area.

The program provides many opportunities, including getting to know your neighbors and community better, information on how to recognize suspicious activity, safety information and updates on the latest crime trends. If you want to reduce the odds of becoming a victim in your own home or neighborhood, talk to your neighbors about joining the Western Springs Police Department Neighborhood Watch Program. Contact Deputy Chief Brian Budds at 708-246-8540 to find out if there is an active watch group in your area or learn how to start your own.

### **Torch Run for Special Olympics**

Citizens and business organizations are being asked to “adopt a cop” to support the Department of Law Enforcement Services in the annual Torch Run for Special Olympics. The department will be joining officers from every state to carry the Special Olympics flame. Thanks to your support of the Torch Run, one million children can continue to participate in year-round sports training.

Your support of the special Olympians will allow them to experience skill, courage, sharing and joy. One hundred percent of all donations go to Special Olympics. Adopt-a-cop forms are available at the department and [www.wsprings.com](http://www.wsprings.com).

The Western Springs leg of the Torch Run will take place on June 9, 2013, at 9 a.m., from the Tower Green. Please come by and support the officers. For more information, please contact Officer Terry Madler, 708-246-8540.

### **Railroad Safety Campaign**

From May 14–21, 2013, the Police Department will be coordinating a rail safety campaign that will focus on the enforcement of pedestrian and vehicle violations at grade crossings along the Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad line. The goal is to increase public awareness of the dangers of vehicular and pedestrian trespassing incidents on railroad property and the hazards involved in disobeying railroad grade crossing safety devices.

The men and women of the Western Springs Police Department would like to remind everybody to proceed across the local grade crossing in a safe and cautious manner. Please obey all railroad crossing signals and set the example for other commuters and motorists. Remember—trains always win—do not violate warning signals! A violation could result in a fine of up to \$250.

**LOOK, LISTEN, LIVE!**

### **Ruse Entry Burglaries**

The Western Springs Police Department periodically receives reports on ruse entry burglaries. With warmer weather approaching, criminals may take advantage by posing as tradesmen, landscapers, or laborers in an attempt to gain entry into a home. Once inside, he/she will use a diversion to get the homeowner into the basement or the backyard. Unknown to the citizen, an accomplice(s) will enter the house and steal currency, jewelry, etc. These burglars can be bold and convincing. They will usually target the elderly.

The Western Springs Police would like to share a few crime prevention safety tips to avoid being a victim of a ruse entry burglary:

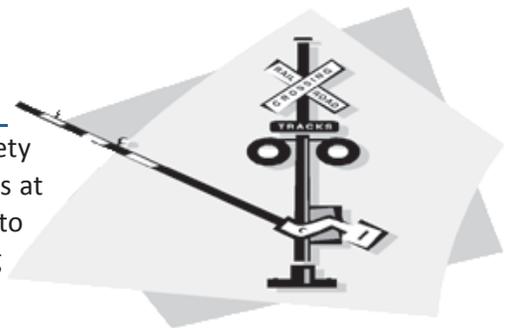
- Don't let strangers into your home
- Keep your doors locked
- Don't go outside or into the backyard with a stranger
- Don't give out your personal information

If a stranger comes into your house or tries to distract you while you are inside or outside, don't delay reporting the incident to the Western Springs Police Department. Call 911 immediately. If possible, obtain the license plate number as well as a description of the vehicle.



**THE LEAGUE » NATIONAL BIKE MONTH**  
The Police Department would like to remind the community that May is National Bike Month and urges all motorists and bicyclists to share the road safely. Motorists should yield

to bicycles like any other vehicle. Bicyclists should obey all traffic laws, stop signs, and traffic lights. Bike lights are required at night and common sense requires cyclists to wear helmets.



Is your  
tree  
thirsty?



With the snow and rain this spring, it's easy to forget that 2012 was a drought year for most of our region. That drought was hard on trees and its effects may last for years, although they may not appear immediately. The impact of the drought of 2012 may take a year or more to show up in our trees.

Some trees that were overstressed by the drought and heat may not leaf out this spring or may have bare limbs. Their growth may slow down and they may produce few or no seeds. Trees that have been stressed by lack of water also are often prey to insects or disease.

What can you do to help? In a word, water, even if it seems that there has been plenty of rain. Remember that the whole community forest needs your help, including trees on public property as well as your own. Our Public Works staff often does not have the

time or resources to water all of the public property trees. So when you are watering your own trees, please consider setting the sprinkler to water the parkway trees too.

Water the entire area around a tree trunk, as far as the branches extend—out to what professionals call the drip line. Water a tree every one to two weeks, long enough for the water to soak down 12 to 15 inches, where most of a tree's roots are. In intense heat and drought, you may need to water more frequently. It is better to water deeply at intervals than to water more frequently but lightly.

For more information on drought and watering, visit the following websites:

- Watering Trees and Shrubs: <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/cfiv/downloads/7853.pdf>
- Leaf Scorch: <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/cook/downloads/9240.pdf>

*Article provided by the Community Trees Program of The Morton Arboretum (mortonarb.org)*

## Tree City USA

For the 29th year, Western Springs has been named a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation. The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the National Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Service.

The Village of Western Springs is committed to the aesthetic beauty and environmental aid trees bring to the Village. The Tree Planting Program has helped with this effort by either replacing sick and dead trees or adding trees to the community. The Village intends to continue its dedication toward retaining the coveted title of Tree City USA.

## Arbor Day Celebration

In honor of Arbor Day 2013, the Village proclaimed April 26, 2013 as Arbor Day in the Village of Western Springs. All citizens are encouraged to support efforts to care for our trees and woodlands and to support our Village's community forestry program.

In recognition of Arbor Day, a tree planting ceremony was held at the Forest Hills elementary school. The event included a color guard presentation by the local VFW and the presentation of winning essays by students. The event was hosted by the office of Retired Congressman William Lipinski and the Village.

## Emerald Ash Borer Infestation

In addition to removing critically infested parkway ashes, the Village continues to preventively treat with insecticide the healthiest parkway ash trees throughout Western Springs. Residents are still asked to report to Public Works, 708-246-1800, ext. 200, any ash trees showing EAB symptoms. The most common symptoms are branch dieback, bark splits, suckering and D-shaped emergence holes.

The Village urges residents wishing to treat ash trees on private property to start the treatment process as soon as possible. Treating a tree before it becomes heavily infested greatly increases the likelihood that the insecticide will be effective in prolonging the tree's life. A number of products are available and a certified arborist can assist you with available treatment options. Visit [www.illinoisarborist.org](http://www.illinoisarborist.org) for a list of certified arborists in the area.



D-shaped exit holes can be found on trees where the adult beetles emerged. Holes will be present on the branches and the trunk.

## BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Welcome to **Davanti Enoteca!**—The Village welcomes its newest business and thanks them for choosing Western Springs. Davanti Enoteca is located at 800 Hillgrove and is now serving simple Italian fare in a rustic wine bar setting. As for the menu, small plate starters include selections of vasi (jars of spreads) and boards (tableside presentations of dishes such as the mascarpone polenta and ragu of the day). Larger shareables includes

pastas such as Uovo in Raviolo ‘San Domenico’ (giant ravioli, ricotta, egg, spinach), pizzas like Pizza della Fattoria (farmed egg, potato, pork belly, scallions, asiago, and béchamel) and entrées such as Spada Davanti (grilled swordfish, Brussels spouts, pancetta, Calabrian chili). The restaurant is open seven days a week with lunch service Monday–Friday and a buffet brunch and bloody mary bar on Saturday and Sunday. For reservations call 708-783-1060.

Please remember to visit this business and other Western Springs’ businesses while shopping this spring. The community has a strong group of local merchants who are committed to you and appreciate your commitment to them. By supporting our businesses and buying locally, your sales tax dollars help pay for public services.

**Save the Date!** The always popular Gathering on the Green, sponsored by the Business Association, will take place on Friday, June 21, from 5 to 10 p.m. at the Tower Green. The event features great food and a variety of amusement rides and music entertainment. All proceeds benefit the WSBA Scholarship fund. Come out and enjoy the evening with family, friends and neighbors and help kick off summer—Western Springs style!



### Clear Out The Clutter

Springtime is an opportunity to do some of that much needed cleaning around the house and clear out the clutter. The West Suburban Chamber of Commerce & Industry Foundation is sponsoring an electronics recycling event along with the collection of eye glasses, clothing, and bikes at Lyons Township High School South Campus on Saturday, May 18, from 9 a.m. to noon. For complete list of items being collected visit [www.wsccif.org](http://www.wsccif.org).

### Usage & Disposal of CFLs



Compact fluorescent lamps, or CFLs, are small fluorescent bulbs that use 75% less energy than traditional incandescent bulbs and last up to ten times longer. CFLs contain a small amount of mercury, which poses no risk, but should be disposed of at a special collection site.

#### **Using CFLs**

- For maximum savings, place CFLs in areas that get the most use, such as family rooms, kitchens, dining rooms, bedrooms and outdoors.
- CFLs are available in a variety of wattages and shades of cooler and warmer light.
- Specially designed CFLs are available for dimmer or three-way socket fixtures.
- Always screw and unscrew the light bulb by its base (not the glass) and never forcefully twist the CFL into a light socket.
- CFLs that burn out early should be taken back to the store for a refund or exchange.

#### **Disposing of CFLs**

Special collection sites for disposal of CFL bulbs are available at IKEA, Lowe’s, ACE Hardware and Home Depot.

For more information visit:

[www.cleantheair.org](http://www.cleantheair.org)

[www.cflknowhow.org](http://www.cflknowhow.org)

[www.energystar.org](http://www.energystar.org)

## Recreation Department

The Recreation Department welcomes you to the summer of 2013. Registration is open for a number of fun and challenging programs for people of all ages. If you need a summer brochure, contact the department at 708-246-9070 or view it at [www.wsprings.com](http://www.wsprings.com). Key dates include:

- Spring tennis begins on May 13.
- Summer camps, sports and tennis kick off June 10. Space is still available in various programs.
- 36th annual Tower Trot will be held on Saturday, May 25, with the start and finish at Forest Hills School. Sign up online at [www.signmeup.com](http://www.signmeup.com). The 10K run begins at 8:30 a.m. and the 5K run at 9:30 a.m.

For assistance, please contact the Recreation Department at 708-246-9070.

### League Meetings

Men's 3-On-3 basketball/May 22, 7:30 p.m.  
Junior High 3-on-3 basketball/June 3, 6:30 p.m.

Team packets are available  
at the Recreation Center or  
[www.wsprings.com](http://www.wsprings.com)

### Registration Deadlines

Girls "pony tail" softball/May 15  
4th & 5th grade basketball/May 21

## Senior Services

### Seniors Club

**Monday, May 13, 1 p.m., Recreation Center**

Regular meeting followed with entertainment by The Riverside Township Radio Players.

**Thursday, May 23, 11 a.m.**

Day trip to the Drury Lane Theatre in Oak Brook to see *Oliver*.  
Reservations to 708-784-8966.

**Monday, June 3, 1 p.m.**

Annual indoor picnic at the Recreation Center. Bring an unwrapped "white elephant" gift for the bingo game.

**Friday, June 21, 9:15 a.m.**

Luncheon cruise on Lake Geneva in Lake Geneva, WI.

### Senior Center

The Senior Center at Grand Avenue Community Center will be celebrating "Seniors Week" from May 16–23 with a variety of activities. For the schedule, please visit the Senior Center or [www.wsprings.com](http://www.wsprings.com). The center is open Monday–Friday from 9 a.m.–5 p.m. and is staffed from 1–3 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

## Enjoy Summer Reading at the Thomas Ford Memorial Library

Thomas Ford  
Memorial Library



For all ages! Young readers will explore and "dig in" with stories, music, crafts, contests, prize drawings and more. For children birth through 6th grade. Teens will take it underground in a whole new way with secrets and spies, hidden treasures along with underground movements. Literature and music come together for the adult program with chances to win gift cards, theater tickets and restaurant certificates. The reading programs begin June 3 so don't delay—get registered!

The library is now open on Sundays, from 1–5 p.m. Stop in, call 708-246-0520, or visit their web site at [www.fordlibrary.org](http://www.fordlibrary.org) for more information.

## SUMMER CONCERTS

The neighborhood associations, along with the Park District and the Village, will be sponsoring these concerts in our local parks this summer:

June 13—7:30 p.m.

Springdale Park

West Suburban Community Band

July 18—6:30 p.m.

Ridgewood Park

West Suburban Community Band

July 11—7 p.m.

Tower Green (Shop the French Market and stay for the concert)

Nick Desmond and The Grand Avenue Big Band brings big sounds, big crowds and a big time for everyone!

Bring your own lawn chair, blanket and refreshments and enjoy an evening of family entertainment in your own "backyard."

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 Public Works Department . . . . . 708-246-1800 Ext. 200  
 (parkway trees, streets, sewers, water)  
 Recreation Department . . . . . 708-246-9070  
 Refuse/Recycling (Allied Waste) . . . . . 708-345-7050  
 Village Hall . . . . . 708-246-1800

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Help keep your parks and our world clean. Please recycle what you can when you visit the parks. Each park provides recycling containers for your recycling convenience.

**No Dogs Allowed**—The Park District reminds residents that dogs are not allowed in the parks. The Park District has received complaints about this issue and is asking residents to please obey the regulation and respect the use of the parks for all to enjoy.

**Park Permits**—If you are interested in hosting a picnic in one of the parks, a permit is required. Before submitting a permit application, please contact Marcy Dusza at [mdusza@wsprings.com](mailto:mdusza@wsprings.com) to check availability of the park for the date you are requesting.

Any questions or concerns regarding the parks, may be directed to Craig Himmelman, Director of Parks, at [westernspringsparks@yahoo.com](mailto:westernspringsparks@yahoo.com).

**UPCOMING  
 EVENTS**

- Garden Club Plant Sale, Saturday, May 11, Tower Green
- Electronic Recycling Event at LTHS, Saturday, May 18
- Historical Society Housewalk, Sunday, May 19
- Annual Tower Trot, Saturday, May 25, Forest Hills School
- Memorial Day Parade, Monday, May 27
- Pet Parade, Saturday, June 1, downtown LaGrange
- Summer Concert, Thursday, June 13, Springdale Park
- Gathering on the Green, Friday, June 21, Tower Green
- French Market every Thursday, 2–7 pm, Hillgrove Avenue at the Tower Green

# Whiz-ba!

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Visit our website for a complete list of member businesses and updates on upcoming events.



SAVE THE DATE ....

19<sup>th</sup> Annual

Gathering **ON THE Green**

Friday

June 21

5 to 10 PM  
rain or shine  
at the  
Tower Green

ACTIVITIES!  
GAMES!  
MUSIC!  
FOOD!  
FUN!

## Why local businesses are so important to Western Springs

by MARTIN SCOTT  
Director of Community Development  
Village of Western Springs

Not a week goes by that I don't meet someone from another community and hear them say, "Oh, we love Casey's Market or Kirschbaum's Bakery, and we go there all the time." I always respond by telling them about all the other great businesses they need to visit in town.

Our distinctive local businesses contribute to the overall quality of life in Western Springs and help to build a full and robust community.



Our businesses sponsor community events like Gathering on the Green, which bring neighbors together and help create civic pride. Local businesses also contribute to the community by supporting dozens of non-profit organizations and charities.

Along with top-tier schools and housing, our local businesses are a big part of the reason that Western Springs has earned such a fantastic reputation. There are over 30 local companies that have been doing business for more than 30 years in our town, which is quite an outstanding feature in a small community.

To be sure, credit must be given to the owners for their business acumen and

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Summer Dreams...

Think shorts. Think sandals.  
Think SUMMER!  
Come welcome the season at  
Gathering on the Green 2013.  
Visit the WSBA website for more information as we get closer to June 21!



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hard work, but the staying power of local businesses can also be attributed to the support of the community, and the business-to-business connections and networking offered through membership in the WSBA.

A key reason potential business owners are interested in Western Springs is the solid demographics. Our average household income, property values, school report cards, and other markers are excellent.

But it's not only about the numbers. Business owners thinking about setting up shop in Western Springs often remark that the community appears "quaint, historic, and thriving." They see people on the streets, shopping, visiting with neighbors, and they come to understand that the residents of Western Springs are proud to live here.

Community pride is an intangible "stat", but it makes the business climate much more friendly. Business owners united with residents creates community confidence and shows outside observers that our (affectionately called) "Mayberry" will continue to thrive in the future.



Perennial favorites at WSBA's Gathering on the Green, the Trinity Irish Dancers will be back to perform at this year's event.

## Say hello to summer at this year's Gathering on the Green

Remember last year? We skipped spring and went straight to summer, enjoying a string of days with temperatures in the 80's, right in the middle of March! We skipped spring this year, too, but not because summer came early. Winter decided to hang around, instead.

But here's a great way to warm a cool day: think about shorts, sandals and... *outdoor festivals!* Save the date for this

year's Gathering on the Green – Friday, June 21 – the first official day of summer. What better way to welcome the season than by dancing on the lawn of the Tower Green?!

As always, there will be music, food and fun with neighbors, family and friends. Watch for details on our website at [www.westernspringsbusiness.com](http://www.westernspringsbusiness.com), and be sure to visit our Facebook page.

### Benefits of WSBA Membership...

- Monthly Member-to-Member Networking
- Social Media promotion of YOUR sales and events
- Special advertising discounts with local media
- Free 'Lunch and Learn' events up to four times a year
- Receive monthly newsletters and be a part of shop local initiatives
- Heightened visibility for YOU at WSBA sponsored events like Gathering on the Green
- Opportunity to directly influence business growth efforts in Western Springs
- Your business included in the Member Directory on the WSBA website
- WSBA custom embroidered ball cap

### Whiz-Bits

- Casey's Market now offers frozen pizzas from Vito & Nick's, a Chicago tradition since 1932!
- Western Springs welcomes new restaurant Davanti Enoteca, now open for lunch! [davantiwesternsprings.com](http://davantiwesternsprings.com)
- Starting a business? Why not join WSBA? It's a great way to network and get going strong!

### QUESTIONS? COMMENTS?

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