

## President's Perspective



On behalf of the Board of Trustees and our Village staff, allow me to wish each of you a Happy New Year. We hope this new year of 2016 brings the blessings of health and happiness to all.

At the beginning of every meeting of the Board of Trustees, I am honored to recognize the past sacrifices of our veterans, and the current sacrifices of the men and women of our Armed Forces, who currently serve us. It is the result of those sacrifices that we enjoy the freedoms, happiness, and prosperity we often take for granted. In addition to the members of our Armed Forces, our local men and women in police and fire uniform continue their service to the community while most of us engage in celebrations and merrymaking. Let us never forget their service which preserves our security and freedom.

I take this occasion to report to you the highlights of some of the accomplishments of the Village over the last year and our plans for 2016:

- After an extensive review process at many public meetings both at the Plan Commission and the Village Board levels, we approved the Foxford Station project at the former Tischler/Breen site. We expect construction to commence the spring of 2016.

- We commissioned a Work Study Committee for a proposed deep Well No. 5. The committee continues to explore issues of location, feasibility, and costs associated with drilling a new deep well.

- Following meetings with significant input from residents, Safety Village was approved and constructed. The operation has been an unquestioned success.

- The Board of Trustees commissioned an infrastructure study of the Ridgewood subdivision to be conducted by the engineering firm of Baxter & Woodman. The study will focus on the roads, water system, storm sewer and sanitary sewer systems of that subdivision. We anticipate receiving the study in late January, 2016.

- Our Fire Department hosted a Fire Academy, which provided training for 12 Western Springs' residents and six candidates from neighboring LaGrange Park. All are now serving as probationary firefighters in their respective communities.

- We continued our efforts to consolidate dispatch operations with LaGrange and LaGrange Park. The consolidated dispatch center will be known as the Lyons Township Area Communications Center (LTACC). We participated in the hiring of an executive director and are in the process of hiring an architect to design the space for the center.

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## Well Maintenance Updates

The maintenance on Well #3 was completed on December 3, 2015. Wells #3 and #4 are now being treated by the reverse osmosis (RO) water treatment plant and water output quality has returned to the Village's normal standards.

For the convenience of residents, the Village's website has a new section on the Village's water infrastructure. At [www.wsprings.com/water](http://www.wsprings.com/water), information previously found throughout the website has been organized into one section. It is the hope that this new section will make it easier for residents to find information regarding the Village's water infrastructure.

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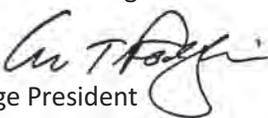


- To improve and preserve our signature Tower Green, we unveiled a medallion and buried a time capsule for phase two of the Tower entrance rehabilitation project.
- Our 2015 Roadway Program included the resurfacing of six streets within the Village. We will continue with a roadway improvement program in 2016, and will explore sources to fund this important undertaking.
- We initiated and completed the rehabilitation maintenance project on Well No. 3. That project necessitated the emergency use of our shallow Well No.1. The quality of the water, while safe, inconvenienced our residents. We have taken steps to determine the cause of the need to use Well No. 1, and will evaluate various alternative plans to minimize the possibility of such a situation occurring again.
- We welcomed two new restaurants to the Village, Solstice and Hillgrove Tap, both located in the 800 Hillgrove building.
- We will continue to press for the reconstruction of the east platforms of the train station. We hope to begin construction in 2016.

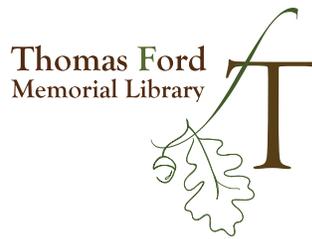
As I have pointed out many times in the past, we are a Village of volunteers. In addition to our volunteer elected officials serving on the Board of Trustees, our residents volunteer their time and considerable talent in serving on the various commissions that advise the Trustees. This year with the approval of the Board of Trustees, I appointed or reappointed over 25 residents to fill vacancies on those commissions. The Village simply could not operate as economically and efficiently as it does without the valuable contributions of these volunteers.

There are many things to be grateful for during this holiday season. The spirit of volunteerism of our fellow residents ranks near the top on my list. Again, a Happy New Year to all!

William T. Rodeghier



Village President



## **Hoopla is Coming to the Thomas Ford in January**

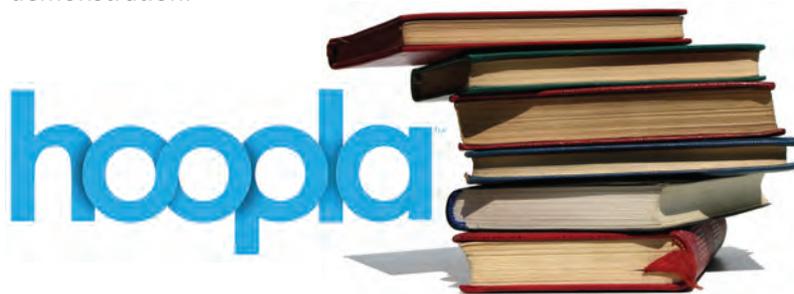
Hoopla and any Thomas Ford Library card can now be used to borrow audiobooks, music, movies, TV shows, comics, and other digital entertainment instantly. Thousands of titles are always available, and there are never hold lists or overdue fines! Hoopla works easily with tablets, smartphones, laptops, and desktop computers.

Interested? Visit the Hoopla tab of the Thomas Ford Library website at [www.fordlibrary.org](http://www.fordlibrary.org). A variety of different titles are available to choose from. After setting up an account, users may sign in and watch movies, listen to music, or read current or classic comic books. It only takes minutes to use this fantastic tool.

Computers or devices with an active Internet connection do not have to download files. Users can even start a movie on one device, stop, and watch the rest on another. Hoopla bookmarks the user's place in movies, TV shows, comic books, e-books, and audiobooks alike.

Neighboring libraries with Hoopla report that the Hoopla audiobook library is their most popular digital media source. They also report that music lovers are very pleased with the depth of the music library. Current top CDs are backed by classic titles of many genres and the choices are extensive.

For questions, contact the library at 708-246-0520 or [info@fordlibrary.org](mailto:info@fordlibrary.org), or visit the reference desk for a demonstration.



## **Join Us for NEAT Cleanup Day 2016!**

The Neighborhood Environmental Appearance Team (NEAT) was created in 1986 as a subcommittee of the Western Springs Architectural and Appearance Commission in preparation for the Village's Centennial celebration. NEAT organized its first workday on April 19, 1986 and continues to plan an annual one-day event in which community groups and families join together to clean litter and debris from public areas and parks of the Village.

NEAT Cleanup Day 2016 will be held on Saturday, April 9, 2016 with a rain date of Sunday, April 10, 2016. All residents and youth groups are invited to help rid the Village of winter debris and litter. This is a great service project! Groups should preregister so that appropriate work sites can be assigned. Check-in and registration will take place on April 9, 2016 at the Recreation Center (1500 Walker) between 8 a.m. and noon. Please bring rakes, brooms, and gloves to your group's assigned site for the cleanup. For further information, please contact Linda Derr at 708-246-1638 or [lindaderr45@gmail.com](mailto:lindaderr45@gmail.com), or call the Recreation Center at 708-246-9070.



## Recreation Department

The Recreation Department is offering a variety of programs to keep residents active and warm during the winter months. Visit the 2016 winter/spring brochure at [www.wsprings.com/recreation](http://www.wsprings.com/recreation) or pick up a brochure at the Recreation Center, the Grand Avenue Center, or Village Hall. For any questions about programs, policies, procedures, fees/waivers, locations, and more, contact the Recreation Department at 708-246-9070.

### Upcoming Programs

**Little Hoppers:** This program is for participants 3–5 years old and is a basketball skills and development class. Saturdays, January 16–February 20, 11:15 a.m.–noon, located in the Grand Avenue Center gym.

**LTSC Mini Winter Soccer Academy:** This program is for Pre-K/K and first/second-grade participants. Saturdays, January 16–February 13 or February 20–March 19, 9 a.m. (Pre-K/K) and 10 a.m. (first/second-grade), located in the Grand Avenue Center gym.

**Boys' and Girls' Lacrosse:** This program teaches skills, teamwork, dedication, and accomplishment. Registration is open for first–eighth grade participants. Volunteer coaches are needed and training is provided.

**Adult Morning Exercise Classes:** Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday, 9–10 a.m.

**Adult Pickle Ball:** Open courts are available Wednesday and Friday, 1–3 p.m.

**Women's Open Basketball:** Wednesdays at 8:15 p.m., located in the Western Springs Recreation Center gym.

**Men's Open Basketball:** Thursdays at 8:15 p.m., located in the Western Springs Recreation Center gym.

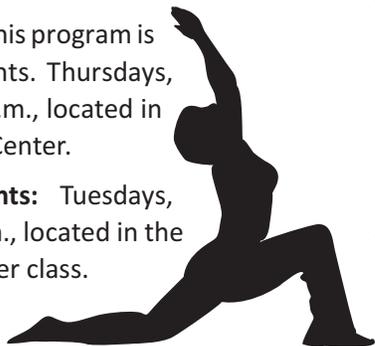
### New Program Offerings

**My French Neighborhood:** Mondays, January 25–March 7, 11:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m., located in the La Grange Park Recreation Center.

**Youth Pickle Ball:** This program is for second–eighth grade participants. Saturdays, January 9–30, 3–4 p.m. (second–fifth grade) and 4–5 p.m. (sixth–eighth grade), located in the Park Junior High School gym.

**Doodle Art (Homes on the Go):** This program is for second–fifth grade participants. Thursdays, January 7–February 11, 4–5:30 p.m., located in the Western Springs Recreation Center.

**Yoga for High School Students:** Tuesdays, January 1–May 31, 5:15–6:30 p.m., located in the Grand Avenue gym. Cost is \$10 per class.



## Park District Happenings

The Western Springs Park District Board and staff are in the process of developing a five-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) with the help of Planning Resources, Inc. This plan is designed to enhance the amenities of the Western Springs' 12 local parks. The first step in this process is to generate community involvement and the District is asking residents to complete a brief survey at [www.westernspringsparkdistrict.mysidewalk.com](http://www.westernspringsparkdistrict.mysidewalk.com). The Park District appreciates residents taking time to complete the survey.



Please visit the Park District Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/wsparkdistrict](http://www.facebook.com/wsparkdistrict) for more details about the CIP. Information regarding a date, time, and location for an in-person community engagement meeting will be made available in the coming weeks.

For any questions regarding the CIP process, please contact John Robinson (Executive Director) at 708-246-4225, ext. 2 or [jrobinson@wsprings.com](mailto:jrobinson@wsprings.com).

Upcoming Park Board meetings:

- January 12
- February 9

Meetings are held at 7 p.m. in the Village Hall Board Room (740 Hillgrove Avenue).



## Volunteer Your Time and Talent

BEDS Plus Care is a nonprofit agency that helps homeless individuals obtain stable and affordable housing as well as providing a continuum of professional support services including emergency overnight shelter.

Volunteers are vital to the success of the BEDS mission. Working in teams, site volunteers staff our shelters throughout the night and serve meals at dinnertime and breakfast. Volunteer cook teams prepare and deliver delicious meals together. Working from home, laundry volunteers help by washing sheets and blankets. There are also administrative and fundraising roles available.

All new volunteers are required to attend one volunteer orientation. Orientations are held the second Monday of each month beginning at 7 p.m. BEDS volunteers find deep personal fulfillment through serving the homeless. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, contact [volunteer@beds-plus.org](mailto:volunteer@beds-plus.org) or call 708-354-0858.

## Buckle Up Your Valentine 2016

Please join the Western Springs Police Department on Sunday, February 14, for a very special event. "Buckle Up Your Valentine" is designed to promote safe child carseat and seatbelt usage, and carseat technicians will be assisting participants on a first-come-first serve basis. Please feel free to ask questions about your child's carseat/seatbelt usage. This event is open to all (residents & non-residents). Questions can be asked and answered via email. So ask! Email our technicians at [ahull@wsprings.com](mailto:ahull@wsprings.com) or [asellig@wsprings.com](mailto:asellig@wsprings.com).



**This child safety seat helped save her life.  
Make sure your child's will do the same.**

## The Fire Department Needs Your Help!

In the event of a fire, the Western Springs Fire Department depends on access to fire hydrants throughout the town. This can become especially problematic during the winter months when large amounts of snow pile up and bury hydrants. The department has attached flags to fire hydrants to assist in identification of these hydrants when snow accumulates. However, we are asking that Village residents help by adopting a hydrant located in front of or near each home and clearing out any snow that may have buried it. After large snow events, the department will attempt to clear as many hydrants as possible in target hazard areas. Any assistance from residents is greatly appreciated.



## New EMTs

Congratulations to probationary firefighters Jason Larson and Steve Holman for earning their Emergency Medical Technician licenses from Loyola Hospital. Despite work, family, and Fire Department commitments, these men were able to earn their national licensing by completing an intensive three-month program. The Fire Department and Village appreciate their dedication and service as first responders in the community.



## Carbon Monoxide Safety

Often called the "silent killer," carbon monoxide or CO is an invisible, odorless, colorless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil and methane) burn incompletely. In the home, heating and cooking appliances as well as water heaters and fireplaces can become sources of carbon monoxide. Running a car or generator in an attached garage, even with the door open, can produce fatal CO concentrations. Make sure to have furnaces and chimney vents checked for loose or disconnected connections and inspect debris or soot on fireplaces, water heaters, and appliances as these can all be indicators of a CO problem.

**The initial symptoms of CO poisoning are similar to the flu (but without the fever). Symptoms include:**

- Headache
- Shortness of breath
- Dizziness
- Fatigue
- Nausea

**High-level CO poisoning symptoms include:**

- Mental confusion
- Loss of muscular coordination
- Vomiting
- Loss of consciousness
- Death

If you suspect that you are experiencing CO poisoning, get fresh air immediately. Remaining at home may result in loss of consciousness or death from CO poisoning. Leave home immediately and call 911 from a neighbor's home or a cell phone.

Carbon monoxide detectors can save lives. For maximum protection, CO alarms should be installed outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home. Do not install CO detectors within 15 feet of a fuel-burning appliance. Many detectors now have a built-in end-of-life warning that will signal when you need to replace it. Generally CO detectors are manufactured to last from five to seven years.

For questions, please contact Lt. Chuck Lichtenauer at [clichtenauer@wsprings.com](mailto:clichtenauer@wsprings.com) or 708-246-1800, ext. 306.



## Republic Services Announces Recycling “Naughty and Nice” Lists

It can be difficult to determine what to do with holiday decorations and gift wrap after the holidays are over. Is wrapping paper recyclable? What about Christmas tree ornaments? Tinsel?

To answer those questions, Allied Waste has created its own “naughty and nice” list of recyclable holiday materials.

“The holidays are not a time to forget about recycling but instead a time to consider the packaging that comes with the gifts we receive, which is often not recyclable. For example, metallic wrapping paper is often dyed and laminated and may contain non-paper additives, such as gold and silver coloring, glitter and plastics,” said Kurt Blascoe, director of materials marketing and recycling for Republic Services. “We encourage people to wrap presents creatively using items that can later be reused or are recyclable.”

Ribbons and bows cannot be recycled because they are not paper products. Christmas trees must be stripped of all decorations (tinsel, lights, bells, ornaments, etc.) before the tree can be mulched or composted.

Republic Services suggests that there are creative and practical ways to reuse items that are not recyclable. For example, use sustainable packing materials when packing and sending gifts. Instead of purchasing new foam peanuts, use shredded newspaper or even popcorn. Foam peanuts are made from polystyrene and are usually not recyclable. If you receive foam peanuts in packages, consider reusing them for later shipping.

For those holiday greeting cards you receive this season, recycle paperboard and paper envelopes. If you just cannot bear to toss them in the bin, use them to make a festive gift tag.

More clever ideas for recycling and reusing holiday materials can be found online—simply search “recycling holiday décor” for a variety of websites with some great information.



## Western Springs Historical Society



### Adult Education Winter Lecture

Residents and interested members of the public are invited to the Historical Society’s second Adult Education lecture of the year. This lecture will explore the development of the different neighborhoods that make up Western Springs. The lecture, which will be held on Saturday, January 30, at 2 p.m. on the second floor of the Grand Avenue Community Center, will also discuss

Historical Society records on local homes and hints for learning more about your home’s history. Following the lecture, residents are invited to visit the archives and look up information about their own homes. Volunteers will be available to make copies of any interesting tidbits that participants would like for their own records.

### Biennial Preservation Awards

The Historical Society has held Biennial Preservation Awards since 1996 to recognize owners for restoring or adding onto buildings at least 50 years old while still maintaining the architectural and historic integrity of the structure. A third category, the “Good Neighbor Award,” is for new structures, either residential or commercial, that fit the scale and historic style of Western Springs.

Nominations for this year’s awards will be accepted throughout the month of February. Nomination forms are available at [www.westernspringshistory.org](http://www.westernspringshistory.org) or can be picked up at the Recreation Center, the Water Tower museum, or the Thomas Ford Library. The deadline for submitting a nomination is February 28. Winners will be announced in early May.

For more information on either of these programs, call 708-246-9230 or visit [www.westernspringshistory.org](http://www.westernspringshistory.org).

## Senior Activities

### Seniors Club

**Titanic Survivor:** Monday, January 11 at 1 p.m. “Titanic Survivor” is a first-person historical portrayal based on the true story of Violet Jessop and is written and performed by Leslie Goddard. Violet is the only person who survived both the sinking of the Titanic and the sinking of the HMHS Britannic during World War I. Jessop recounts unforgettable stories of these terrifying disasters and gives a fascinating glimpse of life behind-the-scenes on two of the most glamorous luxury liners of their day. Located in the Recreation Center.

**36th Anniversary/Valentine’s Day Catered Lunch:** Monday, February 8 at noon. This lunch is followed by Heather Braoudakis’ performance, “That’s Amore,” a compilation of romantic and winter warm-up songs. Located in the Recreation Center. For more information, visit [www.wsprings.com/recreation](http://www.wsprings.com/recreation) and access the Senior Services tab.

**39 Steps:** Thursday, February 25. The Seniors Club will be traveling by bus from the Recreation Center to the Theatre in the Round in Munster, IN for a production of “39 Steps.” Visit [www.wsprings.com/recreation](http://www.wsprings.com/recreation) website for more information.

### Senior Center

The Senior Center invites residents to exercise and stay in shape this winter.

**SeniorCise:** This is an exercise class designed to meet the needs of actual participants. Active and physically challenged/handicapped participants alike will benefit from this program. Regular exercise is free with membership. This class will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30–11:15 a.m.

**Tai Chi:** Frequently referred to as “walking meditation,” Tai Chi is excellent for the mind and body. Regular Tai Chi classes and exercise are free with membership. This class will be held Wednesdays and Fridays from 1–2:30 p.m.

**The Senior Center is also hosting the following events:**

**Lunch and Learns:** Join us for lunch and an educational program given by service providers seeking to share information about senior living.

**Live and Learns:** Seniors with unique experiences share those experiences in an informal setting with refreshments. Information on both senior living and life experiences will be shared.

Monthly special events and activities covering a wide variety of topics and interests are offered. For a complete schedule, visit [www.wsprings.com/recreation](http://www.wsprings.com/recreation) or call to add your email address to the Senior Center’s private emailing list. Special events are open to the general public. Residents may stop by the Senior Center on Mondays and Tuesdays between 1–5 p.m. to learn more about these programs.

**Holiday Closings:** The Senior Center will be closed on New Year’s Day (January 1), Martin Luther King Day (January 18), and President’s Day (February 15).

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. Questions regarding the Senior Center may be directed to Mic at 708-246-3299 or [mcagney@wsprings.com](mailto:mcagney@wsprings.com).

## Preparing Makes Sense

The likelihood of surviving a house fire depends as much on having a working smoke detector and an exit strategy as it does on having a well-trained fire department. The same is true for surviving a natural disaster, manmade disaster, or a terrorist attack. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has initiated a campaign entitled *Ready: Prepare, Plan, Stay Informed*. This program educates citizens on simple steps for preparing and responding to potential disasters.

Ready asks individuals to do three key things:

- **Prepare** an emergency supply kit.
- Make a family emergency **plan**.
- Be **informed** about what might happen in various emergencies.

While this can seem a daunting task for most busy families, it is recommended that every home **prepare** some basic supplies to ensure survival for at least three days in the event of an emergency.

Below is a list of some basic items that every emergency supply kit should include:

- Water (one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days for drinking and sanitation).
- Food (at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food).
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio (tone alert and extra batteries for both).
- Flashlight and extra batteries.
- First aid kit.
- Whistle to signal for help.
- Dust mask to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place.
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags, and plastic ties for personal sanitation.
- Wrench or pliers.
- Can opener for food (if kit contains canned food).

Additional items to consider adding:

Prescription medications, glasses, pet food and water for pets, important family documents in a waterproof container, extra cash, sleeping bag, change of clothing, household chlorine bleach with medicine dropper (nine parts water to one part bleach for disinfectant or treat water in an emergency using 16 drops per gallon of water), fire extinguisher, matches in a waterproof container, eating utensils, feminine supplies, personal hygiene items, paper, pencils, books, and games and activities for children.

For further details on the Ready program go to [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov).

## Friendly Winter Reminders

### Residents Encouraged to Shovel Sidewalks

Please take time to shovel public sidewalks for the benefit of students, mail carriers, and other pedestrians. It is courteous and the right thing to do.

### Parking

Residents should make every effort to remove their vehicles from the street as soon as possible during any snowfall. The more cars off of the street, the more effective snow removal procedures are. Parking is prohibited on all streets for 12 hours after a snowfall of four or more inches. Cars parked illegally may be subject to tow.

### Slow Down

Please use extreme caution while driving this winter. Streets in Western Springs, as well as the surrounding communities, will have patches of snow/ice. Motorists are advised to slow down and adjust to these winter conditions. Give yourself additional time to get where you are going and allow time to brake in order to stop safely.

### Refuse Collection

Residents and building owners are reminded to clear snow away from refuse containers and recycling bags to avoid a missed collection. If the container is not accessible, it will not be emptied or picked up. Call Allied Waste directly at 708-345-7050 to report a missed collection.

## Stay Warm and Safe

### Fireplace Safety

- Have chimneys inspected and cleaned annually. Creosote, the residue that sticks to the walls of chimneys, is highly combustible.
- Always use a screen around the fireplace to contain sparks and to keep children and pets safe.
- Lay down a fire resistant hearthrug on the adjacent floor and keep the hearth area clear of combustible materials such as wood, books and loose paper.
- Use seasoned woods only. Dryness is more important than hard wood versus soft wood considerations. Unseasoned woods cause more creosote buildup in the chimney.
- Never burn cardboard, wrapping paper, trash or tree branches; they can spark a chimney fire.
- Do not leave the fire unattended for any length of time.
- Make sure the fire has completely died out before leaving the house or going to bed.
- Install a carbon monoxide detector.

### Chimney Fires

The sound of a typical chimney fire may be a low rumbling sound, much like a freight train or low flying airplane. Slower burning chimney fires (those with less fuel or restricted air flow) may not be as dramatic but can be equally dangerous. In either case, if you realize a chimney fire is occurring:

- Close the glass doors on the fireplace.
- Get everyone out of the house.
- Call 911.

### Heating Your Home Safely

All heaters need space. Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment.

- Have a three-foot "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Have heating equipment inspected and cleaned annually by a qualified professional.
- Turn off portable heaters when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel-burning space heaters.



## Holiday Closings for Village Services

**Martin Luther King Day**—Monday, January 18

**President's Day**—Monday, February 15

*Refuse/recycling pickup is not affected by these holidays.*



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**Municipal Roundup**

The President and Board of Trustees conducted the following business during the months of November and December:

**Appointments**

- Board of Zoning Appeals—Brandon Calvert and Michael Pabian
- Plan Commission— Roger Hendrick and Dennis Kelly
- Liquor Commission—Michael McNeily
- Economic Development Commission—Rene Cozzi, JoAnn McGarry, and Jelani Rucker
- Infrastructure Commission—Ron Christian and Scott Lewis
- Fire Pension Board—Margaret Fahrenbach
- Recreation Commission—James Koch and Jessica McGinnis

**Approved**

- The execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Villages of Lagrange, Lagrange Park, and Western Springs to establish an intergovernmental cooperative venture known as the “Lyons Township Area Communications Center” for the operation and maintenance of a combined dispatch and communication system.
- The execution of an agreement between the Village and Allied Waste d/b/a Republic Services for the collection and removal of solid waste for the time period January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2018.

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- An ordinance amending the code to change the annual due date for vehicle and pet licenses from March 31 until April 30. This change was made at the request of Director Turi as the annual March 31 date is problematic due to spring break with residents vacationing out of town.
- A series of resolutions and ordinances to approve the 2015 property tax levies for the Village and library and approve the Village’s 2016 operating budget. The total property tax levy of \$7,113,904 includes the Village’s levy of \$5,836,104 and the library’s levy of \$1,277,800. The 2015 levy, which is collected in 2016, represents a 2.813% increase over last year’s levy.
- A water rate increase of \$1. The increase, effective December 1, 2015, brings the rate to \$10.10 per 1,000 gallons. The rate increase will help fund the repayment of the IEPA \$8.2 million construction loan for the reverse osmosis water plant.

**Awarded**

A contract to DeSitter Carpet and Flooring of Bolingbrook, Illinois for the Recreation Center hallway floor tile project, in the amount of \$59,700.00

