

# tower Topics

VILLAGE *of* WESTERN SPRINGS

## ***Safety Village of Western Springs Celebrates Grand Opening***



Chief Kenny welcomes crowd to Grand Opening of Safety Village

On Sunday, June 14, 2015, the Safety Village of Western Springs, in conjunction with the Western Springs Recreation Department, joined together to celebrate a special Grand Opening of Safety Village at 1500 Walker Street, adjacent to the Recreation Department. Thanks to the extremely generous support of local donors (Village of Western Springs, Kiwanis International, Walsh Construction, Legacy Underground Corporation, Pat Plunkett Architecture, Riordan Signature Homes, Kensington Schools, Parsifal Foundation, and Fred B. Snite Foundation) as well as the continued support of community businesses and families, the dream of a permanent home dedicated to teaching safety strategies to little ones is now a reality!

All ages were invited to experience our "Village" firsthand, which consists of a mini replica of Western Springs complete with our Village's signature water tower, buildings representing our local businesses, working traffic lights, and mini-bikes that serve as transportation around the streets of Safety Village. As a part of the Grand Opening event, the Safety Village of Western Springs Board, Western Springs Police and Fire personnel, Village Trustees, and Recreation Department personnel "cut the ribbon" to kick off this summer's upcoming graduation class, which started on Monday, June 15. We are honored to welcome over 150 new students, our biggest class to date, to the program! *(continued on page 2)*

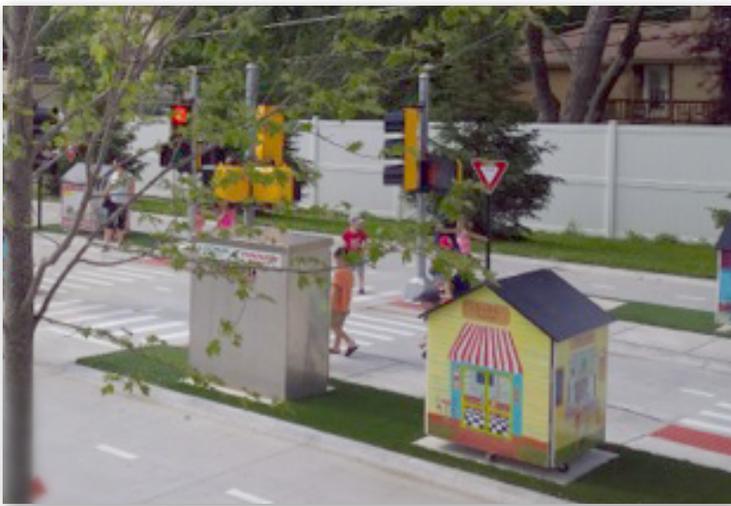
### ***Biking in Western Springs***

Summer is bicycle season, and Western Springs loves to bike! When cycling this summer, please remember a few important things to help keep our Village safe and organized:

- Always wear a helmet. Bike safety is very important!
- When biking, make sure to look both ways before turning or crossing the street. Use hand signals whenever possible.
- If it is dark outside, make sure to wear reflective clothing when biking. Just because you can see others, does not mean that they can see you!
- Please be courteous when biking in downtown Western Springs. Do not leave bikes or helmets in the middle of the sidewalk or in front of storefronts/businesses where others might trip over them.

Following these simple tips will ensure that biking season is safe and fun for all!





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“We are thrilled to have Safety Village as a permanent feature of the Western Springs Community. The benefits of this program are enormous. Lessons in fire, stranger danger, railroads, and playground/water safety are taught through the aid of songs, stories, robots, puppets, movies, crafts, live play characters, as well as teachers, policemen, and firefighters. The purpose of Safety Village is to educate young children about various safety messages so that no other family will have to suffer the loss of a loved one, like the Satkamp family did when they lost their child/sister, Katie.” —Chief Patrick J. Kenny, Director of Fire and EMS for the Village of Western Springs.

Originally started by a group of mothers, the Founders of “Katie’s Foundation” launched Safety Village of Western Springs in memory of Katie Satkamp, a young girl who tragically lost her life at age seven when a bus driver proceeded to drive ahead before noticing that little Katie hadn’t crossed the street. With the help of many safety professionals in Western Springs, Safety Village educates children on 55 facets of safety through books, games, videos, and simulations. Each day, our campers learn valuable, life-saving lessons with accompanying take-home materials to foster relevant safety discussions at home.

For information, visit [www.safetyvillageofwesternsprings.org](http://www.safetyvillageofwesternsprings.org)

### **Block Party Fun!**

For good old-fashioned fun, nothing beats a block party. The Village requires all groups wishing to hold a block party to fill out a “Block Party Consent Form.” This form is available at the Village Hall or at [www.wsprings.com](http://www.wsprings.com). The individual in charge of the block party is to have as many residents as possible sign the consent form if their house is going to be affected. The form must be turned in at least two weeks before the date of the block party, along with a \$50 deposit for the cones. Once this form is turned in, the Public Works Department will send the letter of permission to the person in charge. Cones will be dropped off by the Public Works Department on the Friday before the event and picked up the following Monday. The deposit will be returned after the cones have been picked up.

The Village has established these regulations in an effort to provide a safe and secure environment for your party. Please assist the Village in protecting the safety and well-being of all village residents. If you need additional information, please call the Public Works Department at 708-246-1800, ext. 200.

If you would like a fire truck at your block party, please call 708-246-1182 to make the arrangements with the Fire Department.



### **Western Springs Police Department Welcomes New Members**

The Western Springs Police Department is pleased to announce the appointment of two new members: Officers Vincent Gismondi and Andrew Weihe. Both officers graduated from the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy at the College of DuPage on June 19, 2015 upon successful completion of the 12-week basic academy. Officer Weihe also received the prestigious Academic Achievement Award at the graduation ceremony. They will now begin the department’s 12 week Field Training Program.

Officer Gismondi holds a bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice from Western Illinois University and Officer Weihe holds a bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice from Illinois State University. Both officers will be formally sworn in at the July 13 Village Board Meeting.



## **Western Springs Fire Department Welcomes New Members!**

On January 13, 2015, in cooperation with the Illinois Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM), the Western Springs Fire Department began a Basic Operations Firefighter Training Academy. The program began with 18 candidates: 12 from the Western Springs Fire Department, and 6 from the LaGrange Park Fire Department.

The department is proud to announce that all of the candidates have successfully completed approximately 320 hours of training. An overview of the training included:

- National Incident Management System (NIMS) Training (ICS 100 and IS-700)
- 96 hours of classroom instruction, divided into three modules and consisting of 22 subject areas
- 138 hours of practical skills training covering all operational aspects of the Basic Operations Firefighter curriculum, including four live-fire training sessions and weekly physical fitness training
- First Aid and CPR Training
- Technical Rescue Awareness
- Hazardous Materials Awareness
- Fire Service Vehicle Operator (classroom portion)
- "Courage to Be Safe" Program
- Hazardous Materials Operations



All 18 candidates have successfully completed the training they began six months ago, and also achieved a 100% pass rate on all three written module examinations in the class. The Village welcomes these new members to the department, and thanks them for their hard work and dedication to our communities!

## **Residential Fire Alarm Systems**

Many homeowners have installed fire alarm systems in their homes for added protection in the event of a fire. There are multiple alarm system companies that offer many different packages combining fire response, EMS contact, and home security features.

Some homeowners inherit an alarm system when they purchase a home, and may not be familiar with its operations and functions. All systems purchased through reputable companies have a 24/7 monitoring center that contacts local police or fire when an alarm is triggered.

Many departments have encountered incidents where these dispatch centers did not receive an alert from the alarm company, but did receive a 911 call from the homeowners stating that their smoke detectors had sounded. In one incident, the homeowners did smell smoke and decided to call 911 after a short time because the fire department had still not arrived.

In the above instance, there was indeed a fire in the family's attic. Had they waited any longer to call 911, it would have consumed their entire home. Upon further investigation, the fire department determined that while the family had detectors on the entry level of their home and in every bedroom, only the first floor and basement detectors were tied into their fire alarm system. Since the fire was contained in the attic, the second floor alarms were activating to warn them, but only because they were store-bought smoke detectors added after the construction of their home addition. The fire alarm system detectors never activated because the smoke and fire were contained in the second level. The monitoring center was never alerted to a fire at the home.

The Fire Department recommends that, if you have a fire alarm system in your home, you familiarize yourself with its function and verify that all detectors are tied into the same system. You may find yourself waiting for the fire department to arrive, only to find out that they have not been contacted by the monitoring center. Be safe, not sorry!

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## **Please Secure Garbage on Garbage Day!**

Please be reminded that all garbage and recycling must be secured on garbage and recycling pick-up days. Items should be placed into sealed bags, ensuring that garbage does not blow through the streets. Please do your part to keep Western Springs beautiful!





### Director of Parks Retires After 30 Years

Craig Himmelmann has retired from his position as Director of Parks with the Western Springs Park District after 30 years of

employment. Craig was acknowledged on May 12 at the Park Board meeting, where he received a resolution recognizing him for his many accomplishments since beginning with the department in 1985. One of Craig's proudest achievements as a member of the Park District staff is his involvement in purchasing and installing all of the playground equipment for each of the 12 parks in the district. Craig has helped maintain 90 acres of Park District properties throughout his tenure as Director of Parks, and the district is very grateful for his service. Craig and his wife have purchased a home in Durango, CO, and will be relocating later this summer to enjoy his retirement.

### Park District Happenings

Upcoming Park Board meetings: July 14 and August 11. Meetings are held at 7 p.m. in the Village Hall Board Room (740 Hillgrove Avenue).

To reserve a picnic shelter at one of the parks, visit our website ([www.wsparks.org](http://www.wsparks.org)) and click on "reserve a facility." You can also call Barb Kartzmark at 708-246-4225, ext. 1.

Every third Wednesday of the month (this summer: July 15, August 19) from 2-4 p.m., Executive Director John Robinson will hold an Open House for anyone interested in visiting or talking about the Park District (no appointments necessary). These forums will be held at the Park District Administration office (Spring Rock Park: 4400 Central Avenue).

The field renovation project at Spring Rock Park is coming to a close. This spring sand channel drainage and irrigation heads were installed and the entire site of renovation was re-graded. The laying of fresh seeds will officially complete the project. Both renovated fields will be fenced off for organized activities until grass is fully grown. If you would like to follow the progress of this project, visit [www.wsparks.org](http://www.wsparks.org).

Like us on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/wsparkdistrict](http://www.facebook.com/wsparkdistrict)) and you will receive updates about the Western Springs Park District program!

### Recreation Department

The Recreation Department is introducing online registration for the first time, beginning with the Fall 2015 enrollment process! Fall recreation brochures will be mailed to all Western Springs residents between August 5-7. Make sure to look out for this information; it will contain everything you need to know about your household account, timelines, policies, and procedures! This information will be online a week earlier at [www.wsprings.com/recreation](http://www.wsprings.com/recreation).

There's plenty of summer fun remaining! Whether you are eager to try something new, or simply want to relax with good friends, the Recreation Department is here to help you connect!

- July 13 to July 17 – "Learn to Bowl" for Ages 6-18 (Westmont)
- July 13 to July 17 – "Youth Soccer Training Camp" (Spring Rock Park)
- July 16, 6:30 p.m. – "Big Band Concert" (Historic Water Tower/Village Green)
- July 22, 6:30 p.m. – "West Suburban Community Concert" (Ridgewood Park)
- July 20 to August 8 – "Late Summer Camps/ Tennis Classes" for Youth and Adults
- July 27 to July 31 – "Youth Soccer Training Camp" (Spring Rock Park)
- August – Keep your eyes peeled for complete information on Traveling Youth Basketball tryouts for the "Blazers" (4th grade-8th grade boys) and "Wildcats" (4th grade-8th grade girls).

Call the Recreation office at 708-246-9070 for additional information on any of the programs / activities happening through the Western Springs Recreation Department!

### Collection of Live or Dead Animals

What do you do if you wind up with a live animal, such as a possum or a raccoon, in your yard? The Police Department provides traps to capture the animal; following capture, residents are required to dispose of the animal independently or call a local animal trapper. Dead animals on Village streets or parkways will be picked up by the Public Works Department. If an animal is located on Ogden Avenue, 55th Street, or 47th Street, residents must call IDOT at 217-782-2937. If an animal is located on Wolf Road, residents must call the Cook County Highway Department at 708-485-7130. For assistance in the collection of a dead animal from a Village street or parkway, please call 708-246-1800, ext. 200, or use the "Report a Concern" feature at [www.wsprings.com](http://www.wsprings.com).

### SUMMER HOURS for VILLAGE BUSINESS



The business hours for Village Hall and Community Development changed beginning Monday, May 18 and regular hours will resume Tuesday, September 8.

Summer hours are as follows:

Monday-Thursday  
7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Friday 7:30 a.m. to noon

## Peer Jury Program Celebrates Graduating Class of 2015

Director of Law Enforcement Services Pamela Church recently celebrated the graduation of six senior students who served on the Western Springs Juvenile Peer Jury during their high school careers, along with the staff that makes this program possible. Over the past year, this peer jury has successfully heard 16 new cases.

During this ceremony, volunteer coordinators Maya Whalen and Eugenia Callison and Program Supervisor Sergeant John Piest were honored by Chief Church and praised for their dedication and commitment to the program. Finally, seniors Jeanne Caplice, Elizabeth Deneen, Megan Hickey, Natalie Whalen, Grace Baumel, and Nina Bazzanella were thanked for their hard work and generous volunteerism.

The Western Springs Juvenile Peer Jury has helped guide area youth since October 1997 by providing youthful offenders with a second chance. Police Department juvenile officers and coordinators run the program and teens serve as peer jurors, hearing cases referred by the Police Department. Each jury is composed of eight teenagers, and jurors alternate to avoid hearing cases involving friends or acquaintances. Cases before the jury range from curfew violations, to misdemeanors, and even felonies.

The Western Springs Juvenile Peer Jury provides a chance for first time offenders to avoid juvenile court and hopefully turn a negative situation into a positive one. Jurors and offenders alike have benefited from this program, and it is an excellent opportunity for youth to get involved in the community.



### Join the Peer Jury

The Peer Jury program is currently looking for young people between the ages of 13 and 18 to become peer jurors. They must live and attend school in Western Springs, or attend either LTHS or Nazareth. Applications can be picked up at the Police Department. The program is also seeking community service sites that are nonprofit organizations. For more information, contact Sgt. John Piest at 708-246-1800, ext. 156.

## Howard Graening Kiwanis Scholarship Award

Congratulations to Kate Austin and Sammy Harders of McClure Junior High School for receiving the first annual Howard Graening Kiwanis Scholarship Award for their excellence and dedication to the District 101 Music Program. The awards were presented by David Hopkins, the current President of the Kiwanis Club of Western Springs/Hinsdale, at the school's spring music concert on May 7.



## Senior Services

### Senior Center

The Senior Center has several exciting events coming up this summer! There will be a **"Lunch and Learn" on July 9 from 12–1:30 p.m.** where seniors will have the opportunity to explore bone health and learn about osteoporosis over a light lunch. This presentation is hosted by Active RX. There will be another **"Lunch and Learn" on July 21 from 12–1:30 p.m.** where seniors can explore reasons for and considerations related to the decision to enroll in assisted living. This presentation is hosted by Presence Bethlehem Woods. There will be an additional **"Lunch and Learn" on July 28 from 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.** entitled "Be Remembered." This presentation will explore methods to capture and retain memories to share with your family and loved ones, and will be hosted by Amy VanDyke of Kopicki's Heritage Funeral Home.

**On July 16, there will be a Grand Avenue Big Band Concert from 7–8:30 p.m.** (Rain date will be July 23, 7–8:30 p.m.) on the Tower Green. Young and old, join us for dancing in the streets and enjoy this free annual event! Make sure to come early, bring your picnic dinner, and don't forget your blankets and chairs!

Located in the Grand Avenue Community Center at 4211 Grand Avenue, the Senior Center operates Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.–5 p.m. and is staffed from 1–3 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. The complete schedule of activities is available at [www.wsprings.com/recreation](http://www.wsprings.com/recreation). Questions regarding the Senior Center may be directed to Mic at 708-246-3299 or [mcagney@wsprings.com](mailto:mcagney@wsprings.com).



### **Learn a Language This Summer—With Your Library Card!**

In today's global world, the ability to communicate with others is more important

than ever. Residents of Western Springs seeking to learn new languages for business or pleasure can look no further than the Thomas Ford Memorial Library! The Library owns a number of foreign language kits as well as possessing access to many more through interlibrary loans. However, you don't even need to leave your house to utilize one of the Library's best resources—Mango Languages! These lessons are free online to anyone with a Thomas Ford Library card. Mango Languages provides access to over 60 foreign languages including Spanish, French, and Mandarin Chinese. These programs focus on real conversation and cultural insights into global communication. Full apps for iOS and Android mobile devices make this program even more convenient! To get started, visit the Library's homepage at [www.fordlibrary.org](http://www.fordlibrary.org) and click on the Mango rectangle in the right-hand column.

Questions about this or any other Library program? Call 708-246-0520 or email [info@fordlibrary.org](mailto:info@fordlibrary.org) today! And remember, at member request, the Library is now open on Sundays from 1–5 p.m. year-round, and always open at [www.fordlibrary.org](http://www.fordlibrary.org).



### **Extended Membership Promotion for the 2015–2016 Season of the Village Club!**

- New Members: \$220
- Rejoin for Current Members: \$299

The Village Club of Western Springs was founded in 1910, and is one of the few remaining clubs to survive the dark days of the Great Depression. Celebrating its 105th 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 proudly hosts both family and adult events. Members have the opportunity to rent the space for private events, and all funds received revert back to the club for ongoing maintenance and improvements. In the spirit of friendship and relaxation, the Village Club invites you to become a part of their 105-year-old tradition!

#### *A Few Facts About Village Club Membership:*

- The Village Club membership year runs from June 1 through May 31.
- Family events and adult events are held each month.
- Events include Breakfast with Santa, St. Patrick's Day, Bags League, and more!
- Only members may rent the club for private events.

For membership information, visit [www.thevillageclub.com](http://www.thevillageclub.com).

### **The Emerald Ash Borer in Western Springs**

*By Eric Devitt, Administrative Intern*

The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is an invasive pest introduced from Asia that has had devastating effects on the ash tree population. The Village of Western Springs has 1,354 ash trees of varying ages and conditions, and these ash trees make up approximately 16% of the Village's entire tree stock.

The 2011 ash tree inventory outlined the 591 healthiest ash trees on public property. Trees were rated on a scale from one to five, and those trees with a rating of three or higher were identified as potential candidates for treatment. These potential candidates with a "crown dieback" (a measurement of the percentage of dead branch tips in the crown of a tree) of approximately 20% or less were selected as trees requiring priority treatment. Trees with a crown dieback of approximately 20%–50% were categorized as stable and not in need of immediate treatment, but were scheduled for replacement in future years.



In 2012, the Village performed its first biannual treatment plan on 320 of the healthiest ash trees. Thus far in 2015, the Village treated has treated 262 ash trees. The treatment performed on these ash trees is a tree injection called a "Tree-age." Tree-age treatments require reapplication every two years, and the Village is rotating treatment on previously identified healthy trees. The purpose of this treatment is not to save the ash trees, but to ultimately extend their replacement over a period of multiple years. For more information on the Village's ash tree response, please visit the Village website at <http://wsprings.com/eab> or contact the Municipal Services Department at 708-246-1800.

## Mosquito Control

The mosquito population is controlled by the Des Plaines Valley Mosquito Abatement District, which conducts surveillance to locate and control or eliminate mosquito-breeding sources. This is accomplished by applying chemical agents directly in areas of open water sources, such as large ponds and catch basins.

### Spraying Notification

If necessary, the district may utilize spraying as a means to control adult mosquito populations. Residents with a disability requiring reduced pesticide exposure may request a “no spray” area. Details on obtaining the request are available at the District’s website at [www.desplainsvalleymad.com](http://www.desplainsvalleymad.com). Please note that the Village receives a 24-hour advance notice about spraying; however, the District now provides this information on their website for residents to check on adult mosquito control plans. The District also posts a recorded message after 3:30 p.m. on their main phone line at 708-447-1765. Residents can call this number to see if any adult control operations are planned for that evening. The Village will also post spraying activity on the Village website and the cable channel.

### Basic Steps to Control the Mosquito Population

Residents can assist the District in their efforts to control the mosquito population by following these basic steps:

- Empty plastic wading pools weekly or store upside down when not in use.
- Change water every few days in birdbaths and plant saucers.
- Water bowls for pets should be emptied and refilled daily.
- Keep weeds and grass cut short.
- Ensure that screens in homes are in good repair and tight fitting.
- Keep gutters around your home clean and in good repair.

Finally, to protect yourself from exposure to adult mosquitoes:

- Limit time outdoors when mosquito activity is heaviest (dusk to dawn).
- When outside, wear socks, shoes, long pants, and a long-sleeved shirt. Loose-fitting, light colored clothing is best.
- Use repellents containing 25–35% DEET (N,n-diethyl-meta-toluamide).
- Protect babies and small children by using mosquito netting over strollers.

If you have any questions or require additional details on the specific mosquito control measures within our Village, please feel free to contact the District directly at 708-447-1765.

## Municipal Roundup

The President and Board of Trustees conducted the following business during the months of May and June:

### Appointments

Peter Hanson to the Plan Commission

### Approved

- Contracts with the six independent contractors who utilize Village facilities for their programs. Contractors include: Grand Avenue Preschool and Day Care, Kensington School of Western Springs, Jo’s Footwork Studio, Montessori School of Western Springs, Music Makers of Western Springs, and Western Springs Historical Society.
- The purchase of a 2015 Holland L220 skid loader from New Holland Equipment, in the amount of \$44,083.
- An amendment to the Municipal Code extending hours of operation (30 minute extension for Thursday hours and 60 minute extension for Friday and Saturday hours) for holders of Class I Special Events.
- The issuance of Class B, Class G, and Class H liquor licenses to Davanti’s Western Springs LLC d/b/a Hillgrove Tap, 800 Hillgrove Avenue.
- A labor agreement between the Village and Metropolitan Alliance of Police, Chapter 456.

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## It’s Vacation Time!

Regardless of whether your activities take you away from home for one month or one day, vacations leave homes vulnerable to burglaries—unless precautions are taken. To avoid a break-in or burglary, the Police Department offers the following suggestions:

**Stop Deliveries.** A pile of newspapers or mail is like displaying a sign telling others that no one is home.

**Use Timers.** Placing one of these inexpensive devices on each floor to turn a light on and off makes it appear as though someone is home.

**Give a Key to a Person You Trust.** This person can stop in every so often to make the house look “lived in” by moving the car in and out of the garage, opening and closing drapes, and bringing in deliveries that were not stopped. Also, make sure your grass stays cut.

**Never Hide a Key Outside.** You’re not the only one who knows about fake rocks and other tricks for holding a spare key.

**Vacation Watch.** This service is a great addition to other security steps. The police check your house while you are away. To obtain this service, fill out the online form at [www.wsprings.com](http://www.wsprings.com) or visit the Police Department.

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 Public Works Department . . . . . 708-246-1800 Ext. 200  
 Recreation Department . . . . . 708-246-9070  
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**ANNUAL BACK TO**  
**SCHOOL CLOTHING DRIVE**

**MONDAY – FRIDAY, JULY 13 – AUGUST 10**  
**8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**  
 Representative Durkin's District Office  
 16W281 83rd Street, Suite C, Burr Ridge

Representative Jim Durkin's office is holding a Back to School Clothing Drive to help local families in need. Gently used or new clothing for children ages 4 to 18 will be accepted. Donated clothing items will be turned over to the People's Resource Center in DuPage County.



**Considering a Home Improvement Project?**

The Department of Community Development will guide you through the process of a home improvement project and offers the following tips to ensure a speedy building permit review process:

- Apply early for building permits. If there are any issues with building plans that require a variation or changes, these can be addressed well before the construction season—allowing your project to start construction as soon as possible.
- Read, ask questions, and understand the various building permit related requirements. Guides are available at [www.wsprings.com](http://www.wsprings.com).
- Submit all the necessary information required on the building permit application form. The permit form and a guide are available at [www.wsprings.com](http://www.wsprings.com).
- Verify that each contractor has a valid village license and provide full information on each contractor.

For more information, contact the Department of Community Development at 708-246-1800, ext. 180, or contact [tmcgann@wsprings.com](mailto:tmcgann@wsprings.com).

# Whiz-ba!

THE WESTERN SPRINGS BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

[www.WesternSpringsBusiness.com](http://www.WesternSpringsBusiness.com)

## Five local students receive WSBA scholarships in 2015

The Western Springs Business Association recently presented scholarships to five local students. The WSBA awards scholarship money to students who demonstrate outstanding character, integrity and commitment to the community. Scholarship winners have been employed by WSBA members, and are headed to post-secondary educational institutions. We invite you to meet the recipients:

Western Springs resident **Jeanne Caplice** attends Lyons Township High School (LTHS) and works summers as a lifeguard at the Western Springs Service Club. During the school year she is employed by Aristotle Circle Peer Tutors. She has served with the Village of Western Springs' Peer Jury since 2011, and volunteers at St. John of the Cross, helping with the mission work tour, yearly garage sale and Vacation Bible School. She also donates her



**Jeanne Caplice**

time to Project Linus and tutors students at Lyons Township.

Jeanne's rigorous schedule is all the more remarkable when you consider that she suffered a debilitating concussion at a school basketball game during her freshman year. The injury kept her out of school for months,

while she worked to overcome vision problems and memory loss.

Incredibly, two years later, a second concussion put her through the same struggle all over again, and again she persevered. Bruce Harken, Manager of the Western Springs Service Club, said, "Jeanne is truly a person of integrity and a great role model for young people and adults in Western Springs."

"Jeanne's unbelievable work ethic toward her studies, and time and energy to her community and school has been due to her intellect, drive and organizational skills," said LT Guidance Counselor Nicole Ziroti. Aristotle Circle Peer Tutor's Regional Education Advisor Hilary Remijas added, "Jeanne is passionate about learning and this transfers to her tutoring."

In addition to being a WSBA Scholarship recipient, Jeanne is also this year's winner of the Ed Johnson Leadership Award for Community Service. A check will be sent to the University of Alabama where Jeanne plans to major in engineering.

**Andrew Foster** has been employed at Casey's Market for two years. Casey's Manager Joe Lane wrote, "Andrew is not only here for the paycheck. He's willing to learn and excel at anything new and treats

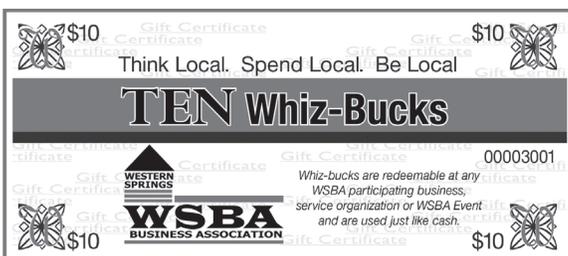


**Andrew Foster**

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**Give them Whiz-bucks...**

**Feeling blue because the kids are headed to college? Give them Whiz-bucks and they'll come home more often!**



Available at Village Hall in \$10 increments, Whiz-Bucks can be redeemed at participating Western Springs businesses.



# ■ 2015 WSBA Scholarship winners announced

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everyone with respect.”

Andrew attends LTHS, where Andrew Newcomb teaches AP U.S. History. Newcomb wrote, “Andrew is a hardworking student with a desire to learn and excel.”

Andrew will soon head off to the University of Wisconsin-Madison to pursue a degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering. Service to the community inspired Andrew to work toward that dream.

Last summer he was a member of a Student Conservation Association where he helped rebuild trails on national public land in southwest Oregon. Closer to home, he worked at Bemis Woods to eliminate invasive species of plants and revitalize the health of the ecosystem in the forest preserve.

WSBA congratulates Andrew and wishes him every success in college.

LTHS student **Megan Hickey** resides in Western Springs where she is employed at the Western Springs Rec Center as a tennis instructor during the summer. She leads youth classes, heads up drill camps, organizes tennis meets and tournaments and completes administrative tasks. Dave Evans of the Village of Western Springs Recreation Department wrote, “Megan is very positive and cheerful, shows empathy and instills teamwork in others. Kids love her as a teacher. She is the best person to call in an emergency.” His letter also mentioned Megan’s other positive qualities including honesty, humor, confidence under pressure and the ability to delegate.



**Megan Hickey**

Megan teaches a CCD class to special needs children at St. John of the Cross, and helps teens get a second chance by serving as a Peer Juror at Western

Springs Village Hall. She also donates her time to the sport she loves – tennis.

Megan is a member of the yearbook staff at LTHS. Teacher Timothy Spitsberg serves as the group’s advisor. He wrote, “Megan has never missed a deadline in two years. I don’t think I’ve seen any student work as hard from day one to the bitter end.”

Megan is still undecided as to where she will attend college, but her goal is set: she will major in biology on a pre-med track to become a Physician’s Assistant. Success to you, Megan!

**Caroline Kralovec-Kirchherr** is a straight-A student at LTHS, including a dozen AP classes. Caroline’s AP Biology teacher, Carol Promisel said, “Caroline stands out as one of the best. It is a joy to have her in class as an academic and social role model for her peers.”



**Caroline Kralovec-Kirchherr**

Caroline plans to study Public Health at either Carleton College or the University of Notre Dame. She loves biology and is interested in public policy. She’d like to promote social justice in the world. Caroline’s volunteer work includes participation in mission trips, serving as president of her youth group, and teaching Sunday School for the past four years at the First Congregational Church.

When Caroline isn’t volunteering, she works at Elite Fitness and Gym. Her job duties as front desk clerk include customer service, membership sales and general gym maintenance. Elite’s Owner Mark Wolz said, “Caroline has always acted as a professional and shows excellent leadership qualities. She is a quick problem solver. Elite Fitness & Gym will miss her when she leaves for college.”

Congratulations, Caroline!

**Tim Wolf** will attend Western Illinois University to study Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice. He feels that would be a great way to serve his community.



**Tim Wolf**

Tim is a well rounded student at LTHS. He not only performs well in Math, English, Science, German and Symphony Orchestra, but also Furniture Making and Car Care. Applied Arts Teacher Blake Sauders said, “It is rare to find a student with such a unique and positive blend of personality and skill set talents. His ability to enjoy his environment, experience and traditions give him balance that is unique and special.”

Village True Value Hardware has employed Tim since 2013 and he hopes to continue there through college vacations. Village Hardware’s Don Herrmann said, “Tim’s personality complements his retail position. His coworkers find him easygoing and able to work through any situation. Tim has matured into a very responsible young man since joining our team.”

Tim has been involved in many community service activities, and school extracurricular projects, but was too humble to share that information. If Don Herrmann hadn’t mentioned that Tim recently earned his Eagle Scout Award through Troop 12, we wouldn’t have known. Great job, Tim!

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