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VILLAGE *of* WESTERN SPRINGS



Fire Department Recruiting Paid on Call (POC) Firefighters

For over 120 years, your Fire Department has been providing quality fire protection and emergency medical services to the Village of Western Springs. The commitment of residents, as paid-on-call firefighters, has enabled these services to flourish while containing costs. The department has two stations and a 24-hour staff of two certified firefighter paramedics and one paid on call member; however, the department relies heavily upon POC personnel to supplement staffing. Paid on call firefighters are individuals, such as yourself, who provide this vital service to our community.

You may be asking yourself why one would be interested in joining the local fire department? The Western Springs Fire Department exemplifies the caring nature of Village residents. Although caring and involvement can be expressed in many ways, there is no greater service than "Neighbors Protecting Neighbors" in a time of need.

State certified training, personal protective equipment, uniforms, per call compensation and a sense of accomplishment are provided. In addition to fire and ambulance response, the department is involved in fire prevention, public education and provides an opportunity for you and your family to participate in a variety of events as part of the department family.

The department is looking for individuals who are:

- ***Energetic and physically fit***
- ***18 years of age or older***
- ***Residents or live within one mile of the Village limits***

Interested?

Attend the **Information Orientation Open House** on Thursday, September 18, 2014, 7:30 p.m. at Headquarter Station, 4353 Wolf Road. Spouses or significant others are encouraged to attend. Questions may be directed to Chief Patrick Kenny at 708-246-1800 Ext. 171 or pkenny@wsprings.com.



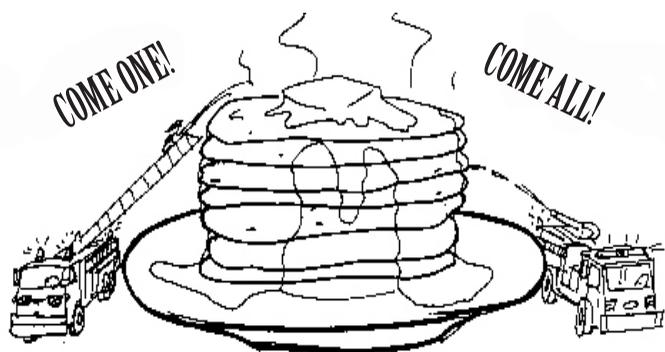
Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives

Test Yours Every Month!

Fire Prevention Week
October 5-11, 2014
Go to FPW.org



Fire Prevention Week Open House
Monday, October 6 • 6-8:30 P.M.
Headquarter Station
4353 Wolf Road



FIRE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Fire Station, 4353 Wolf Road

\$4 per person

Senior Activities

Seniors Club

Monday, September 8, 1 p.m., Recreation Center

Regular meeting followed with entertainment by Kym Franoveigia, one of West Suburban seniors' favorite entertainers.

Wednesday, September 17, 10 a.m.

Day trip to Cantigny Park in Wheaton followed by lunch in the Medill room. Reservations to 708-246-7976.

Thursday, October 9, 10 a.m.

Day trip to Lincolnshire to see the classical musical comedy, *On The Town*. Reservations to 708-784-9448.

Monday, October 13, 1 p.m., Grand Avenue Comm. Center

The monthly meeting will feature Laura Bruzaswill presenting her program, *Turning Assets into Cash*.

Senior Center

The center is located in the Grand Avenue Community Center at 4211 Grand Avenue and is open Monday–Friday from 9 a.m.–5 p.m. and staffed from 1–3 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. For the activity and events schedule, please visit the Senior Center or www.wsprings.com. For questions, please contact mic at 708-246-3299.

Municipal Roundup

The President and Board of Trustees conducted the following business during the months of July and August:

Approved

- A contract for the Recreation Center gym floor project to Floors, Inc., of Woodstock, IL, in the amount of \$104,500.
- Budget transfers over \$10,000 to the operating budgets in the General, Capital Improvements and Special Purpose Funds. Transfers will fund emergency repairs to a sewer backup in the village hall basement, emergency HVAC replacement for the server room, creation of the downtown Burlington Avenue TIF District, finalization of the streetscape enhancement concepts for the entire downtown redevelopment and remaining work enhancing the Tower Green.
- A Class "J" Special Event liquor license and a license for Temporary Use of a Public Right-of-Way to Vie Restaurant for a 10–year anniversary event held on Sunday, August 17.
- The purchase of three Panasonic Tough Book computers to replace devices in Fire and EMS vehicles. The total purchase price is \$13,361.40 and \$13,350 will be covered with monies from the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant.
- A contract with Capital Painting, Naperville, IL, for the public works garage and train platform painting project, in the amount of \$38,775.

Awarded

- A bid to Wooten Historic Revivals for the historic Water Tower window replacement project, in the amount of \$52,500.
- A bid to Kovilic Construction for the second phase of improvements to the historic Water Tower, in the amount of \$114,000. Improvements include enhancements to the sidewalk, improved lighting, additional seating walls and a bronze medallion set in the sidewalk to commemorate the anniversary of the Water Tower.

Disposal of Latex Paint

Latex paint cans are not a household hazardous waste item and are not recyclable through the Village's recycling program. True Value Hardware in Western Springs collects latex paint cans for a fee or the cans go in regular household trash. Please remember, when disposing of latex paint cans in your trash, that all paint in the can must be dried. Fluid paint can spill before, during, and after collection. To harden or dry out leftover latex paint, add a waste paint hardener. Kitty litter will also work, but will take longer to dry. For cans less than ¼ full, remove the lid and can contents will dry in a few days. Lids and dried out cans must be separated before adding to your regular household trash.



New Playing Fields—The construction of two new playing fields in the southeast corner of Spring Rock Park is under way. The fields will have an underground irrigation system and the drainage system will include a 3/4 inch sand channel every 10 inches allowing surface water to drain faster. Construction activities are scheduled to conclude this fall with a turf seeding program. Assuming there will be normal seasonal growing conditions and cooperation from Mother Nature, fields will reopen in the fall of 2015. Questions about the project may be directed to chimmelmann@wsparks.com. For more information about the project, including detailed schedules and regular updates, please visit the Latest News and Notices section of www.wsparks.org.

Park Permits—Fall is a delightful time to host a gathering in one of the many parks in Western Springs. Please remember a permit is required for groups of 25 or more people. Park use permit fees begin at \$60. If you would like to host a gathering, please visit www.wsparks.com for the permit and instructions for submitting.

Child Safety Seat Check Event

On Saturday, September 20, 2014, the Western Springs Police Department will be hosting a special child safety seat check event. The event will take place from 9 a.m.–12 p.m. at the Police Department, 740 Hillgrove Avenue. This event is free of charge. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to have their child safety seats inspected by certified child passenger safety technicians to ensure that their children are secured properly in an appropriately sized car seat.

For additional information about this event, please contact Officer Arthur Hull or Mike Belcastro at 708-246-8540.

Solicitation Regulations

Peddlers or solicitors are requested to obtain a permit and photo id badge from the Village Clerk's office. Solicitors may only operate Monday–Saturday between the hours of 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. Soliciting is not allowed on Sundays or holidays. The permit issued is a photo id that must be worn while soliciting in the Village. If a peddler or solicitor is not wearing the photo id, please ask to see it and, if he/she does not have one, please contact the Police Department's non-emergency number at 708-246-8540 to report the violation.

NO SOLICITORS ALLOWED decals are available at the Police Department for residents to display. With a decal in place, a peddler or solicitor is restricted from knocking on your door. Please report any solicitation violations to the Police Department's non-emergency number at 708-246-8540.



Water Plant Open House—The Village recently celebrated the completion of the water plant renovation. Past and current elected officials, contractor representatives and Village staff gathered with President Rodeghier for the ribbon-cutting ceremony. An open house followed with tours of the historic building providing a firsthand view of the reverse osmosis filtering system.

The water plant renovation is the Village's largest capital project. The process began with the completion of the Water Study Report by an advisory committee in May 2008 recommending the renovation of the existing plant into reverse osmosis technology. The Village Board accepted

the recommendation and, in October 2008, Camp, Dresser & McKee (CDM) was selected as the design firm. Construction began in November 2011.

I am pleased to see the project come to fruition. It's a project so many have had a hand in carrying through the years as you hand it to the next set of people shepherding it along and keeping it on track. This could be how water is treated for the next couple of generations.—Jim Maragos, former trustee and project committee member



22 Years of Service

Dave Ogren, building inspector for the Community Development Department, retired on July 31, 2014 after 22 years of service. A reception was held at the village hall honoring Dave's service. Dave was born and raised in Western Springs and continues to make it his home. He will also continue his distinguished 32-year career with the Fire Department, where he currently serves as the POC Assistant Fire Chief. The Village thanks Dave for his service and wishes him well in his retirement.

Garden Club

The Western Springs Garden Club meets at the First Congregational Church, 1106 Chestnut, at 12:30 p.m. Programs for September and October are:

September 15—*The A–Z of Landscaping Questions You Forget to Ask* with Amanda Thomsen.

October 27—*Bonsai* with Dan Kosta.

Please join the club for a meeting or contact Vicky at 708-246-1849 for membership information. Guests are always welcome to attend, and new members are eagerly accepted.

Fight the Bite

As we approach the end of mosquito season, the Cook County Department of Public Health wants to remind you that the threat of West Nile virus (WNV) transmission is not over. The department offers these basic, easy precautions to **Fight the Bite**:



- Use insect repellents with DEET, picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus when you go outdoors.
- Wear long sleeves and pants during dawn and dusk.
- Install or repair screens on windows and doors.
- Empty standing water from items outside your home such as gutters, flowerpots, buckets, kiddie pools, and birdbaths. Water that is allowed to stagnate for three or four days becomes a breeding ground for mosquitoes.
- Keep weeds and grass cut short and keep gutters clean and free of debris.
- Use mosquito netting if taking an infant out in a stroller.

Most people infected with WNV have no symptoms of illness and never become ill. But illness can occur 3–15 days after an infected mosquito bite and cause symptoms of fever, headache and body aches. People over the age of 50 are at a higher risk for serious complications from encephalitis or meningitis. For that reason, people who experience high fever, confusion, muscle weakness, severe headaches, or a stiff neck should see a doctor immediately. For more information on the West Nile virus, please visit www.cookcountypublichealth.org.

Coterie Club Welcomes New Members

The Coterie Club of Western Springs is a social and philanthropic club that was established in 1953. Activity groups include bridge, games, book club, breakfast club, movies, gourmet lunch, ethnic dining, as well as fundraising events that generate contributions to local charitable organizations. These groups meet monthly from September to June. For information about the activity groups starting September 2014, please contact Kathy Doles at 708-246-7893 or kadoles1@gmail.com.

Back-to-School Safety Tips for Drivers



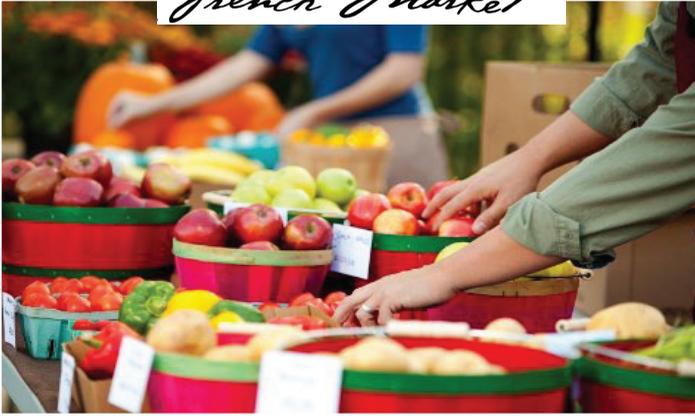
With more distractions in traffic, it is critical, while operating a motor vehicle, to slow down and pay attention. The Western Springs Police Department would like to remind drivers to take extra precautions at the beginning of this school year.

- Come to a full stop at stop signs and red lights. Crossing guards and pedestrians of all ages have the right of way before you proceed through the intersection.
- Watch for school bus stop signs and, when a school bus stops with its red brake lights flashing or its stop sign raised, motorists must stop until all children have safely crossed the roadway.
- Don't rush. The first few weeks of the school year are extra busy, so leave yourself extra time to travel to your destination. Enter and exit driveways and alleys slowly and carefully and watch for children and other pedestrians.
- Reduce any distractions inside your car so you can concentrate on the road and your surroundings. Remember, it is against the law to use a cell phone in a school zone or to text while driving.

All drivers need to recognize the special safety needs of pedestrians, especially those that are children.

WESTERN SPRINGS

French Market



Shop the French Market for the produce and goods of the wonderful fall season. The French Market will continue to operate every Thursday from 2 to 7 p.m. until October 23, 2014. Thank you for another successful season and we look forward to the 2015 season, opening the first week of May.

Holiday Tree Wanted

Do you have a large, magnificent evergreen tree on your property that you'd like to donate to the Village of Western Springs? The Village is seeking a donation of a very large, well-shaped tree to light up the Tower Green for the 2014 holiday season. Removal and placement of the tree will be courtesy of the Village in mid-November. The tree will be featured at the tree lighting ceremony on Saturday, December 6, 2014, during the annual Western Springs Business Association Christmas Walk.

If interested, please contact Matt Supert, Director of Municipal Services at 708-246-1800, Ext. 205 or msupert@wsprings.com.

Help Out Your Water Meter Reader



your cooperation by trimming those bushes away from the device. The picture shows what the sensor looks like. Please take the time to locate it and make it accessible so we have scratch-free meter readers.

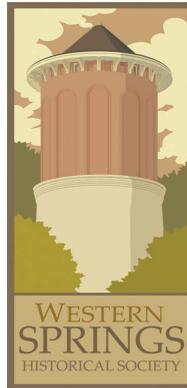
Safety Village of Western Springs

In 2013, the Village of Western Springs purchased land adjacent to the Recreation Department to serve as the new, permanent home of Safety Village. We are beyond grateful to the Village Board, the Recreation Department, and the team of architects and developers who have been working at this project for over a year.

In the upcoming year, we will begin our Community Campaign to raise \$100,000—the cost of building our permanent miniature Western Springs. Our campaign will include fundraising events, legacy options and good, old-fashioned donation requests. Please check out our website at www.safetyvillageofwesternsprings.org for updates on the building process and the details of our upcoming events. If you would like to make a donation or have questions, please contact Mandy Wichman at 4233 Johnson, Western Springs or at 708-246-1135.

We thank the community for its support of the program for the past five years and look forward to making the Safety Village of Western Springs a permanent fixture in our town.

The Safety Village Of Western Springs Board
Amy Avakian, Lise Braithwaite, Kelly Hartford, Lee Rosenberg, Katie Sperry and Mandy Wichman



Adult Ed Lecture

Have you ever wondered about all the different churches in town? Interested in learning more about their history and the role they have played in Western Springs' development? If so, please join the Historical Society on Sunday, October 26, at 4 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 1106 Chestnut, for the Historical Society's first Adult Ed lecture of the

2014/15 program year. The presentation, which is free to the public, will be given by representatives from each church. Refreshments will be served afterwards and attendees will also have an opportunity to view a selection of historic photos and documents from each church's archives.

Did you know the Village reads the water meter in your home through a sensor on the outside of your home? Every other month a meter reader must access the sensor to record water usage, which is very easy to do, except when bushes are blocking the sensor. The meter readers have had a scratched-up summer navigating through bushes that block the sensor and the Village is asking for

Illinois Traffic Safety Challenge

On August 20, 2014, the Police Department was recognized by the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police during the Midwest Police and Security Expo in Tinley Park. The department placed first in the “2013–2014 Illinois Traffic Safety Challenge” in the overall category of 11–25 municipal sworn officers.

The Illinois Traffic Safety Challenge is a statewide highway safety program that recognizes law enforcement agencies for their efforts in addressing traffic safety issues in their jurisdiction. Participation in the program is voluntary and requires agencies to submit a detailed report of their policies, training, public education and information initiatives, and the overall effectiveness of their program.



l-r: ITSC Judge Brian Cooper, Chief Pamela Church, Lieutenant David Dayhoff, Sergeant John Piest, Telecommunicator Shaun O'Connor, Deputy Chief Brian Budds, Village Trustee Sheila Hansen



Happy Halloween—Be Safe Trick-or-Treating Hours are 3–8 p.m., Friday, October 31

From carving pumpkins and adorning your home with spooky decorations; to dressing your kids in costumes and taking them trick-or-treating; Halloween is a fun and exciting time for the whole family, but it can also be equally dangerous. Use the following Halloween safety tips to ensure that your scary celebrations are safe.

Remain on sidewalks—From filling an entire bag or pillowcase with candy, to staying out past their bedtimes, Halloween is a thrilling night for kids, and their excitement leaves them more likely to run into the street. Although it would be comforting to think that every

driver on Halloween is a safe driver, the truth is that you can never be sure, so it's best to keep children on the sidewalk to ensure their safety.

Travel in groups—The bigger the group—the better. Travel in groups with neighbors and friends on well-lit streets. Always being sure to avoid spaces in between cars and cutting through yards.

Inspect all candy—Although your child may be anxious to begin eating goodies as soon as he/she begins collecting them, it's important to conduct a thorough inspection of the candy before allowing your child to consume it and dispose of anything suspicious.

Keep your house well-lit inside and outside—A well-lit home will protect against damage to your property and allow trick-or-treaters to safely walk to your doorstep. Keep your pets inside and away from the excitement. There is always a possibility your pet could bite a visitor. Sometimes, pets get excited and run away.

Don't be easy targets—When you step away for some trick-or-treating fun, make sure you lock all windows and doors and shut your garage door. Lock your vehicle even in your own driveway. An unlocked vehicle many times contains a garage door opener.

Keep an eye on your neighbor's house—Do not hesitate to report any mischief or suspicious activity to the Western Springs Police Department immediately by calling 708-246-8540 or in an emergency dial 9-1-1.

Trick-or-treating hours on Halloween are from 3 to 8 p.m. Halloween is a favorite holiday among parents and children alike, and keeping these Halloween safety tips in mind will allow your family to have a fun, exciting, and most importantly, safe evening. The Western Springs Police Department will be providing additional visible patrol.

Recreation Department

The fall session begins on Monday, September 8, with new programs and special events available. The fall program guide is available at www.wsprings.com/recreation and registration is still open. Browse through the program selections and find a program for yourself or someone in your family. If you have any questions, feel free to call the department at 708-246-9070.

Fall Highlights

- Youth volleyball begins Saturday, October 18, for 3rd–6th grade levels.
- Sign-up for 5th and 6th grade boys and girls basketball leagues is due by November 5. Players and volunteer coaches are needed. A coach’s meeting is November 5 at 6:30 p.m.
- Blazers and Wildcats traveling basketball team tryouts are September 6 and 13. If interested, please call 708–246–9070, Ext. 418.
- Youth dodgeball on Fridays at the Recreation Center from 5:30–7 p.m. for elementary school, 7–8:30 p.m. for junior high and 8:30–10:30 p.m. for high school and older.
- Adult Open Basketball on Thursdays beginning October 23 at 8:15 p.m.
- Fly Fishing: Casting & Strategy on Sundays from October 5–26 at 1 p.m.

New Programs

- Social Super Stars on Tuesdays starting September 9 from 2–3:30 p.m. for ages 4–5 years old. This class

focuses on sensory play, transitioning, impulse control and making new friends.

- Snag—Indoor Golf on Saturdays starting October 25 from 1:30–2:15 p.m. for ages 7–10 years. Students will learn the basics of the complete swing, putting and chipping.
- Ticket to Ride on Mondays starting September 15 from 4:30–5:30 p.m. for ages 5–12 years. Students will construct various amusement park rides with Legos, incorporating the principles of physics and math and the understanding of physical forces we use every day.



Halloween Hoopla

On Wednesday, October 29, from 5–7 p.m., treat your kids, yourself, friends and family to an evening of Halloween fun. The Recreation Center, 1500 Walker, is the place and costumes are the ticket to a night of spooktacular fun.

Thomas Ford
Memorial Library



New Library Book Drops—Do you have Library items to bring back, but it’s after hours or you don’t have enough time to stop in? Use the outdoor book drops, located in front of the Library at 800 Chestnut Street. And, beginning this fall, you can use new and better book drops. The old drops served members well for many years but fell victim to Midwest winters and were starting to leak. The new drops will be the same neutral color and will have two chutes and bins that lead to one large container instead of two smaller ones.

Like the ever-popular Reading Railroad in Youth Services, the drops are made possible by a generous donation from the Thomas Ford Library Foundation, which is dedicated to making a great Library even better through gifts from the community. This financial support, in addition to tax revenue, helps to increase the value and quality of living in Western Springs. Contributions are accepted at the Library or may be mailed to Thomas Ford Library Foundation, 800 Chestnut Street, Western Springs, IL 60558. For further information please contact Anne Kozak, Library Director, or Leslie Karas, Foundation Chair, at 708–246–0520.

Fall Book Sale—The fall book sale will be October 3–5. There is a preview night for Friends only on Friday from 6–8:30 p.m. Saturday’s sale, 8 a.m.–2 p.m., is open to everyone. On Sunday, there is a half price bag sale from noon–2 p.m.

Newcomers Club

Newcomers Club is open to all residents interested in becoming acquainted with both their community and their fellow villagers. You need not be “new” to Western Springs to join. Activities are planned from September to June. The membership is open to men, women, singles and families. For more information, please contact westernspringsnewcomers@gmail.com.

AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM

The Police Department will be hosting an AARP Driver Safety Program at the Village Hall on November 4 and 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day. Registration is available at 55alive@wsprings.com or call 708-246-1800, ext. 155. More information on the program is available at www.aarp.org/drive.

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First Congregational Church Rummage Sale

The First Congregational Church of Western Springs, 1106 Chestnut Street, will hold its annual fall rummage sale on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 21 & 22. The sale opens with a 20% mark-up from 6–8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 21, and will continue from 10-noon on Wednesday, October 22. The sale concludes with a half-price bag sale from 6–8 p.m. on Wednesday evening, October 22. Shop and save on gently-used clothing, books, toys, housewares, sporting equipment and more. Local checks will be accepted. All proceeds will be donated to local, national and international charities.

2014 Leaf Removal Program

The Village’s annual leaf removal program will begin the week of October 20. The schedule will be mailed in October to every residence in the Village and will be posted at **www.wsprings.com**. Residents may also use the leaf hotline, 708-246-1800, Ext. 305, for schedule updates. Please refrain from raking the leaves to the curb before the removal process begins. If you need to dispose of leaves before October 20, then it will be necessary to bag them as yard waste.

Mulch leaves—benefits the environment and your lawn!

FALL FESTIVAL

Friday, October 3 • 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. • Tower Green

Fall Festival begins with the distribution of **FREE** pumpkins on Saturday, September 27, at 8 a.m. on the Tower Green. Use your imagination and bring it back decorated on the following Friday night, October 3, for judging and enjoy an evening filled with **SPOOKY** fun. The festival is sponsored by the Western Springs Business Association.



Whiz-ba!

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

As children return to school, remember the 20-20-20 rule

Parents, remind your children to get regular exercise, eat plenty of vegetables and practice the 20-20-20 rule. Wait— what's that?

With a new school year starting, parents may notice that technology is playing a larger role in their child's classroom. Yet many parents still underestimate the amount of time kids spend on electronic devices.

According to an American Optometric Association (AOA) survey, 83 percent of children between the ages of 10 and 17 say they use an electronic

device for three or more hours each

day. But a separate AOA survey of parents revealed that only 40 percent of them believe their children use an electronic device for that same amount of time.

Access to technology creates great educational opportunities for school-age children, but it can also take a toll on their vision. If a child is experiencing eye strain, headaches, fatigue, loss of focus, blurred vision, double vision or head and neck pain, it could be an indication that he or she is suffering from digital eye strain or an undiagnosed vision problem.

To protect vision from digital eye strain, children should make sure they practice the 20-20-20 rule: take a 20-second break every 20 minutes and view something 20 feet away. Combs EyeCare & EyeWear, LTD and the AOA encourage parents to schedule yearly back-to-school eye exams for their children to



The staff of Combs EyeCare & EyeWear, LTD are shown at this year's Gathering on the Green.

ensure that kids are prepared to learn with clear and healthy vision. And remember... 20-20-20!

In 2006, Combs EyeCare & EyeWear, LTD opened its doors in Western Springs, a long-time dream of Owner/Optomtrist Dr. Irene Combs. Their mission is to provide patients with the best comprehensive eye care,

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Friday

October 3

6:30 – 8:30 PM

at the

Tower Green

- **Pumpkin Decorating Contest**

Pick up your FREE pumpkin at the Tower Green at 8:00 a.m. on September 27.

- **Storytelling**
- **Hayrides**
- **Fall Treats**

**Think Local.
Shop Local.
Be Local.**



2014 Festival of Trees WSBA Christmas Walk expands to TWO days!

For the first time ever, the Western Springs Business Association has decided to expand the annual Christmas Walk to include Friday evening and *all day Saturday!* The expanded hours will give residents more time to visit businesses on their own schedule and “shop local” for the holidays.

Residents are encouraged to visit WSBA businesses and organizations to complete a punchcard “Passport”, which can then be entered into a drawing for great prizes. There will be separate drawings for adults and for children.

As in past years, businesses and organizations will continue to offer entertainment, giveaways and holiday specials, which may even include a

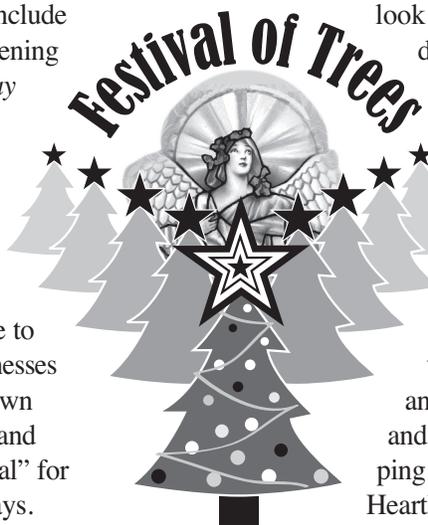
small selection of modestly priced gifts that children could purchase for a parent.

Some event highlights to look forward to:

decorated community trees, a fire pit, special performances on the Tower Green, visits with Santa and Mrs. Claus and a gift wrapping station at Heartland Bank.

You can get your picture taken with Llama Llama, star of Llama, Lama Red Pajama at Thomas Ford Library, and cheer the official lighting of the Western Springs Christmas Tree, plus much, much more!

As the Festival of Trees draws closer, be sure to check the WSBA website for the schedule and new activities.



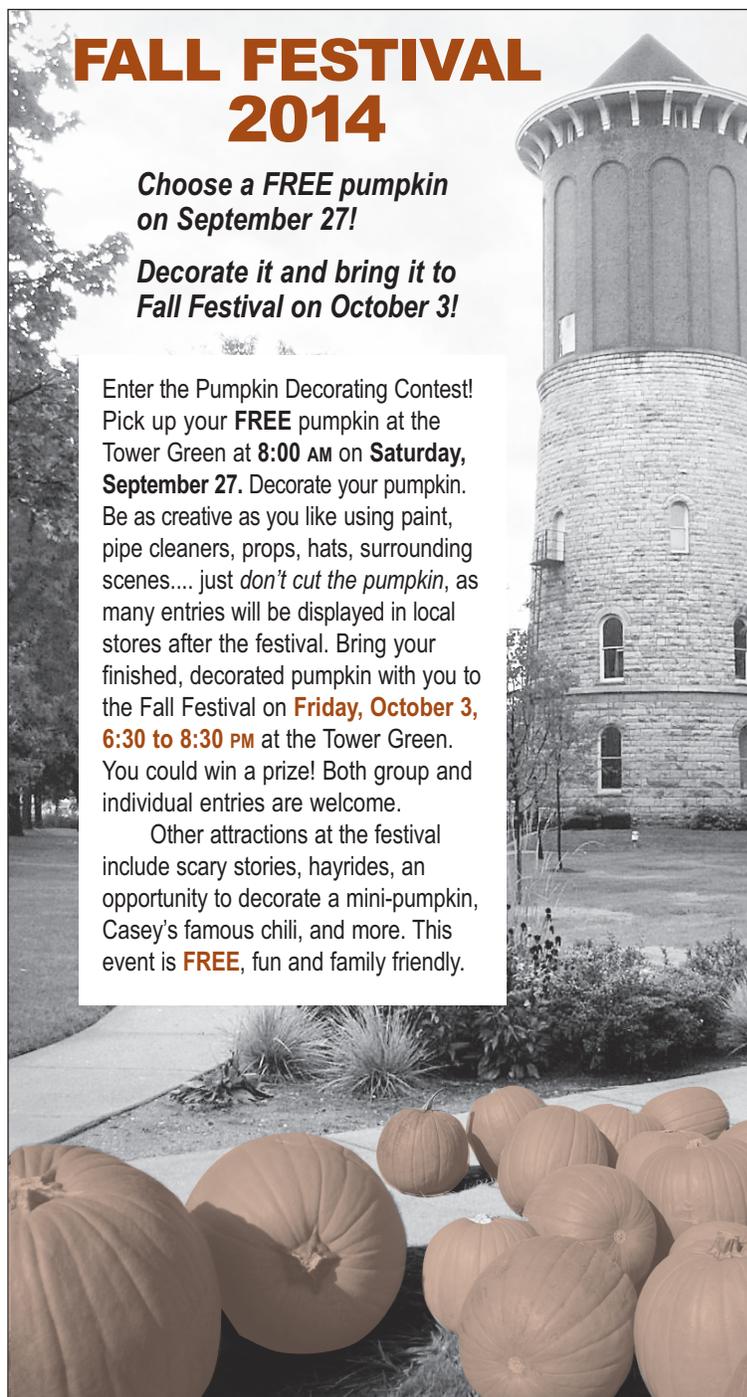
FALL FESTIVAL 2014

Choose a **FREE** pumpkin on September 27!

Decorate it and bring it to Fall Festival on October 3!

Enter the Pumpkin Decorating Contest! Pick up your **FREE** pumpkin at the Tower Green at **8:00 AM on Saturday, September 27**. Decorate your pumpkin. Be as creative as you like using paint, pipe cleaners, props, hats, surrounding scenes.... just *don't cut the pumpkin*, as many entries will be displayed in local stores after the festival. Bring your finished, decorated pumpkin with you to the Fall Festival on **Friday, October 3, 6:30 to 8:30 PM** at the Tower Green. You could win a prize! Both group and individual entries are welcome.

Other attractions at the festival include scary stories, hayrides, an opportunity to decorate a mini-pumpkin, Casey's famous chili, and more. This event is **FREE**, fun and family friendly.



■ Combs recommends 20-20-20

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using the newest and most effective technology in the eye care industry, while still offering patients that “just around the corner” neighborhood feel. Over the years, Combs EyeCare & EyeWear has grown to include two more optometrists, Dr. Carolyn Newcome-

Sparks, and Dr. Jill M. Bert, as well as an experienced and knowledgeable staff.

Comb's EyeCare and EyeWear is located at 504 Hillgrove Avenue in Western Springs, 708-286-1100.

Look for them on the web at www.combseyecare.com.

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