

tower Topics

VILLAGE *of* WESTERN SPRINGS

Water Tower Receives Floral Gifts

Make sure to stop and smell the flowers this autumn—especially the flowers gracing the new and beautiful planters in front of the historic Water Tower, home to the Western Springs Historical Society.

Barbara (McNeily) Sigfusson, a longtime resident of the community, has generously offered a gift that will allow the Village to design, plant, and maintain these planters in front of the Tower for many years to come. Barbara first moved to Western Springs with her husband Bob McNeily in 1959. Bob grew up on Walnut Street; in fact, the family has been able to trace their town ancestry all the way back to the 1920s.

Barbara and Bob were active members of the Western Springs community during the time of their residency. Bob's father served as both trustee and president of the Village, and Bob followed in his father's footsteps by assuming both

positions as well. Barbara was president of the PTA, an active member of the District 102 School Board, and even co-founded the Western Springs Historical Society. As a couple, the McNeilys made many lasting contributions to the Village of Western Springs that are still important today.

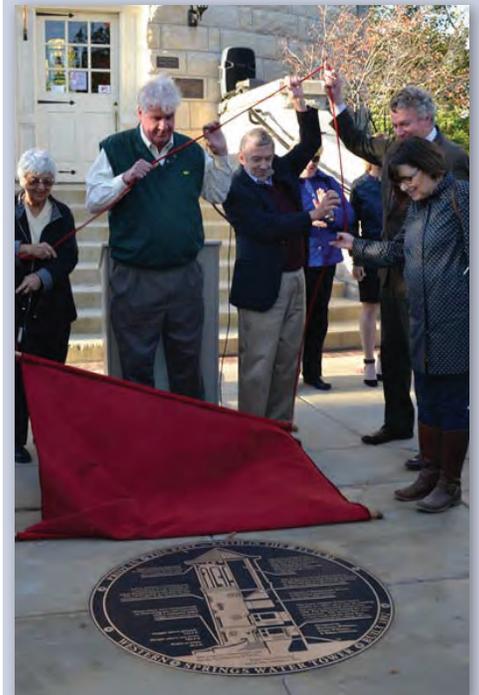
Following her husband's death, Barbara relocated to Inverness, Illinois, and married Benedict Sigfusson. The couple was married for 26 years. Despite her relocation and current residence at Plymouth Place in La Grange, Barbara has always considered Western Springs her true home. She takes great pride in frequenting local businesses such as Kirschbaum's, Casey's, and the Fruit Store, and is thrilled to continue her family connection to the town through her niece Cindy Carsello and her nephew Mike McNeily, who not only resides in the town, but also owns and operates a local business.

Barbara's delight upon seeing the improvements to the Tower, home of the Historical Society, encouraged her desire to play an active role in the Village once again. Barbara hopes that this gift will inspire residents and passersby with pride in the Village's past, present, and future.



Tower Medallion Unveiling Ceremony

The Historic Water Tower Medallion unveiling ceremony took place at 5 p.m. on Thursday, October 15, to much fanfare. The event included the revealing of the new medallion, which commemorates significant events in the Tower's history, along with the completion of Phase II of the stairs project. Residents are encouraged to visit the Tower Green to see the new medallion and to enjoy the completed staircase. To view additional photos of this ceremony, visit the Village website at www.wsprings.com/gallery.aspx.



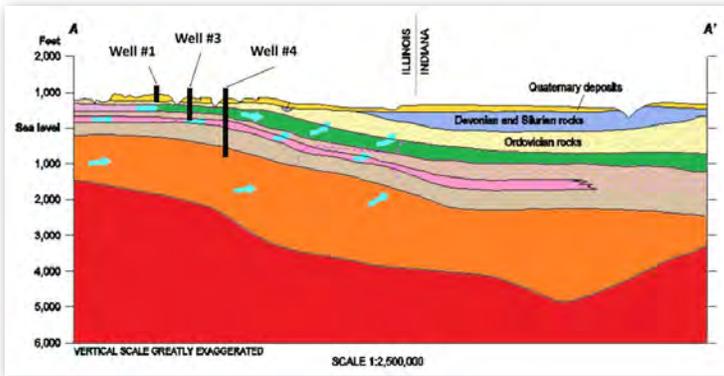
Residents and Village officials celebrate the unveiling of the new bronze medallion in front of the historic Water Tower.

Well #3 Project: Updates

In early October, the Village began maintenance work on Well #3, which is one of the Village's two deep wells used for primary service to the Village. A deep well requires maintenance approximately every ten years in order to recondition the well pipe and to ensure that the well can continue to provide the volume and quality of water required.

Well maintenance work typically takes place during the autumn or winter months when usage in the distribution system is on the decline due to cooling temperatures. During this maintenance period, the Village has needed to use Well #1 to supplement the deep Well #4 for distribution. Unseasonably warm and dry weather through late September and early October have resulted in the need for Well #1 to supplement the distribution system more than anticipated, resulting in an increase of hard water with high amounts of iron and other dissolved solids. As a result, some residents in the community have observed periods of cloudy or discolored water as a result of the increased use for Well #1. Please be assured that regardless of the discoloration, this water meets all state and federal regulations for drinking water standards.

Maintenance on Well #3 is scheduled for completion in early November. Additional information can be found at www.wsprings.com.



Citizen Survey

The National Citizen Survey was recently completed for the Village of Western Springs, and results are now available online. Residents interested in viewing these results may do so at the following link: www.wsprings.com/citizensurvey. A detailed overview of this survey will be featured in the next volume of *Tower Topics*.

Water Conservation in Effect

Effective immediately, the Village is requiring that all residents conserve water and refrain from sprinkling and irrigation of lawns and gardens and other nonessential water uses until the completion of the maintenance on the primary well, which is anticipated for the first week of November. The Village intends to enforce water conservation throughout the Village during this period.

The Village encourages residents to please be conscientious and communicate with their neighbors to bring awareness of these conservation efforts in order to improve the overall water quality within the community.

The utilization of irrigation systems and other nonessential water uses is prohibited effective immediately. Please check the Village website at www.wsprings.com for updates regarding the well maintenance project.

For any additional questions, please call the Municipal Services Department at 708-246-1800 ext. 200.

Be Informed and Engaged

Notify Me—Through the Notify Me link at www.wsprings.com, you can subscribe to receive updates and information about community news, alerts and happenings. You can choose to receive notifications through an email or a text message. Lists include:

- Community Alert (includes water main breaks)
- Community News
- Road Construction Projects
- Recreation Programs
- Village Board and Committee Meeting Agendas
- Community Events

Report a Concern—You can also take care of your Village related business through the Report a Concern link. Submit a request for services on issues such as pothole repair, dead animals in the right of way or street, tree health, water billing, and many more. Once the issue is submitted, you will receive a confirmation email and can log-in to view the status of your request along with comments posted by Village staff. We know our community is always on the go, so download the Citizen Request Tracker iPhone or Facebook App and report your issue from anywhere.

Interactive Maps—Interactive maps are available through the Village's GIS (Geographical Information System) database. The maps open in a separate web application, which allows a user to zoom in and out, search for an address, and find information about that address. The GIS page is available at www.wsprings.com/maps

Public Meeting to Discuss Downtown Plan

The Village held a second public meeting for residents to discuss ideas and concepts regarding the downtown plan on November 4. Village staff and representatives from the Smith Group JJR, the firm developing the plan, were on hand to receive comments and ideas from the community.

A video of the meeting presentation will be posted to the Village website, and the Village welcomes additional comments and feedback from residents at www.wsprings.com/edideas



Residents and other participants look on during a PowerPoint presentation at the May 14 meeting.

New Businesses Join The Community



Hillgrove Tap: Located at 800 Hillgrove Avenue, this new restaurant and pub will feature 24 taps, craft brews, extensive bourbon and whiskey offerings, and incredible chef-driven bar food. Chris Elsey of Davanti Enoteca is bringing this exciting new dining option to town, and it is scheduled to open November

19. Be sure to visit www.hillgrovetap.com and join the email list to stay informed.



SET (Strength Endurance Training) Fitness Studio: Located at 1150 Hillgrove Avenue, this boutique fitness studio strives to inspire personal growth in clients by enabling them to achieve their fitness goals. This studio is scheduled to open in mid-November. Visit www.set.fitness for more details, or visit SET Fitness on Facebook.

And please remember to shop Western Springs' businesses throughout this holiday season!

2015 Leaf Removal Guidelines & Schedule

The Public Works Department needs your help to ensure that leaf pickup occurs in a timely manner. It is necessary that **ONLY** leaves be raked into the gutter—**NO BRANCHES, LAWN CLIPPINGS, FLOWERS or PUMPKINS**. These items have to be manually removed, and this slows the removal process.

- The leaf removal process runs continuously Monday to Friday through the first week of December, except for Thanksgiving week. The entire Village rotation is Field Park, Old Town North and South, Ridge Acres, Forest Hills, Fairview Estates, Springdale, and Ridgewood. If the crew has passed your area and your leaves were not out, the crew will not return until the next week.
- The Commonwealth and Timber Trails neighborhoods do not receive the leaf removal service.
- Residents using a lawn service should make the necessary arrangements to have the work done the week before the scheduled pickup. Please notify your lawn service that only leaves are allowed in the gutter.
- Due to traffic and roadway configurations, residents on Wolf Road from Ogden to 47th Street and all of Ogden Avenue should rake leaves only to the edge of the parkway at the curb and not into the gutter.
- Residents on Wolf Road from 47th Street to 55th Street, all of Gilbert and the rest of the Village must rake their leaves into the gutter. Leaves not raked into the gutter will not be picked up.
- The final pickup of bagged leaves/yardwaste for Tuesday service is Tuesday, December 1, and for Friday service it is Saturday, November 28.
- The schedule may be affected by emergency responses by Public Works. Call the Leaf Hotline at 708-246-1800, ext. 305, for updates.
- In the case of a snow event, every effort will be made to finish leaf removal once snow clearing operations have been completed.



Recreation Department

The Winter/Spring 2016 Recreation Department Program brochures will be mailed to all homes in Western Springs between November 11 and 13 and will contain all information necessary to register for winter programs and/or set up household accounts with the department. The Winter/Spring mail-in registration deadline is Thursday, December 3, and online registration begins Friday, December 4. Please call the office with any questions at 708-246-9070 or visit www.wsprings.com/recreation.

- Boys' and Girls' Basketball Leagues: For grades 5–6. The registration deadline is November 5. Adult volunteers are needed to coach the teams. The training clinic will take place on November 12 at 6:45 p.m.
- Middle School Basketball League: For grades 7–8. Games will take place on Saturdays beginning December 5 from 9–11 a.m. at the Laidlaw Gym.
- Men's Open Basketball: The league will take place on Thursday nights from 8:15–9:45 p.m. at the Recreation Center. The cost is \$5 per night.
- Women's Open Basketball: The league begins on Wednesday, January 6, at 8:30 p.m.
- Adult Fitness Classes: Punch cards are now available for the "Body Works," "Be Strong," and Pickleball classes.
- Dodgeball: Leagues will take place on Friday nights from 5:30–7 p.m. for grades 3–5; 7–8:30 p.m. for grades 6–8; and after 8:30 p.m. for high school/college students or older participants. Games take place at the Recreation Center and the cost is \$5 per night.
- Annual Turkey Shoot: This free event will take place on Saturday, November 21, at 1 p.m. in the Recreation Center. There are many categories for all ages.
- Spring Lacrosse Registration: Boys' travel tryouts will take place on January 22 and 24 for grades 2–8. Practices and games take place on a weekly basis through the month of May. Registration for tryouts and spring house league starts December 4.

Holiday Programs

- Dad & Daughter Holiday Gift Night: For girls ages 3–9 along with their dads. This event will take place on Friday, December 18, from 6:30–8 p.m.
- Beanie Baby Christmas Stocking: For ages 3–10 (ages 3–5 must be accompanied by a parent). This event will take place on Tuesday, December 15, from 6–7 p.m.
- "A Wonderful Life" at the Fireside Theater: This event will take place on Wednesday, December 2. The bus will leave the La Grange Park Recreation Center at 7:45 a.m. and return at 6:30 p.m.
- Snow Days with Blue Moose: This camp is for grades K–4 and will take place during Christmas Break, December 21–23 and December 28–30 from 9 a.m.–noon at Laidlaw School. Participants are encouraged to sign up for all six days or just one.

Municipal Roundup

The President and Board of Trustees conducted the following business during the months of September and October:

Appointments

- George Graves and Mark Doyle to the Police Pension Board.
- Marcia Buell, Janet Dahl and James Maragos to the Board of Fire and Police Commission.

Awarded

- A contract to Hoerr Construction of Peoria, IL, for the 2015 sewer and water main lining project, in the amount of \$346,685.
- A contract to Crowley-Sheppard Company of Chicago Ridge, IL, for the Grand Avenue Community Center parking lot resurfacing and patching project, in the amount of \$71,970.56.
- A contract to Zoll Medical Corporation of Chelmsford, MA, for the purchase of two Zoll X monitors, in the amount of \$51,982.59.

Approved

- A resolution honoring Heather Booth of the Thomas Ford Library as the 2015 recipient of the Illinois Library Association's Young Adult Librarian of the Year Award.
- The issuance of a raffle license to Forest Hills School PTA for the Fall Parent Social Event on November 6, 2015.
- An appropriation in the amount of \$28,333.33, which is the Village's one-third share of initial costs for establishment of the Lyons Township Area Communication Center (LTACC).





Park District Happenings

The Park Board and staff have begun working on a five-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). More information about this project will be sent to the

residents this fall requesting comments and input.

An Executive Director Open House will be held on Wednesday, November 18, and Wednesday, December 16, from 4:30–6 p.m. All residents are welcome to visit and talk about Park District matters (no appointments necessary). These forums will be held at the Park District Administration office (Spring Rock Park—4400 Central Avenue). Feel free to contact the Executive Director with any questions/concerns at 708-246-4225 ext. 2, or at jrobinson@wsprings.com.

Applications for Picnic Shelter Rentals for 2016 are now being taken. To secure a rental, visit www.wsparks.org for more information. Individuals that book rentals prior to January 1, 2016, may use the coupon below for a \$25 discount.

Picnic Shelter Rentals: 2016

When you book your 2016 Western Springs Picnic Pavilion by January 1, 2016, you will get \$25 off of the standard rental rate.

Go to wsparks.com and click on 'reserve a facility' for further details. *Offer Expires: January 1, 2016*

For more information, call Barb Kartzmark at 708-246-4225 ext. 1.

Update on Foxford Station Project

The Foxford Station project was approved earlier this year to replace two vacant buildings at the southeast corner of Wolf Road and Burlington Avenue. The property owner is Foxford, LLC of Hinsdale. As approved, the proposed building would be a mixed use development with a commercial space on the first floor and apartment units on floors two through four. The developer has been refining the project details in an effort to return to the Village Board for approval of the final plans as required per the development ordinance. The purpose of the review by the Village Board is to confirm that the final plans conform to the concept approved several months ago. It is anticipated that the developer's refinements will include minor changes to the exterior walls, a possible reduction in the overall number of residential units, and condominium versus apartments units. A formal submittal of revised plans has not occurred to date but is expected early next year. When plans are prepared for Village Board review they will be posted to www.wsprings.com.

Construction is not anticipated to begin until Spring 2016 at the earliest and will likely take 18 months to complete. Questions regarding the project can be directed to Martin Scott, Director of Community Development, at msscott@wsprings.com or by calling 708-246-1800 ext. 175.



Senior Services

Seniors Club

Monday, November 9, at 1 p.m.—Rick Pickren will perform a special Veteran's Day program. Nominations for the November Election of Officers including president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer will also take place. Nominations will be accepted from the floor and closed at the end of the meeting. Unless there is a dual slate, the election of all officers will be held by consensus of the members at the November monthly meeting.

Monday, December 14, at noon—Christmas lunch at William Tell Banquet Hall. The Highland Middle School music class will perform following the lunch. Holiday donations for local families in need will also be taken at this time.

Senior Center

Veteran's Lunch—The Senior Center will show its appreciation for veterans and their service at the annual Senior Center Veterans' Lunch. Please join Senior Center members on Tuesday, November 10, from 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m. for a free lunch and social gathering. This event is for veterans only from any service and era.

Living Literature with Barbara Rinella as The Accidental Empress—This program features Ms. Rinella's interpretation of the love story of "Sisi," the Austro-Hungarian Empress and wife of Emperor Franz Joseph (based on Allison Pataki's newest 4.5 star book). The program will take place on Friday, November 20, from 2–3:15 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 for Senior Center members and \$15 for nonmembers. Tickets can be reserved by phone at 708-246-3299. Please leave a message with your name, phone number, and total number of tickets requested. You will receive a return phone call to arrange ticket pick-up.

Christmas Party—Join the Senior Center for a holiday celebration on December 11 from 1–3 p.m. The party will feature the annual "Let's Make a Deal" gift exchange. Call or visit the website for details.

The Senior Center will be closed for business November 25–November 27. Activities on November 25 will continue as usual. The Center will also be closed for business December 18–January 1. Activities will continue as usual December 18–December 23 and December 28–December 30.

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 for business purposes from 1–5 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday. The complete schedule of activities is available at www.wsprings.com/recreation. Questions regarding the Senior Center and its programs may be directed to Mic at 708-246-3299 or mcagney@wsprings.com

How to Avoid Becoming a Victim of Identity Theft

Identity theft is defined by a third party using personal information such as one's name, social security number, or bank account number without an individual's knowledge to commit fraud or theft. The Police Department offers the following information on how to avoid becoming a victim:

How Do Identity Thieves Obtain Personal Information?

- Steal ID cards, credit cards, and bank cards
- Steal mail, including account statements, pre-approved credit card offers, and tax information
- Buy personal information from sources such as employees at stores, restaurants, or hotels
- Obtain information off the Internet

How Do Identity Thieves Use Personal Information?

Identity thieves typically open new bank or credit card accounts in a false names or change mailing addresses for existing accounts so they can use them without an individual's knowledge. When thieves use these accounts without paying the bills, the delinquent accounts are noted on the named individual's credit report.

What Should I Do if I Become a Victim of Identity Theft?

- Report the identity theft to the police.
- Contact each of the three major credit reporting agencies (Equifax, Experian, and Trans Union) and report the theft to their fraud units.
- Call your creditors and financial institutions. Close all accounts that have been opened or accessed by identity thieves. Ask for passwords to secure new accounts.

Additional Steps to Take

- If someone has stolen your mail, notify your local postal inspector.
- If you suspect that someone is applying for a job with your Social Security number, contact the Social Security Administration.
- If you suspect that someone is trying to get a driver's license with your Social Security number or other personal information, notify the Department of Motor Vehicles.

How Can I Keep My Personal Information Safe?

- If you are asked to disclose personal information, ask the requester how the information will be used and if they will share your information with anyone else.
- Know when your mail gets delivered and pick it up as soon as possible. Never allow your mail to build up while you are out of town.
- Know when your bills are due to arrive. If they are late, contact your creditors.
- Keep your personal information and all items containing your personal information in a secure location.
- Leave your Social Security card in a safe place. Do not disclose your Social Security number unless it is absolutely necessary.
- Only carry the identification and credit cards you need. Leave the rest in a secure location.

Protecting Personal Information on Your Computer

It is more important than ever to exercise extra caution when storing or providing personal information on your computer. Not only can identity thieves steal personal information stored on large servers of internet service providers and ecommerce sites, they can also place programs on personal computers that can retrieve data, software, and personal information stored on a hard drive. To avoid identity theft via computers, keep the following tips in mind:

- Watch out for merchants who offer prices that seem too good to be true and don't provide any offline way to contact them or verify their validity. This especially applies to offers received via e-mail in the form of spam.
- Don't post private information on discussion lists or forums, even if they claim to be private.
- Keep passwords off your computer and have different passwords for each site that requires them.
- Always run good, up-to-date antivirus software and install a personal firewall.

Remember...one of the best ways to minimize your risk of identity theft is to request a copy of your credit report each year and check it to make sure there are no inaccuracies or inconsistencies. Keeping these tips in mind will ensure that your identity remains safely intact.

Thomas Ford
Memorial Library



Celebrate the Holidays at the Thomas Ford Library!

Western Springs is often listed among the best towns to raise a family, and the Thomas Ford

Library couldn't agree more! One of the many ways the Library supports families is by participating in the Western Springs Christmas Walk, and the library will be participating again this year on Saturday, December 5, from 2-4 p.m. Thanks to the Friends of the Library, this year's special guest will be Pete the Cat, the groovy blue cat who likes "movin,' groovin,' and schoolin.'" Refreshments will be sponsored and served by the Library Foundation. Photo ops, coloring pages, and experiential activities will add to the holiday fun.

There are many other special events planned for this holiday season. On November 13, "Friday at the Ford (sponsored by the Friends)" will feature a performance by Bill and Kate Isles, folksingers with a dose of humor; and on December 1, tweens and teens can take the annual Gingerbread Challenge and display their masterpieces during the Christmas Walk. To learn more about the Library's upcoming activities, visit our e-newsletter at www.fordlibrary.org. Don't forget to stop by the Library to see what's new, and then join in and be a part of it.



Holiday Travel Safety

Holiday vacations and business travel often make trips to hotels and motels inevitable. It is just as important to be prepared for a hotel/motel emergency as it is to be prepared for an emergency in one's own home. Here are a few simple tips to ensure safety while staying away from home:

- Choose a hotel/motel that is protected by smoke alarms and a fire sprinkler system.
- When you enter your room, review the escape plan posted in your room.
- Take time to locate the exits and count the number of doors between your room and the exit. Make sure the exits are unlocked. If they are locked, report it to the management right away.
- Keep your room key by your bed and take it with you if there is a fire.
- If the alarm sounds, check your door for heat. If cool, leave right away, closing all doors behind you.
- Use the stairs. Never use elevators during a fire.
- If you must escape through smoke, get low and go under the smoke to your exit.

If You Can't Escape

- Shut off fans and air conditioners.
- Stuff wet towels in the crack around the doors.
- Call the fire department and let them know your location.
- Wait at the window and signal with a flashlight or light-colored cloth.

Facts

- On average, 1 of every 13 hotels or motels reports a structure fire each year.
- The majority of hotel fire deaths result from fires that start in a bedroom.
- Cooking equipment is the leading cause of hotel/motel fires.

Recycling of Christmas Trees

Residents may dispose of Christmas trees on their refuse collection day during the weeks of January 5 and 12 only. Allied Waste will collect, transport, and dispose of trees left at the curbside. Trees must be free of decorations. A sticker is not required.

Avoid Holiday Crime

The holidays are a special and joyous time of year; however, they are also a time to be especially alert to the possibility of crime. As the holiday season draws near and our days get busier, we need to take extra care and precautions. Here are some simple tips that can reduce your chances of becoming a victim of holiday crime:

- Never leave valuables in plain view inside your vehicle. Always remember to lock your vehicle's doors and windows.
- Don't display gifts where they can be seen from a window or doorway. Store gifts before leaving for holiday trips.
- Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when leaving home, even if it is only for a few minutes.
- Drive with extra caution. Allow an impatient driver to pass rather than escalate hostilities.
- Be cautious when giving out your credit card number over the phone or Internet. Know who has access to personal information at all times.

When planning a trip, designate a neighbor to watch the house, shovel snow, and pick up mail and newspapers. Remember to also fill out the vacation watch house request form at www.wsprings.com and the Police Department will conduct periodic physical checks of your residence while you are on vacation.

Be Safe When Hanging Holiday Lights

- Assure good ladder footing.
- Do not stand on or above the highest recommended ladder rung.
- Wear non-skid footwear.
- Don't work alone. Have assistance to hold the base of the ladder and be available for emergencies.
- Remember: do not put up on a warm November day what you do not want to take down on an icy January day!

Harvest Saturday

The youth groups from St. John of the Cross Parish will be hosting a Harvest Saturday Food Collection on Saturday, November 14. The youths will be distributing flyers on Saturday, November 7, to homes and businesses and will return on November 14 to pick up the food donations. The collection will be distributed to a Chicago food pantry that day. The youth groups appreciate the generosity from last year's collection and look forward to another blessed Harvest Saturday.



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Rotary Supports Safety Village Program

On Tuesday, September 29, Western Springs Rotary President, Bob Nyberg, presented two checks to Amy Salkamp Avakian in support of the Safety Village Program in Western Springs. Half of the proceeds awarded are memorial contributions in honor of former Western Springs Rotarian, Dick Blessman, who passed away on January 4, 2015.



Gifts of Hope—An Alternative Gift Market

Finding a Christmas gift for someone who has everything has just gotten easier. The annual “Gifts of Hope—An Alternative Gift Market” will be held from 9 a.m.–noon on Sunday, December 13, at First Congregational Church of Western Springs (1106 Chestnut). For more information, please visit www.wscongo.org

Holiday Closings for Village Services

Thanksgiving—Thursday and Friday, November 27 & 28
Christmas—Thursday and Friday, December 24 & 25
New Year’s—Friday, January 1

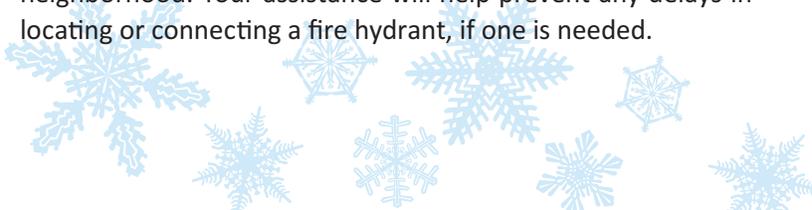
Friday refuse collection is affected by all of these holidays and collection will be on Saturday. Tuesday collection is not affected.

What to Know When It Snows

Parking—Parking is restricted on Village streets for 12 hours after a snowfall of four or more inches has occurred, or until the snow has been removed, provided that the snowfall has stopped. The Village respectfully requests that residents make every effort to remove their vehicles from the street as soon as possible during any snow event. This protects your car from being splashed by salt spray, becoming plowed in, or being struck by a skidding vehicle. The more cars are removed from the street, the easier the snow removal process will be.

Shoveling—Pile it up, do not push it out. It makes little sense for the Village to plow the roadway only to have residents shovel snow from sidewalks or driveways into the streets. Yes, the plows will leave snow in the driveways; however, residents will benefit by waiting until the streets have been cleared before clearing the end of the driveway.

Fire Hydrants—The Fire Department reminds you to help keep fire hydrants near your home free of snow. In the event of a heavy snowfall or drifting, we ask all residents to assist in clearing the areas around the fire hydrants in your neighborhood. Your assistance will help prevent any delays in locating or connecting a fire hydrant, if one is needed.





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Reserve your evergreen in time for the Festival of Trees 2015!

Beautifully decorated Community Trees on the Tower Green are a key feature of Western Springs' #FestivalOfTrees celebration. Reserve your organization's tree at WesternSpringsBusiness.com by November 15. Then come and trim your tree at a Community Decorating Party on Friday, December 4!

NEW THIS YEAR! Post your pics! Take photographs of yourselves posing with your business or organization's on-site trees and post them to Social Media pages from November 20 through the #FestivalOfTrees December 4-5.

KIDS! Pick up passports at participating locations, then visit businesses and organizations on December 5 from 2:00-5:00 pm to collect stamps. Each completed passport (5 stamps), earns one entry for the prize drawing. The more stops you make during the #FestivalOfTrees,

the better your chances of winning! Return completed passports by 5:30 pm on December 5 to the collections box located in the Western Springs Baptist Church tent on the Tower Green.

A few highlights from this year's #FestivalOfTrees are listed on the reverse side. For an updated listing of activities, visit the WSBA website at WesternSpringsBusiness.com or follow us on Facebook or Twitter.



(Details on the back)



**Friday
DEC 4
6:00-8:00 pm**

**Saturday
DEC 5
2:00-5:00 pm**



Annual Festival of Trees offers lots of family fun



It's easy for your group or organization to reserve a community tree. Just fill out the form on our website.

Reserve your tree by NOVEMBER 15

Friday, DECEMBER 4
6:00-8:00 pm

- Visit Santa and Mrs. Claus at *BB's Baby Donuts*
- Roast chestnuts at *Berkshire Hathaway Home Services American Homes*
- Decorate and view Community Christmas Trees
- Warm yourself at *Boy Scout Troop 12's* fire pit on the Tower Green
- Catch the holiday spirit from strolling carolers
- Enjoy hot chocolate & cookies

Saturday, DECEMBER 5
2:00-5:00 pm

- Ride in a horse-drawn wagon around the Tower Green, sponsored by the *Community Bank of Western Springs*
- Enjoy activities inside the Water Tower by the *Western Springs Historical Society*
- Kids! Visit businesses & organizations for passport stamps and enter the prize drawing!
- Look for open houses and special events throughout downtown
- Don't forget to visit Santa and Mrs. Claus at *Heartland Bank!*

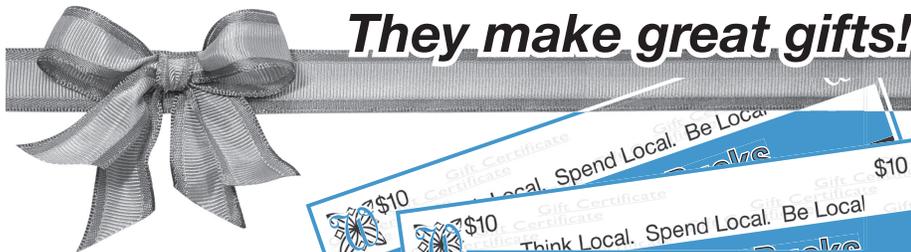


Visit Santa:

Friday, DEC 4 – *BB's Baby Donuts*
Saturday, DEC 5 – *Heartland Bank*

The Festival of Trees concludes on Saturday, December 5 when... **Santa arrives by Fire Engine**, followed by the lighting of the official Village Christmas Tree at 5:00 pm.

Visit WesternSpringsBusiness.com for updates on the Festival of Trees, and remember to: **Think LOCAL. Spend LOCAL. Be LOCAL.**



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