

Caucus Meetings for 2017 Local Spring Elections



Local elections are held every two years, and 2017 is an election year. Residents may or may not be familiar with the “caucus” or town meeting method for nominating candidates for local office; however, it is crucial in maintaining the integrity of local government. Candidates are needed for the April 4, 2017 election to fill the positions of

Village President, Village Clerk, and Library, Park, and Village Board members. While the Village Board and Village government cannot endorse any political party, Village residents have participated in what is known as a “caucus” or town meeting system for over 80 years. According to this system, every resident is considered a member. Unlike the more common “two-party system” that is found in federal, state, and many local elections, the caucus process begins when the Caucus Executive Committee nominates candidates for Village President and Village Clerk. The process then continues as leaders in each of the Village’s six precincts begin looking for residents that are willing to fill upcoming vacancies on the Library, Park, and Village Boards. The precinct leaders identify the type of skills that are being sought by each of the boards and try to match up potential candidates with those needs. Nominees are then selected for the various board vacancies.

This will take place at six local precinct meetings; all precinct meetings will be held at McClure Junior High on Wednesday, November 16, at 7 p.m. On Wednesday, November 30, at 7 p.m., those who have been nominated from the local meetings will be introduced at a Village-wide caucus meeting at McClure Junior High. All Village residents may attend the precinct meetings and

the Village-wide meeting. Other candidates may also be introduced from the floor with prior notice. Following a vote by those present, the resulting candidates will be considered the caucus-endorsed candidates. After they have filed the paperwork required by the State of Illinois, their names will be placed on the official ballot for the April 4, 2017, election. Residents who have a potential candidate in mind for the Library, Park, or Village Boards may contact Jack Lynch, Party Chairperson of the Caucus, at jlynch026@gmail.com. This information will then be passed along to the appropriate precinct leader. Complete information regarding the caucus and the upcoming election can be found on the caucus website at www.wscaucus.wix.com/wsc. Under state law, a resident can also choose to run as an independent. Independents must submit their paperwork required by the State of Illinois during the filing period of December 12–19, 2016. The guidelines for running as an independent are available on the State Board of Elections website at www.elections.il.gov.ts.



From left to right: Officers Meagan McPherson and Sean O'Loughlin

Western Springs Police Department Welcomes New Officers

The Western Springs Police Department is proud to announce the appointment of two new officers, Sean O'Loughlin and Meagan McPherson. Both officers graduated from the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy at the College of DuPage on September 30, 2016, upon successful completion of the 12-week basic training academy. They will now begin the department's comprehensive Field Training Program. Officer O'Loughlin holds a bachelor's degree in sociology from St. Norbert College and Officer McPherson holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Elmhurst College. Both officers were formally sworn in at the October 10 Village Board Meeting.

Municipal Roundup

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

Approved

- A resolution recognizing Anne Kozak for 30 years of service as Director of the Thomas Ford Memorial Library.
- A Class J liquor license to Western Springs Business Association for the 2016 Fall Festival.
- An agreement with Sam Schwartz Consulting, LLC to conduct a Downtown Parking Study in an amount not to exceed \$27,330.
- The appointment of Jeffrey Fus to the Board of Zoning Appeals.
- A resolution recognizing the Western Springs Community Center Association (WSCCA) for 33 years of volunteer involvement with saving, promoting, and supporting the operations in the Grand Avenue Community Center.
- The issuance of a raffle license to Lyons Township High School Parent Teacher Council.

Recreation Department

The Winter/Spring 2017 Recreation Department program brochure will be mailed to all homes between November 9 and 11. This brochure will contain all information necessary to register for winter programs and/or set up household accounts with the department. The brochure can also be found at www.wsprings.com/recreation. The winter/spring mail-in registration deadline is Thursday, December 2, and online registration begins on Friday, December 3. Please call the office with any questions at 708-246-9070.

Boys' and Girls' Basketball Leagues—For grades 5–6. The registration deadline is November 3. Adult volunteers are needed to coach the teams. The training clinic will take place on November 10 at 6:45 p.m.

Kids Giving Artfully—For grades 1–5. This class will take place on Thursdays beginning November 3 from 4–5 p.m. Participants will explore a social issue and then create an item to donate.

 **Dodgeball**—Leagues will take place on Friday nights from 5:30–7 p.m. for grades 3–5 and 7–8:30 p.m. for grades 6–8; Games take place at the Recreation Center and the cost is \$5 per night.

Happy Hour Yoga—This program is for participants 16 years and older and will take place on Tuesdays from 5:30–6:45 p.m. at the Grand Avenue Gym.

Men's Open Basketball—This 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—This league begins on Wednesday, January 6, at 8:30 p.m.

Adult Fitness Classes—Adult Fitness Classes include the “Be Strong” program (Tuesdays and Thursdays) and the “Body Works” program (Mondays and Wednesdays). Both classes take place from 9–10 a.m.

Annual Turkey Shoot—This free event will take place on Saturday, November 19, at 12:30 p.m. in the Recreation

Center. This event features a basketball free throw competition for all. Play “Around the World” for points and the chance to win gift certificates. There are many categories for boys, girls, men, and women.

Holiday Programs:

Holiday Glamour Hair: For ages 4–12 with a parent. This program will take place at the Recreation Center on Thursday, November 17, from 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Holiday Winter Fun: For ages 5–10 years. This program will take place at the Recreation Center on Friday, December 9, from 6–8 p.m.

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 off of the street, the more effective snow removal 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. Plows will leave snow in driveways; therefore, residents will benefit by waiting until the streets have been cleared before clearing the end of their driveways.



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.

Senior Services

Senior Center

A Grand Event: The contribution of the Western Springs Community Center Association and the dedication of the legacy gift sculpture were celebrated at the Grand Avenue Community Center on Sunday, November 6. Cookies and a great celebration followed.

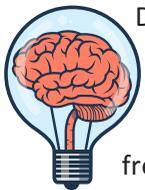
Pizza, Prizes, and Bridge: The semiannual Pizza, Prizes, and Bridge Party organized by the Center's bridge leaders will take place on November 7 from 11:30 a.m.–3 p.m. There will be pizza, soft drinks, and prizes. There is a \$5 admission fee. Call to reserve a space.

Veterans' Thank You Lunch: A lunch for veterans of any branch of service during any era will take place on Thursday, November 10, from 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m. Call 708-246-3299 to reserve a space.

Living Literature with Barbara Rinella: Ms. Rinella will present her newest program, "A Tribute to Nancy Reagan," on Friday, November 18, from 1–3 p.m. Bottled water and hard candy refreshments will be provided. Tickets will go on sale beginning Monday, October 24. The cost is \$10 for members, \$15 for nonmembers. Call to arrange ticket purchase. *Please Note: time of event is subject to change by one hour; call to confirm.*

Christmas Celebration: This annual member's only event will take place on Thursday, December 15, from 1–3 p.m.

The Brain Class: The Brain class, featuring neuroscientist David Eagleman, continues on Tuesdays through November 22. Classes take place from 1–2:30 p.m. Each class can be attended independent of the other classes in this six-class course. The class is free to members. Call to reserve a space.



Intermediate Bridge Class: Intermediate bridge class begins November 2 and takes place from 10–11:30 a.m. Call to reserve a space.

Movies: The Senior Center will host movie afternoons on Thursdays, November 17, and Thursday, December 15, from 1–3 p.m. Popcorn and beverages will be provided.

Holiday Closings: The Senior Center will be closed for Thanksgiving (November 23–25), Christmas (December 23 and 26), and closed for business December 19–January 2 (programs will continue as usual).

Questions regarding the Senior Center and its programs may be directed to Mic at 708-246-3299 or mcagney@wsprings.com.

Seniors Club

Regular Meeting: On Monday, November 7, at 1 p.m. at the Recreation Center, Eddie Korosa, Jr. will host a program entitled "Upbeat—Oldies Sing-A-Long." Tune up your vocal chords and join in!



Musical Trip: On November 8, the Club will attend a White Fence Entertainment performance. Buses will leave at 10:30 a.m. from the Recreation Center and return around 3:30 p.m. Patty Waszak will perform a musical repertoire featuring a wide variety of songs as well as audience participation. Waszak is a dynamic vocalist, phenomenal musician, and hilarious comedienne. Her lively up-tempo show pleases audiences of all ages. The performance will be followed by a light luncheon.

Holiday Luncheon: The annual Holiday Luncheon will take place at the William Tell Banquet Hall on Monday, December 12, at noon. The Highland Middle School Music Club will entertain the group following lunch. Donations will be taken for families in need during the holidays.

For more information on the Seniors Club, visit the www.wsprings.com/seniors.

Christmas Tree Safety

Millions of American homes will include a natural tree in their holiday festivities. Although trees add a special touch to the holiday season, they also can be a fire hazard. The Fire Department would like to remind residents about the following safety tips regarding Christmas trees:

Picking the tree

- Choose a tree with fresh, green needles.
- The trunk should be sticky to the touch.

Placing the tree

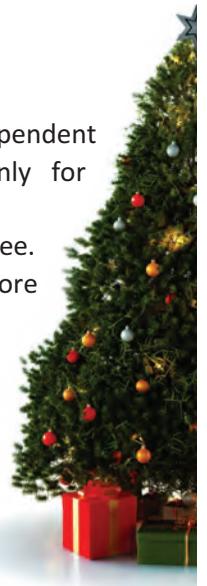
- Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 1–2" from the base of the trunk.
- Make sure the tree is at least 3 feet away from any heat source.
- Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
- Add water to the tree stand each day.

Lighting the tree

- Use lights that have a label of an independent testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Never use lit candles to decorate the tree.
- Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.

After Christmas

- Get rid of the tree when it begins dropping needles.
- Never put tree branches or needles in a fireplace.
- Trees are collected at the curb during the first two weeks of January.





Park District Happenings

Upcoming Park Board meetings will be held on November 8 and December 13 at 7 p.m. in the Board Room of Village Hall (740 Hillgrove Avenue).

Playground Renovations: As part of the Capital Improvement Plan, the Park District will be installing new playgrounds at Laidlaw Park and Spring Rock Park this summer 2017. Visit www.wsparks.org or www.facebook.com/wsparkdistrict for updated information. For questions regarding this project or other projects being considered, please contact John Robinson (Executive Director) at jrobinson@wsprings.com or 708-246-4225, ext.2.

New Website: The Western Springs Park District has launched a new website. Please visit www.wsparks.org for more information about local parks and to sign up to receive a monthly e-newsletter.

Western Springs Crime Update



During the month of October, there have been over a dozen motor vehicle-related crimes perpetrated against residents of Western Springs. The Western Springs Police Department would like to remind all residents of the following tips:

- Please keep vehicle doors and windows closed and locked at all times, even during quick errands.
- Lock the trunk, hatchback, or tailgate to block access into your vehicle.
- Close all vents or wing windows and sunroofs.
- Always take your keys with you.
- If your vehicle has a built-in security system, use it. If you do not have a security system installed, it is worth the investment. It may also qualify you for a discount on your auto insurance.
- Remove visible items (cash, wallet, purse, MP3 players, iPods, and cell phones) from the vehicle or place them in the trunk.
- Don't forget your GPS systems, as these portable devices are targets too.

Don't be an easy target!

A New Way to Recycle!

Communities and residents looking for a solution to their electronic-waste problems have just been given some great news!

All residents within the West Cook County Solid Waste Agency Region are now able to drop off electronics at the Village of Burr Ridge Public Works Department (451 Commerce Street).

This collection site will operate Monday–Friday from 7 a.m.–3 p.m. eWorks Electronic Services Staff will be on hand to assist with unloading items. There will be a small charge for some larger items. Visit <http://recycle.eworksesi.org/> for information about acceptable items, payment, and other questions. Keep on recycling!

Meet Ted Bodewes, Thomas Ford Library's New Director



Hello, Western Springs! My name is Ted Bodewes, and I have been chosen as the new Director of the Thomas Ford Library. I am pleased and honored to accept this new responsibility. Before her departure, I was able to

spend time with the previous Director, Anne Kozak. During this time, I received the benefit of her vast experiences as well as a comprehensive introduction to the community. The residents of Western Springs have made me feel very welcome. I have recently made acquaintance with the Board of Trustees, the Library Foundation, and the Friends of the Library, and it is clear that there is a strong and dedicated support network that values the Library's importance to this community.

I hope to have many conversations with residents regarding the various ways that the Thomas Ford Library can inform, entertain, and inspire residents. During your next visit to the Library, please look for me! I would love to speak one-on-one with you. I also look forward to seeing residents at some of the Library's upcoming events. On Saturday, December 3, the Library will once again take part in Western Springs' Annual Christmas Walk. This special day will include treats and activities, such as a visit and photo opportunity with Clifford the Big Red Dog, all sponsored by the Foundation and Friends of the Library. For details on other upcoming events, make sure to visit www.fordlibrary.org/events. I look forward to meeting you!



-Ted Bodewes

Western Springs Rotary Club Ornament Sale



The Western Springs Rotary Club is selling holiday ornaments! Designed to honor the history of Western Springs, these ornaments can be treasured as keepsakes or given as gifts to

friends and loved ones. For questions or to place an order, contact Sharon Flaim at 708-707-7948.

Join the Western Springs Newcomers and Neighbors Club!



The Western Springs Newcomers and Neighbors Club is a group of neighbors and friends that reside in Western Springs and enjoy connecting with new families—it is not just for “newcomers” to town!

This group hosts many activities throughout the year, and members are free to attend as many or as few as they wish. There is a monthly book club, ladies’/guys’ nights out, quarterly couples events, and holiday parties for children. The group also offers support and help to members including business/personal recommendations, connections, and even meals for members’ families in times of need.

The membership season runs from September through June, and the membership drive occurs late in summer. However, residents are welcome to join anytime! Please visit www.westernspringsnewcomers.com for more information.

Western Springs Historical Society



Planning for the Future

The Western Springs Historical Society is seeking community feedback regarding the type and quality of services that the Society provides, and is gathering input via an online survey. Feedback will be used to evaluate existing programs and provide meaningful future programs. The Society urges residents to make their opinions known by completing this survey before December 1, 2016. This survey can be accessed at www.facebook.com/WesternSpringsHistoricalSociety or www.westernspringshistory.org.

Happy Holidays!

The Historic Water Tower will be open during the Business Association’s upcoming Festival of Trees. Please stop by and visit! The first floor will be decorated for the holidays, and residents can learn a little more about the history of Village Christmas traditions. Residents can also shop for Western Springs’ themed merchandise—these make great teacher gifts, hostess gifts, and stocking stuffers!

Recycling of Christmas Trees

Residents may dispose of Christmas trees on their refuse collection day during the weeks of January 2 and 9 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.

Fire Department Promotions

Tom Dillon has served the Fire Department for 28 years and has recently been promoted to Assistant Chief. Chief Dillon is a partner in the law firm of McFadden and Dillon and has lived in the Village with his wife Barbara and his sons Kyle and Jack for 32 years.



From left to right: Cpt. Chuck Lichtenauer, Asst. Chief Tom Dillon, and Lt. Mario Perez

Chuck Lichtenauer has served the department for 15 years and has recently been promoted to Captain. Cpt. Lichtenauer has lived in the Village with his wife Mary and sons Andrew and Jason for 19 years. He is an EMT and CPR instructor and has served as the Director of Public Education for the last 4 years. He is known to most children in town as “Firefighter Chuck.”

Mario Perez has served on the department for 11 years and has recently been promoted to Lieutenant. Lt. Perez has worked at the United States Postal Service as a letter carrier for 23 years. He serves as an EMT, Hazmat tech, CPR instructor, and Coordinator for the Western Springs Fire Explorer Post 17. Lt. Perez has lived in the Village with his wife Darlene, daughter Marissa, and son Marqus for 17 years.

The Fire department would like to congratulate all three members on their well-deserved promotions!



Fire Department Chief Receives Prestigious Award

Chief Patrick Kenny of the Western Springs Department of Fire and EMS has been named “Instructor of the Year” by the Illinois Society of Fire Service Instructors. This award is given in recognition of Chief

Kenny’s tireless example of dedication and leadership in the training and education of fire service members. Kenny says the following in response to his award: “Instructors leave their fingerprints on every firefighter they meet. I am immensely grateful to those in the fire service that I have learned from, but most importantly, I am thankful for my family of Eileen, Brendan, Pat, and Sean, who have always supported me in this passion.”

Holiday Closings for Village Services

Thanksgiving—Thursday and Friday, November 24 & 25
Christmas—Friday, December 23 and Monday, December 26
New Year’s Day—Sunday, January 1

For the Thanksgiving holiday, Tuesday service is not affected, but Friday service will fall on Saturday. For Christmas and the New Year’s holiday, Tuesday service will fall on Wednesday, and Friday service will fall on Saturday.



Small Business Saturday: November 26

The Village of Western Springs will celebrate “Small Business Saturday” on November 26. On this day, the Village invites residents to shop exclusively in Western Springs and patronize local retailers and other small businesses for holiday purchases.

“Small Business Saturday,” sponsored by American Express, is a nationwide shopping event bracketed between Black Friday and Cyber Monday. This unique day encourages holiday shoppers to visit retail shops and small businesses during one of the busiest shopping times of the year.

“We hope that local residents will support businesses that support the Village. I support my local businesses throughout the year,” said Debbie Feiler, owner of Beautiful Beginnings (4472 Lawn). Feiler remarked that “Small Business Saturday” will be an opportunity to grow community support for the children and infants’ specialty store, which has resided in Western Springs for 21 years and has a national customer base. To encourage local shoppers, all purchases of in-store merchandise will receive a 10% discount on November 26.



Beautiful Beginnings owner Debbie Feiler (far right) with fourth generation customer baby Isabella, shown in a christening gown with her mother, Claudia, and great-grandmother, Nives Rizza (far left).

Another retailer, Kate McMillan of Clever Girl (907 Burlington), says that extra hospitality will be extended at her shop as well. “People try to make a point to come out that day, and we will offer food and drinks at the counter for customer appreciation,” she said. “It’s always fun, because so many people come back over the holidays to visit their hometown downtown. But we also appreciate those that support local stores year round.”

In addition to retailers like the Beautiful Beginnings and Clever Girl, other small businesses such as the Uptown Shop, Pet Necessities, Casey’s Meat Market, Village True Value Hardware, and local restaurants hope that the community will embrace this event and participate through shopping.

American Express sponsored the first “Small Business Saturday” in 2010 to create a counterpart to the nationally branded events following Thanksgiving. These events generally benefit big box stores and online retailers and neglect small businesses. Since then, “Small Business Saturday” has evolved into a national event encouraging shoppers to visit brick and mortar establishments and support local businesses.



Downtown retailers and small businesses invite residents to shop locally on November 26, “Small Business Saturday.”

Winter Reminders About Your Sprinkler System!

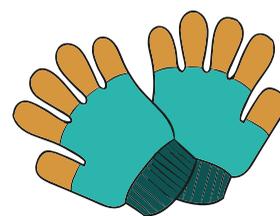
Many Western Springs residents have fire sprinkler systems installed in their homes. With the cold weather fast approaching, the Western Springs Fire Department would like to remind residents of the following items:



- A fire sprinkler system is a wet system. It is similar to the water pipes in your home, and is filled with water at all times.
- Remember to ensure that adequate heat is provided to all areas inside your home to prevent sprinkler pipes and water pipes from freezing, especially if you are going to be away from your home for an extended period of time.
- Although sprinkler piping is designed to avoid freeze-ups and prevent potential water damage, these pipes can still be susceptible to freezing, just like other water pipes in your home. Adequate heat is important in avoiding a potential disaster.

For questions about residential fire sprinkler systems, please contact the Western Springs Fire Prevention Bureau at 708-246-1800, ext. 193.

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 9:30 a.m.–noon on Sunday, December 11, at First Congregational Church of Western Springs (1106 Chestnut). Shoppers can stop by Plymouth Hall to meet representatives from 17 local, regional, and international charitable organizations and learn about their mission and good works. Then, choosing from “wish lists” created by the groups, shoppers can make a donation that funds a particular purchase, such as a meal, a bag of seed, or a pair of gloves for a needy person. Cards will be given out explaining that a donation was made on behalf of a family member or friend for a meaningful Christmas gift. To see the groups participating this year, please visit www.wscongo.org. For more information about the market, call 708-217-7905.

Remembering the WSCCA



The Western Springs Community Center Association (WSCCA) says goodbye to the community this fall after 36 devoted years of service, and leaves behind a lengthy list of accomplishments. Formed in 1984 to save the Grand Avenue School building from demolition (4211 Grand Avenue), the WSCCA quickly evolved into a grassroots nonprofit organization dedicated to making Western Springs a better place to live. The WSCCA legacy includes the following achievements:

- Educating the community to pass a referendum by a 3-1 margin.
- Successfully raising \$327,703 to buy a building and surrounding land at no expense to taxpayers. The purchase included the parkland now known as Veteran's Park (a donors' plaque now hangs by the elevator in the foyer of this building honoring these early contributors).
- Creating Tower Chorale, the community chorus, a program that still continues today.
- Hosting "The Grand Ball," an annual event that took place for many years, designed to raise money to pay off bonds on the building and honor several "Citizens of the Year."
- Applying for and receiving a state grant to develop a mural in the Grand Avenue Center building. This mural was painted in 1990 and depicts the history of Western Springs.
- Forming The Grand Avenue Big Band, an 18-piece band that began in the Grand Avenue building many years ago. Annual concerts continue today.
- Hosting craft shows such as the Homespun Holiday to raise money to pay off bonds and bring local artists together.
- Funding landscaping improvements, identification signs, and other community landmarks.
- Establishing the Senior Center, an organization that continues to offer programs, services, and activities for seniors in the area.
- Donating a public art sculpture, which will serve as their final contribution to the betterment of the Grand Avenue Center. The sculpture was unveiled on Sunday, November 6, and is dedicated to the idea of "community" in Western Springs.

The Village Board of Trustees issued a Resolution honoring the WSCCA at their October 24 meeting. True citizenship and working together to make this community a better place will serve as their lasting lessons. The Village of Western Springs would like to thank the WSCCA for their vision, action, concern, and dedication to the town and residents of Western Springs.

Maintaining Your Wood-Burning Fireplace

If improperly installed, operated, or maintained, wood-burning fireplaces can cause house fires. Embers escaping unscreened fires, chimney fires from creosote build-up, deadly flue gases, and loose or missing mortar or bricks are just a few of the hazards that can be avoided by properly caring for fireplaces.

Sweeping the chimney and performing an annual inspection are the most important parts of maintaining fireplaces and chimneys. Over time, a chimney can become coated with soot and creosote, which are by products of fires that are not burning efficiently. When the coating builds up, it can potentially catch fire. Chimneys and fireplaces should also be inspected to ensure the following:

- There are no serious cracks in the firebox, chimney, or liner.
- There are no loose or missing bricks or mortar.
- The damper is positioned and working correctly.
- The chimney cap is in good repair.
- The chimney is structurally sound.

Tips for Maintaining Fireplaces

- Keep combustible materials like carpets, drapes, and furniture away from the fireplace when a fire is burning. A guard in front of the fireplace will help keep children and pets from harm.
- Have wood-burning fireplaces and chimneys cleaned and inspected by a certified sweep at least once every year at the end of the burning season, or more often if there is creosote and soot build-up over 1/8 inch on the inside of the chimney.
- Test the function of a fireplace by lighting a few small pieces of seasoned wood, lit from the top down. If smoke doesn't exit vertically from the fireplace into the chimney, but enters the room, immediately troubleshoot and correct any problems.
- Burn only seasoned, not "green," wood. Seasoned wood is wood that has been cut and dried under cover for at least 6–12 months, registering less than 20% moisture with a meter.
- Burn hardwoods, not softwoods. Hardwoods like oak, ash, and maple are denser and heavier, delivering more heat than lighter softwoods like pine, poplar, and cedar.
- All homes with wood-burning fireplaces should be properly outfitted with working and well-maintained smoke and carbon monoxide alarms to alert homeowners to possible dangers and emergencies.

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CodeRED is the Village notification system used to alert residents in the event of emergency situations or critical community alerts. Community alerts include emergency water shutoff from a water main break, extreme weather conditions, or community safety. The number that will appear on your caller ID is 866-419-5000. Please add this number to your phone as a CodeRED call. The telephone database used for the system includes the entire Village, excluding individuals with unlisted phone numbers, those who have changed their phone numbers or addresses within the last year, and those who use a cell phone as their primary home phone. In these situations, individuals must register or update their information in order to receive messages. Registration can be completed at www.wsprings.com or by calling the Police Department at 708-246-8540. An alternate phone number can also be registered. Entering an alternate phone number will cause both the primary and alternate phone numbers to be contacted.

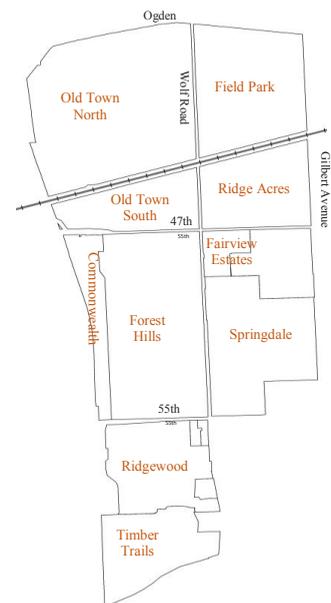


The Public Works Department needs your help to insure that leaf pickup occurs in a timely manner. **It is imperative that ONLY leaves be raked into the gutter. NO BRANCHES, LAWN CLIPPINGS, FLOWERS or PUMPKINS.** These items have to be manually removed, placed on the parkway and will significantly slow the leaf pickup process.

2016 AUTUMN LEAF PICKUP

Leaf pickup will run continuously Monday thru Friday except for Thanksgiving week. Entire Village rotation is Field Park, Old Town North, Old Town South, Ridge Acres, Forest Hills, Fairview Estates, Springdale and Ridgewood. Commonwealth and Timber Trails are not included. If the crew has passed your area and your leaves were not out, the crew will not return until the next week. **Final pickup begins Monday, November 28—Weather permitting—Snow removal takes priority. All leaves must be in the gutter or parkway per instructions below by Sunday, November 27—NO EXCEPTIONS**

Village of Western Springs
 Neighborhoods



- Residents using a lawn service should make the necessary arrangements to have the work done the week before the scheduled pickup. Please advise 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 59th 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 pick up of bagged leaves/yardwaste for Tuesday service is Tuesday, November 29, and for Friday service it is Friday, December 2.
- The schedule may be affected by emergency responses by the Public Works.** Call the Leaf Hotline at 246-1800, Ext. 305, for updates on the schedule.
- In the case of a snow event, every effort will be made to finish leaf collection once snow clearing operations have been completed.

As an alternative to raking and hauling leaves, residents should consider composting leaves or using them as mulch to cover a garden for the winter. Please note that leaves may be slippery when wet and to drive safely around large leaf piles. Also, hot automobile mufflers parked on top of leaf piles can start fires.

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Kids' Passports and Prizes: Pick up passports at a participating location, then visit businesses and organizations on December 3rd from 2-4:30 pm for stamps. Each completed passport (5 stamps), earns one entry for a prize drawing. The more stops you make during the Walk, the better your chances of winning! Return

completed passports by 5:00 pm on December 3rd to the collections box located in the Western Springs Baptist Church tent, Tower Green.

Prize Drawing at 5:00 on the Tower Green Steps!!

A few highlights from our businesses are listed on the reverse side. For an updated listing of activities, visit the WSBA website at www.westernspringsbusiness.com or follow us on Facebook or Twitter.



**Friday
DEC 2**

6:00-8:00 pm

**Saturday
DEC 3**

2:00-5:00 pm

Annual Festival of Trees offers lots of family fun

Friday, DECEMBER 2 6:00-8:00 pm

- Visit Santa and Mrs. Claus at *BB's Baby Donuts*.
- Decorate and view Community Christmas Trees (don't forget to reserve your organization's tree at westernspringsbusiness.com by November 18th).
- Warm yourself at the *Boy Scout Troop 12* fire pit.
- Catch the holiday spirit from strolling carolers.
- Enjoy hot chocolate & cookies.

Saturday, DECEMBER 3 2:00-5:00 pm

- Ride in a horse-drawn wagon around the Tower Green, sponsored by the *Community Bank of Western Springs*.
- Participate in 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.
- Roast chestnuts at *Berkshire Hathaway Home Services American Homes*.
- Don't forget to visit Santa and Mrs. Claus at *Heartland Bank!*

FESTIVAL CONCLUSION:

**SANTA ARRIVES
VIA FIRE ENGINE!**

**Village Green, 5 pm;
lighting of the official
Village Christmas Tree**



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