

# tower Topics

VILLAGE *of* WESTERN SPRINGS

## *Captain Kurt Schlueter Retires After 41 Years of Service*



In response to a multitude of thanks for his many years of service, Captain Kurt Schlueter simply replied: "It has been a privilege to serve." This brief yet sincere quote from a captain who has served 41 faithful years speaks volumes about his generosity, humility, and dedicated service to the community of Western Springs over the last four decades.

On May 5, 2016, Capt. Schlueter retired from the Western Springs Fire Department. Capt. Schlueter joined the department as a 19-year-old young man with aspirations of helping out others and becoming a fireman. According to Capt. Schlueter, one aspect of firefighting that has truly amazed him throughout his years of service is the changes in equipment and apparatuses. When Capt. Schlueter began in the department, firefighters rode outside and unprotected on the tailboard of the fire trucks. Capt. Schlueter recalls this being "less fun" during snow and low temperature seasons. In addition to the change in vehicles, firefighters and paramedics today are alerted to emergencies via radio pagers, automatic texts, and emails. Things were a bit different when Capt. Schlueter began his service. "In those days, a bell installed by the department located under my bed at home would ring for every call. My family was very happy when we were given pagers."

In 1979, the Village implemented a revolutionary paramedic program that was the first of its kind to be found in the area. Capt. Schlueter was one of the earliest pioneers of this program; a program that is now considered to be the standard of care throughout the United States. In addition to being a great paramedic and firefighter, Capt. Schlueter is a wonderful father and family leader. Capt. Schlueter has always been the anchor of his family and is the dependable "go-to guy" within his extended family. Capt. Schlueter was a Boy Scout leader for many years, and even worked at the Boy Scout Council level while simultaneously maintaining his Fire Department and Village duties.

Capt. Schlueter's presence will be sorely missed each year at the annual Fire Department pancake breakfast and St. Patrick's Day lunch, two events that he worked diligently each year to plan and facilitate.

The Fire Department and Village staff would like to wish Capt. Schlueter the very best of luck as he embarks on his well-deserved retirement. Thank you, Captain! It has been a privilege serving with you.

39TH ANNUAL

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## Municipal Roundup

### Amended

- The code for the reinstatement of the Fire Marshal position with the Fire & EMS Department.
- The code to include stop signs for northbound and southbound traffic on Oak Avenue at the intersection of Oak Avenue and Garden Avenue.

### Approved

- The purchase of a spare motor from Layne-Christiansen Company of Aurora, IL for well #3 or #4, in the amount of \$158,219.00.
- A contract renewal with TruGreen, Hickory Hills, IL at 2014 prices for the Emerald Ash Borer Treatment Program.
- The issuance of a Class J liquor license to WSBA for the Gathering on the Green event.
- The issuance of a Class I liquor license and a raffle license to St. John of the Cross Parish for the 2016 Family Festival event scheduled for June 23 to 26, 2016.
- A temporary use permit to St. John of the Cross Parish for the operation of a carnival from June 23 to June 26, 2016.
- The renewal of the three-year Market License Agreement with Bensidoun USA for the French Market.
- A resolution honoring the Tower Chorale on its 30th anniversary and recognizing its gift of choral music to the community.
- A contract with Brothers Asphalt, of Addison, IL, for the 2016 Roadway Improvements Program, in an amount not to exceed \$681,929.12.

## Pedestrian Safety Responsibilities

The Police Department would like to remind residents of the following state and local laws with respect to pedestrian requirements:

- When a sidewalk is provided and its use is practicable, it shall be unlawful for any pedestrian to walk along and upon an adjacent roadway.
- When a sidewalk is not available, any pedestrian walking along and upon a highway shall walk only on a shoulder, as far as practicable from the edge of the roadway (this applies to joggers as well).
- When neither a sidewalk nor a shoulder is available, any pedestrian walking along and upon a highway shall walk as near as practicable to an outside edge of a roadway, and, if on a two-way roadway, shall walk only on the left side of the roadway.
- Any pedestrian upon a roadway shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles upon the roadway.

## Recreation Department

Enrollment is now open for summer programs. The program brochure is available at the Recreation Center, Grand Avenue Center, Village Hall, or at [www.wsprings.com/recreation](http://www.wsprings.com/recreation). For questions about programs, policies, procedures, fees/waivers or locations, please call 708-246-9070 or visit [www.wsprings.com/recreation](http://www.wsprings.com/recreation).

**Spring/Summer Tennis**—Spring tennis classes begin on May 9. Summer classes begin on June 6.

**Girls “Pony Tail” Slow Pitch Softball**—Registration for this league is due on Monday, May 23. Games begin the week of June 13 for grades 4–6 and games for grades 7–10 will begin in the fall of 2016.

**Summer Basketball Leagues (Grades 4–5)**—Registration for these leagues is due Tuesday, May 24. Games begin the week of June 21.

**Summer Basketball Leagues (Grades 7–8)**—This youth league will feature tournaments of teams of three. There will be an organizational meeting on Monday, June 13 at 6:30 p.m. Games will take place on Monday evenings beginning June 20.

**Adult Basketball League**—This adult league will feature tournaments of teams of three. There will be an organizational meeting on Wednesday, June 1. Games will take place on Tuesday and Thursday nights at 8 or 9 p.m.

**Summer Camps/Sports**—There are still openings in the Tower Camps for Session 1 (June 13–July 1) at the Laidlaw, Springdale, and Forest Hills locations.

**Safety Village**—This summer camp is designed for children grades K–1. Session 2 (June 20–30) from 10:15–11:45 a.m. Openings are available.

**Ultimate Frisbee Camp (Grades 4–6 and Grades 7–9)**—This camp will take place from June 21–July 13 (Tuesdays and Wednesdays) from 1–2:30 p.m. in Spring Rock Park.

**Lacrosse**—Summer day camps and clinics are available for boys and girls grades K–8 for beginners and experienced players. For more information, visit [www.westernspringslacrosse.org](http://www.westernspringslacrosse.org).

## OOH LÀ LÀ!



The French Market opened on Thursday, May 5, and will operate every Thursday from 2–7 p.m. through October 26. The open market is on Hillgrove Avenue in front of the historical Water Tower. As always, seasonal varieties of produce, meats, seafood, breads, pastries, chocolates, cheese, wine, artisan-made goods, and flowers from local and regional vendors are available.

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

## Senior Services

### Seniors Club

**Trip to Starved Rock:** Join Senior Club members on Tuesday, May 24 at 9 a.m. at the Recreation Center for a bus trip to Starved Rock Lodge in Utica. The trip will include a delicious lunch and tickets to *The Fabulous Vegas Guys show*. A stop will also be made at Cattails Gift Shop in Utica. The bus will return by 5:30 p.m. To reserve a spot on this trip, contact Lou at 708-784-9448.

**White Elephant Bingo:** Join Senior Club members on Monday, June 6 at noon for an annual indoor catered picnic and White Elephant Bingo. Participants should bring an unwrapped white elephant prize and expect to leave with a new one! Please note that this event will take place on the first Monday of the month due to summer schedules at the Recreation Center.

### Senior Center

Join the Senior Center for the following events! All senior adults are welcome. Please note that some dates and/or events may be subject to change. Please contact the Senior Center directly with any questions.

**Movie Thursday Afternoon:** This event is every third Thursday of the month from 1–3 p.m. in the Senior Center. This event is free of charge and includes popcorn and beverages. Movie dates are as follows: May 19, June 16, July 21, August 18, September 15, October 20, November 17, and December 15.

**Intermediate Bridge Class:** This class takes place on Wednesdays from 10–11:30 a.m. in the Senior Center. This class is free of charge but is only open to members. Classes are conducted by Tony Zumpano. Please call the Senior Center to register.

**Genealogy Class:** This class takes place on Tuesdays from 1–3 p.m. in the Senior Center. This class is free of charge but is only open to members. Classes consist of a DVD course from Great Courses and include a resident genealogy expert for guidance. New students are welcome. Please call the Senior Center to register.



**Mahjong Classes:** This class takes place on Fridays from 10 a.m.–noon in the Senior Center. This class is free of charge but is only open to members. Please call Lynn Druckman (708-246-3988) to be included in

the group of beginners; however, this class may be used as a refresher for current players, as well. For experienced players, no registration is necessary.

**Beginners' Bridge Class:** This class takes place on Wednesdays beginning May 11 from 10–11:30 a.m. in the Senior Center. This class is free of charge but is only open to members. Classes are conducted by Tony Zumpano. Please call the Senior Center to register.

**David Druckman Series:** The Druckman series will continue May–September. This series will take place on the second Monday of each month at Thomas Ford Library from 1–3 p.m.

**Celebrating Seniors Week:** This annual event will take place from May 16 through May 20 and will explore all aspects of senior living. Events take place at various locations. The list of events is posted on the bulletin board in the Senior Center or can be viewed at [www.wsprings.com/seniors](http://www.wsprings.com/seniors). Healthy Movements for Aging Well will be discussed in the lower level of the Senior Center on Thursday, May 19 from 10:30 a.m.–noon.

**Ice Cream Social:** The Senior Center will celebrate the beginning of summer with its annual Ice Cream Social on June 10. Entertainment will be provided by Music Makers of Western Springs, the same group that has provided wonderful entertainment for the past several years. Join Senior Center members for a great time and experience the pure joy that Music Makers provides.



**Grand Avenue Big Band:** This event will take place on Wednesday, July 13 at 6:30 p.m. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy a night of live music at the historic Water Tower.

Monthly special events and activities covering a wide variety of topics and interests are offered. For a complete schedule, visit [www.wsprings.com/seniors](http://www.wsprings.com/seniors) or call to add your email address to the Senior Center's private email list. Special events are open to the general public.

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 11–3 p.m. on Monday and 3–5 p.m. on Tuesday. The complete schedule of activities is available at [www.wsprings.com/seniors](http://www.wsprings.com/seniors). Questions regarding the Senior Center, its programs, or related business transactions may be directed to Mic at 708-246-3299 or [mcagney@wsprings.com](mailto:mcagney@wsprings.com).

**Holiday Closings:** The Senior Center will be closed Memorial Day (May 30) and Independence Day (July 4).

### Saint John of the Cross Garage Sale

Join us on Saturday, June 18, from 9 a.m.–2 p.m. for the Saint John of the Cross Garage Sale! The Garage Sale will take place at 708 51st Street in Western Springs. There will also be a half-price bag sale on Monday, June 20, from 9 a.m.–1 p.m. This event is free of charge. Visit [www.sjcgaragesale.com](http://www.sjcgaragesale.com) for more information or to learn more about donating items!





## Park District Happenings

The Park District invites everyone to the Spring Rock Park sports fields grand re-opening on Friday, May 13 at 6 p.m. There will be a special giveaway for the first

residents in attendance. After the ceremony there will be a scavenger hunt and popcorn and drinks will be provided.

Upcoming Park Board meetings will be held on May 10 and June 14 at 7 p.m. in the Board Room of Village Hall (740 Hillgrove Avenue).

New summer programs are open for registration. To register, contact Barb Kartzmark at [bkartzmark@wsprings.com](mailto:bkartzmark@wsprings.com) or call 708-246-4225, ext. 1. Registration forms can also be found at [www.wsparks.org](http://www.wsparks.org).



### Movie Nights—Free admission

- June 17 at Timber Trails Park, Zookeeper
- July 8 at Springdale Park, Hotel Transylvania II
- August 12 at Spring Rock Park, Up



### Camping under the Stars

- July 22 and 23 at Spring Rock Park
- Arrive at 6 p.m. on July 22 and depart at 9 a.m. on July 23
- \$25 includes evening snack, games, camping, s'mores, and breakfast the next morning
- Participants must bring own tent



### Baggo/Cornhole League

- \$50 per team
- Wednesday evenings from June 15–August 10 at Spring Rock Park
- Adult (18+) and children (17-under) teams will be accepted



### Adult Sand Volleyball Leagues

- \$150 per team
- Wednesday evenings from June 15–August 10 at Spring Rock Park
- Games begin at 6:15 and 7:15 p.m.

## National Bike Month

The Police Department would like to remind the community that May is National Bike Month! The department urges all motorists and bicyclists to share the road safely. Motorists should yield to bicycles like any other vehicle. Bicyclists should obey all traffic laws, stop signs, and traffic lights. Bike lights are required at night and cyclists are strongly encouraged to wear protective helmets.

## Arbor Day Celebration

In honor of Arbor Day 2016, the Village proclaimed April 29, 2016 as Arbor Day in the Village of Western Springs and held a celebration honoring the Tower Chorale and their connection with the Grand Avenue School.



2015 Arbor Day Celebration at St. John of the Cross

The event included the planting of katsura tree that has been donated to the Village by Mark Miner. The tree was planted outside of the Grand Avenue Community Center and Village Trustee Alice Gallagher, preschool classes, and

Mark Miner were in attendance. This planting followed a tradition of honoring Mr. Miner and his contribution to the Tower Chorale. In May of 2014, The Tower Chorale honored Mr. Miner, its outgoing chairman of the board, with a gift certificate for a tree. The gift was presented “in appreciation for five years of dedicated, devoted service as Chairman.” Mr. Miner had served on the board for a total of seven years, as chairman from August of 2009 to July of 2014. The gift certificate was for a tree because Mark “likes planting trees at his house to mark special people and occasions and enjoys nurturing them and watching them grow.”

For the 32nd year, Western Springs has been named a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation. The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the National Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Service. The Village is committed to the aesthetic beauty and environmental aid trees bring to the environment. The Tree Planting Program has helped with this effort by either replacing sick and dead trees or adding trees to the community. The Village intends to continue its dedication toward retaining the coveted title of Tree City USA.

## Solicitation Regulations

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

‘NO SOLICITORS ALLOWED’ decals are available at the Police Department for residents to display. With a decal in place, a peddler or solicitor is restricted from knocking on your door.

Please report any solicitation violations to the Police Department’s non-emergency number at 708-246-8540.

**Living History, Jazz Classics, and Summer Reading: Check It Out!**

Thomas Ford Memorial Library



As always, there is a lot happening at the Thomas Ford Library! There are several new programs available designed to appeal to all ages.



Amelia Earhart's courageous exploits and spirited personality made her an international celebrity. Amelia was the first woman to cross the Atlantic by airplane in 1928 and the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic in 1932. Find out how she learned to fly, what inspired her, and why she eventually set off for an around-the-world flight. On Tuesday, May 5 at 7 p.m., the Western Springs Library Friends will sponsor a living history program introducing attendees to Amelia and educating the crowd about her exciting career.

The Library Friends are also sponsoring 'Friday at the Ford' on Friday, May 13 at 7:30 p.m. Jazz singer Petra van Nuis and guitarist Andy Brown will return with a delightful mix of standards from the American golden age of song.

The Summer Reading Program kicks off in June and continues throughout the summer with special programs and prizes for all ages. By member request, the Library will remain open on Sundays from 1-5 p.m. all year long.

For questions or to learn more about programs and events, contact the Library at 708-246-0520, visit [www.fordlibrary.org](http://www.fordlibrary.org), or the Thomas Ford Library Facebook page!

**Torch Run for Special Olympics**

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

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



The Western Springs leg of the Torch Run will take place on June 5, 2016, at 9 a.m., from the Tower Green. Please come by and support the officers. For more information, please contact Officer Terry Madler at [tmadler@wsprings.com](mailto:tmadler@wsprings.com) or 708-246-8540.



**Wizards and Wonders**



Your presence is requested at Hogwarts' new campus in Western Springs! Join Hogwarts enthusiasts on June 4 from 4-7 p.m. at All Saints Episcopal Church (4370 Woodland Avenue) for a family-friendly, all-ages night of self-exploration, as we join Harry Potter on his hero's journey. Participants will shop on Diagon Alley with Hagrid and enjoy a feast of Harry's favorite treats (dinner included). This event is free, but please R.S.V.P. at [www.allsaints.ws.org/wizards](http://www.allsaints.ws.org/wizards) with the number of guests in your party as well as any dietary restrictions or special accommodations necessary.

**Westchester Food Pantry Adds Dates to 2016 Distribution Schedule**

In order to further meet the needs of food insecure families in and around Westchester, the Westchester Food Pantry is proud to announce additional dates in 2016 for food pick-up:

- May 21
- June 25
- July 23
- August 27
- September 24
- October 22



The Westchester Food Pantry will be open on these select Saturdays from 9 a.m.-noon. Clients must enter through the Community Room door on the east side of the Westchester Village Hall.

These nine Saturdays will be in addition to the Food Pantry's regular pick-up times: Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. and the second Saturday of each month from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Westchester Village Hall (Main entrance: 10300 Roosevelt Road). Please note that Village Hall is closed on all federal holidays.

All clients requesting food from the Westchester Food Pantry must provide a current photo ID (driver's license, state ID card, etc.) that shows an address in the designated service area, which includes Western Springs and several surrounding suburbs. If the address on the photo ID is not in the designated service area, the client must provide proof of residence (current utility bill, a letter from landlord, etc.).

For more information, please contact Amanda Grant (Co-Director) at 630-776-2066 or [WestchesterFoodPantry@gmail.com](mailto:WestchesterFoodPantry@gmail.com).

## 2016 Historic Preservation

### Award Winners!

On Sunday, May 1, the Historical Society presented bronze plaques to the winners of this year's Historic Preservation Awards at the biennial May Fest celebration.

The 2016 winners are as follows:

- Preservation/Exterior Rehabilitation:  
Patricia Kepich, 4032 Woodland Avenue
- Compatible Addition:  
Sara & Pat Wilson, 4111 Franklin Avenue
- Good Neighbor:  
Balazs & Tara Hunek, 4600 Woodland Avenue

### Adult Education Spring Lecture:

The third and final lecture in this year's Adult Education series will be held on Thursday, May 19, at 7 p.m. in the First Congregational Church's Siem Room (Christian Education Building). The subject of this discussion is local powerhouse Vaughan's Seed Company and their impact on the history of horticulture in the Chicagoland area. Join us to learn more about the role this international company, which once called Western Springs its home, played in setting garden fashion from the late 1800s on!

### Volunteers Wanted!

Do you love Western Springs? Are you interested in giving back to the community that you call home? Consider volunteering with the Historical Society! We are currently searching for a group of individuals to help out with various projects. At the top of the list of volunteers needed are a graphic designer to help with the semiannual newsletter, a writer interested in researching and writing short "Blast from the Past" articles about Village history, and volunteers interested in interviewing long-time community members for the "Oral History" program. We are also looking for talented amateur photographers and a volunteer to help research new exhibits for the Historic Water Tower Museum. Please contact the Historical Society at 708-246-9230 for more information about these positions.

## 2016 Memorial Day Parade

Join the VFW Post 10778 and the Western Springs community on May 30th for the 2016 Memorial Day Parade! The parade line-up will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the parade will begin at 10 a.m. The parade will start on Hillgrove Avenue and Hampton Avenue near the Theatre of Western Springs. The route will proceed north of the tracks on Hillgrove and then follow north on Grand Avenue, east on Chestnut Avenue, south on Lawn Avenue, and end at the Tower Green. All veterans, non-political community organizations, and scout units are invited to march. Bands from local schools will also be marching. A ceremony will be held at the Tower Green following the parade. Marchers



usually arrive at the Tower Green no later than 10:30 a.m. for the ceremony that follows. This year's Grand Marshall will be Chuck Bosko. Chuck served in the US Army from 1969 to 1970, and this time included serving in Vietnam with the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment as a medic. Upon separation from active duty, Chuck reenlisted in the Army Reserves where he served our country for another 40 years. Currently, he is an appeals specialist representing veterans before the VA's Board of Veteran Appeals. For more information about this event, please call 708-205-3541.

## NEAT Clean-up Day Results

The NEAT organization would like to offer their sincere thanks to all who participated in this year's NEAT Clean-up Day! Thanks to the cooperation of the community and the dedication and hard work of the volunteers, NEAT was able to collect 2.58 tons of garbage. This year's NEAT Clean-up Day was certainly a success!

## Western Springs Community Garden



The Community Garden located at 5424 Fair Elms is off to an amazing start! 2016 marks the Community Garden's third planting season. All plots have already been filled, and now that the snow has finally melted, members will be planting soon. Garden members are very excited to see the variety of blooms and plants this year! In addition to regular planting, an individual

Eagle Scout member will be conducting a special project this year. Other Eagle Scouts working on their badges who are also interested in participating are encouraged to contact [fairelmscg@gmail.com](mailto:fairelmscg@gmail.com) for more information. Let's make something green and beautiful together!

## Outstanding Garden Contest

In honor of its 90th Anniversary, the Western Springs Garden Club is sponsoring an Outstanding Garden contest! This contest runs from May 15 through July 15. Six winning gardens will be awarded a \$50 cash prize based on curb appeal.

For additional details on how to enter this contest celebrating the beauty of the Western Springs community, visit [www.westernspringsgardenclub.org](http://www.westernspringsgardenclub.org).

## Jo's Footwork Studio

Jo's Footwork Studio Presents 'Adaptive Dance' as part of its summer dance offerings, designed specifically for autistic performers. A certified school-based occupational therapy practitioner (Amanda Freebeck) with a strong dance background will provide an adapted, safe, developmentally based approach to explore dance and motor skills. The class is available to all needs and levels of mobility, using dance-focused visual supports to ensure communication with dancer and teacher. For more information, please contact John Fagan at [johnjf@ameritech.net](mailto:johnjf@ameritech.net).

## Friendly Summer Reminders

### Block Parties

Planning a block party? A consent form must be submitted at least two weeks before your party. The form is available at [www.wsprings.com](http://www.wsprings.com) or Village Hall.

### Call Before You Dig

All projects outdoors, including the smallest task, require a call to JULIE. Just dial 811. One call does it all to protect you from digging where utilities are buried—it's simple, it's safe, and it's the law.

### Check Before You Build

Many summer home and yard projects require building permits obtained from the Village before any work can begin. The Village of Western Springs uses building permits as a tool to ensure that established standards for design and construction are followed. These building design and construction standards have been created to protect public health, safety, and welfare. Guidelines and the building permit form are available at [www.wsprings.com](http://www.wsprings.com) or can be obtained by calling the Community Development office at 708-246-1800, ext. 180.

### Curfew Law

Parents are reminded that it is unlawful for anyone less than 17 years of age to be at or upon any public place, unless accompanied by a parent, legal guardian, or other responsible companion at least 18 years of age, after curfew. Curfew hours are between midnight and 6 a.m. on Friday and Saturday, and 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. Sunday through Thursday. These curfew hours are not the same curfew hours for a minor driving a motor vehicle. Please refer to [www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com) for details on the hours and restrictions related to operating motor vehicles.

### Fireworks Safety

Residents are advised to leave all fireworks displays to the professionals. Fireworks are illegal in Illinois. However, certain novelty fireworks such as sparklers, snakes, and party-poppers are not regulated by the State of Illinois and may be used with great caution. Sparklers burn at temperatures of up to 1,200 degrees Fahrenheit and remain extremely hot long after the sparks have stopped. Children playing with novelty fireworks must be closely supervised by adults to prevent injury.

### Lawn Maintenance

Grass is not permitted to grow to a height exceeding eight inches. For properties needing attention, please contact the Community Development office at 708-246-1800, ext. 177. When mowing your lawn, remember that grass clippings should not be blown in the streets. These clippings clog storm sewers, which can cause street flooding.

### Noise Restrictions

Motorized lawn maintenance equipment can only be used during the following hours:

- Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Sunday, noon to 4 p.m.

### Penalty Fee

Vehicle license stickers purchased after June 1 will cost \$70. This includes \$35 for the sticker and a \$35 penalty fee. Vehicle stickers expire every April 30 and new ones must be displayed by May 1.

### Pet Peeves

Pet owners, please be considerate of others by not allowing your pet to be shut up or tied in a yard, house, or other place in the Village that causes your pet to bark, howl, or produce other noises that disturb the peace and quiet of any individual, family, or neighborhood. Violators will be subject to a fine.

When walking your pet, do not allow the pet to defecate upon the property of your neighbors, churches, schools, parks, or any public property. Please carry a device for the immediate removal of any excrement from your animal at all times.

### Please Be Pedestrian Friendly

Western Springs is a Village on the move—especially when it comes to residents who enjoy walking, jogging, or rolling along on the sidewalks. Please remember to not block sidewalks with vehicles, thereby causing pedestrians to go around vehicles. Low branches are also a hazard to pedestrians. The Village makes every effort to keep branches trimmed away from the parkway; however, it is residents' responsibility to trim trees standing on private property abutting on any sidewalk. Branches must be trimmed at the height of not less than ten feet above the sidewalk. If you notice areas that need attention, please contact Public Works at 708-246-1800, ext. 200.

### Yard Waste Disposal

Yard waste includes brush, grass clippings, leaves, plants, weeds, roots, and twigs. These materials must be placed at the curb in a biodegradable bag with a sticker on collection day.

Yard waste that is too bulky to be placed in a bag, such as branches or brush, must be securely tied and bundled. Bundles may not exceed 4 ft. in length, 2 ft. in diameter, or 60 pounds in weight. Each bag or bundle of yard waste materials must have a sticker affixed for collection. The Public Works Department does not collect yard waste and will only pick up branches that have come down from a storm.



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**Summer Hours for Village Business**

The business hours for Village Hall and Community Development will change beginning Monday, May 23, and ending Tuesday, September 2. The hours will be as follows:

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

*Household Cleanup Day*

This annual community event will take place on Saturday, May 21. Household Cleanup Day allows residents to dispose of an unlimited amount of household items, carpeting (must be cut down to 4 feet in length, securely bundled and no more than 60 pounds in weight), books, furniture, bikes, appliances, and white goods.

**Items that are unacceptable are as follows:**

- Household garbage
- Electronics
- Construction debris
- Scrap wood, railroad ties
- Concrete, asphalt, bricks
- Car parts
- Lawn mowers, snow blowers
- Tires
- Vehicle batteries
- Old paint (oil or latex)
- Gasoline, used motor oil
- Ammunition, explosives

Acceptable items must be at the curb by 6 a.m. on Saturday, May 21. For more information on this collection, please call Republic Services at 708-345-7050.

*Summer*  
**CONCERTS**

**WEST SUBURBAN COMMUNITY BAND**  
 June 15—7 p.m.  
 Springdale Park

**NICK DESMOND AND THE GRAND AVENUE BIG BAND**  
 July 13—6:30 p.m.  
 Tower Green  
 Bringing big sounds, big crowds, and a big time for everyone!

**WEST SUBURBAN COMMUNITY BAND**  
 July 20—6:30 p.m.  
 Ridgewood Park

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

**THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS, ALONG WITH THE PARK DISTRICT AND THE VILLAGE, WILL BE SPONSORING THE FOLLOWING CONCERTS IN OUR LOCAL PARKS THIS SUMMER.**

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## SAVE THE DATE: Friday, June 10

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## Kick off summer at Gathering on the Green!

The 22nd annual Gathering on the Green will take place on Friday, June 10, from 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. on the Tower Green. Put it on your calendar so you won't miss out on live musical entertainment, great food from some of your favorite local restaurants and fun activities for everyone in the family.

We are excited to once again sponsor a beverage tent, featuring beer and wine sales.

The wildly popular band *Kickin' Jimmy* will headline this year's musical entertainment, following the talented bands from School of Rock.

Families with young children can look forward to some new activities, including a petting zoo, pony rides, a rock climbing wall and entertainment from Chicago children's performer, Miss Lauren.

Big thanks to WSBA members Bob "Hutch" Hutchison of Re/Max Signature

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## Two local students receive WSBA Scholarships

After receiving a number of strong applications for entering college freshman, the Western Springs Business Association is happy to announce that scholarships have been awarded to Emily Pender and Haley Christian of Casey's Market.

College-age employees or former employees of WSBA-member businesses are eligible to apply. In addition to a recommendation from the WSBA-member business, applicants must maintain good grades and have demonstrated an interest in community service.

Haley and Emily will be formally recognized at a Village Board meeting in May.

## WSBA event featured networking and fun

April 14th marked WSBA's latest networking event at the Theatre of Western Springs. Many thanks to Mécénat Bistro, Casey's Market and Davanti Enoteca for their contributions.

Following the event, many attendees were entertained by the Theatre's opening night presentation of "The Clean House". Thanks to Eddie Sugarman and the entire staff at the Theatre of Western Springs.

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## ■ Mark your calendars for Friday, June 10

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Homes, Creber Construction, Inc. and Realty Executives Premier for sponsoring *Kickin' Jimmy*. Other businesses interested in sponsorship and/or volunteering opportunities to help WSBA make this another successful event, please contact Kristen

at [whizba@westernspringsbusiness.com](mailto:whizba@westernspringsbusiness.com).

I look forward to seeing everybody on June 10, 2016 from 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. at Gathering on the Green!

*Mark Ptacek, President  
Western Springs Business Association*



### ATTENTION

Community Groups  Businesses  Organizations

Interested in participating in Gathering on the Green?

#### Promotional Table:

WSBA Members ..... \$75  
Non-Members ..... \$175

#### Food / Sales Table:

WSBA Members ..... \$150  
Non-Members ..... \$200

To submit your table request, visit [westernspringsbusiness.com](http://westernspringsbusiness.com). Participation is limited to WSBA members and organizations in the Western Springs local area.



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

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