

Vehicle Stickers/Pet Licenses

Notice of New Date for Renewal!

The annual renewal date for vehicle stickers and pet licenses has been changed from April 1 to May 1. The 2015/2016 stickers and licenses are valid until May 1, 2016.



All residents of the Village who own or lease a licensed motor vehicle registered with the State of Illinois, even if the vehicle is not operated, housed or stored within the Village, are required to pay an annual vehicle license tax. The Secretary of State's office is the source used by the Village for vehicle information. The 2016/2017 sticker must be affixed by Monday, May 2, 2016, to avoid any penalty fee. Also, dog and cat licenses must be purchased and displayed on collars by Monday, May 2, 2016.

Online Service Available

For your convenience, stickers and licenses can be renewed and purchased at www.wsprings.com. Residents can access their vehicle information online and use a credit card to pay for the annual licensing fee for current vehicles on file as well as add or delete their vehicle. The service is also available for renewing pet licenses. If you use the online service, the vehicle stickers and pet tags will be mailed to you. Also for your convenience, the Village Hall will be open on Saturday, April 23, and Saturday, April 30, from 8:30 a.m. to noon, for purchasing stickers and licenses. Any questions related to vehicle stickers or pet licenses should be directed to the Village Hall at 708-246-1800, ext. 100.

Vehicle Stickers/Pet License Fee Structure

Automobiles	\$35.00
Motorcycles/Mopeds	\$35.00
Recreational Vehicles	\$40.00
Dog or Cat License	\$10.00
(Seniors 65+ receive a \$5 discount)	

NEAT Cleanup Day 2016

NEAT Cleanup Day 2016 will be held on Saturday, April 9 with a rain date of Sunday, April 10. 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 at the Recreation Center, 1500 Walker, between 8 a.m.–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, or call the Recreation Center at 708-246-9070.



Municipal Roundup

Approved

- Minor modifications to the Conditional Use Permit, Development Petition and Development Plans (all approved by Ordinance No. 15-2787) for the Foxford Station project.
- A renewal contract with Safestep of Hortonville, WI for 2016 sidewalk saw-cutting, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.
- A renewal contract with Sinnott Tree Service of LaGrange, IL for 2016 tree and stump removal, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.
- A renewal contract with Schroeder & Schroeder, Inc. of Skokie, IL for 2016 sidewalk replacement, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.
- A renewal contract with Best Quality Cleaning Service of Franklin Park, IL with the 2014 pricing schedule to remain in effect for the 2016 janitorial cleaning work.
- A renewal contract with Brickman Landscaping of Elk Grove Village, IL, in an amount not to exceed \$76,383.
- A Proclamation recognizing April 29, 2016 as Arbor Day in the Village.

Awarded

- A contract to Currie Motors Fleet of Frankfort, IL for the purchase of a 2016 Ford utility police interceptor vehicle, in the amount of \$27,436.
- A contract to Bob Ridings Fleet Sales of Taylorville, IL for the purchase of a 2016 Ford pickup at a purchase price of \$35,649 and a 2016 Ford crew cab at a purchase price of \$35,649, for use by the Department of Municipal Services.
- A contract to Winkler's Tree Service of LaGrange Park, IL for 2016 tree trimming, in an amount not to exceed \$55,000.
- A contract to Hoving Clean Sweep of West Chicago, IL for 2016 street sweeping, in an amount not to exceed \$65,000.
- A contract to Chicago Trenchless Rehabilitation of Nilcs, IL for 2016 sewer televising, in an amount not to exceed \$120,000.
- A contract to Advantage Chevrolet of Hodgkins, IL for the purchase of a Chevrolet Tahoe at a purchase price of \$46,543, for use by the Department of Fire and EMS.

Recreation Department

The 2016 summer brochure will be mailed to residents during the week of March 16. Copies will also be made available at the Recreation Center, Grand Avenue Center, Village Hall, or at www.wsprings.com/recreation. The summer mail-in registration deadline is Thursday, April 7, and online registration begins Friday, April 8. For questions about programs, policies, procedures, fees/waivers or locations, please call 708-246-9070 or visit www.wsprings.com/recreation.

Summer Employment—The department is accepting applications for summer positions with tennis, camp and sports staff. Do you have a son or daughter who enjoys the outdoors and working with children? If so, apply at the Recreation Center or applications are available at www.wsprings.com/recreation.

Tennis—Western Springs Recreational Tennis is a popular program designed to build skills in pre-school through adult-aged tennis players. Classes for all levels of skill and ability can be found in the summer brochure. Coach Dave Evans will be at the Recreation Office on March 30 and April 6 from 7:15–8:30 p.m. to answer tennis questions on placement, competitive levels, and skill sets.

Lacrosse—Spring House League for boys and girls grades K–8 starts the week of April 4. Beginners and those with limited experience are welcome. Practices and games will be played weekly. An introduction to lacrosse for boys grades K–2 for beginners only will take place on Sundays and will cover lacrosse basics. For more info, visit www.wsprings.com/lacrosse.

Spring Break Programs

Chess Camp—This camp is designed for grades K–8 and will take place March 21–23 from 9 a.m.–noon in the Western Springs Recreation Center.

Super Hero Spring Break Camp—This camp is designed for participants 5–10 years old and will take place March 21–25 from 9 a.m.–noon in the Western Springs Recreation Center.

Notify Me

Stay connected with the Recreation Department with the Notify Me application at www.wsprings.com. This application allows users to receive news and announcements from the Recreation Department.

2016 HOUSEHOLD SPRING CLEANUP DAY

Mark your calendars for the 2016 Household Spring Cleanup Day scheduled for Saturday, May 21. Visit www.wsprings.com for a list of acceptable pickup items.



Senior Services

Seniors Club

March 14, 1 p.m., Recreation Center—Bill Helmuth, a globe trotting former executive of Time Life Books, will share some of his travel adventures. Helmuth logged more than five million air miles while living on four continents and journeying to 111 countries over the course of his career.

April 11, 1 p.m., Recreation Center—Ainsworth Rose makes a return appearance to Western Springs to entertain with his One-Man Jamaican Band.

April 26—Join the group for lunch at Lindy's Landing in Wauconda, IL followed by a tour of Volo Auto Museum in Volo, IL. The tour includes a trackless train ride of the premises to view the many antique cars, cars featured in films, and more. There will also be an opportunity to shop as well purchase an antique car, if interested.

Senior Center

Bridge lessons: Bridge lessons will resume for March/April on Wednesdays from 10–11:30 a.m. These lessons will cover different skill levels.

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.

Mahjongg lessons: Mahjongg lessons will resume on April 22 and run through September. These lessons will take place Fridays from 10 a.m.–noon.

Ongoing Art Show: The Senior Center proudly displays the work of several gifted artists on a regular basis. Those interested in displaying three or more larger paintings/artwork for three months at a time may contact Karen Magin at karenmagin@gmail.com or 708-246-5109.

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.

Monthly special events and activities covering a wide variety of topics and interests are offered. For a complete schedule, visit www.wsprings.com/recreation 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 1–5 p.m. on Tuesday. Questions regarding the Senior Center may be directed to Mic at 708-246-3299 or mcagney@wsprings.com.

Coexisting with Coyotes

Coyote sightings have become more prevalent within the Village and surrounding communities. Although you may be shocked to see a coyote running through the Village, it is not unusual. The Cook County Department of Animal and Rabies Control advises us that the public can coexist safely with urban coyotes and recommends the following measures to avoid conflicts:

- Do not feed coyotes. Keep garbage can lids closed so as not to attract rodents, which are the coyote's main source of food.
- Do not let your pets run loose. Stay outside with your pets because your presence is the major deterrent to coyotes.
- Do not run from a coyote. Wave your hands, stomp your feet, shout at them, or throw things at them.

- Fencing and lighting your yards can act as repellents.
- Coyote sightings alone need not be reported; however, please report aggressive, fearless coyotes to the Police Department at 708-246-8540.

For more information on coyotes, please visit the county's web site at www.urbancoyotereseach.com.



Park District Happenings

Check out one of the new programs below at the Western Springs Park District! These programs will take place at several local parks and are open for registration. To register, contact Barb Kartzmark at bkartzmark@wsparks.com or call 708-246-4225, ext. 1. Registration forms can also be found at 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, campfire, 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 Softball Leagues

- \$550 per team
- 14” Mush Ball: Sunday evenings from May 15–July 31 at Spring Rock Park. Games begin at 4, 5, and 6 p.m.
- Men’s and Women’s 16” Softball: Tuesday evenings from May 17–August 2 at Spring Rock Park. Games begin at 6:15 and 7:15 p.m.



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.

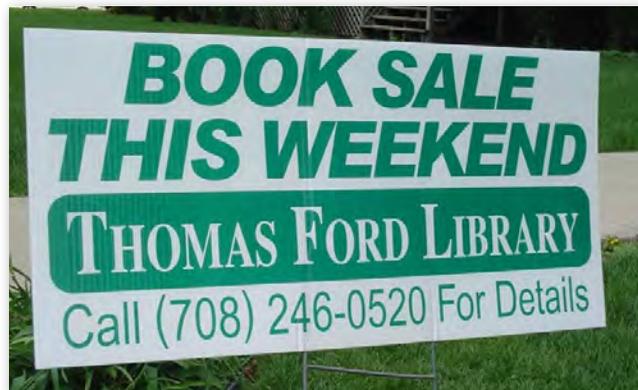


Spring Over to the Thomas Ford Library Book and Bake Sale!

Thomas Ford
Memorial Library



Visit the Thomas Ford Library, 800 Chestnut Street, for the Library’s twice-a-year Book and Bake Sale! Delicious baked goods will be available for sale along with great bargains on adult, teen, and children’s books, DVDs, and CDs. All proceeds support the materials and services of the Thomas Ford Library.



- Friday, April 22 from 6–8 p.m.—Friends of the Library are invited to a special members-only presale. (Friends memberships start at just \$15; sign up at the Library, online, or at the door.)
- Saturday, April 23 from 8 a.m.–1 p.m.—Sale is open to the public.
- Sunday, April 24, from 11 a.m.–1 p.m.—Sale concludes with a half-price by-the-bag sale.

And don’t forget these other exciting springtime events!

- March 18—A free concert featuring Trillium’s jazz, Irish, and other musical gems.
- March 31—A fascinating talk on women’s history.
- April 28—A class about learning the night sky.
- April 26—Students can meet at the Library for a class about paper quilling.
- April 27—Interested teens and tweens can meet at the Library for a class about special study skills.

For questions or to learn more about programs and events, contact the Library at 708-246-0520, online at www.fordlibrary.org, or visit the Thomas Ford Library Facebook page!



Spring has Sprung! Prepare Now for the Wildest Weather

Tornadoes, floods, thunderstorm winds, hail, lightning and heat—the arrival of spring signals the arrival of the three most dangerous months of weather. Spring is a time of transition. Late season snowstorms can impact the community and thunderstorms can strike at any time: Don't let this dangerous season catch you unaware. Get ready for spring with just a few simple steps:

Know the Risks

Tornadoes, floods, thunderstorm winds, hail, lightning, and heat can create serious problems for the unprepared. Here's what you need to know about these dangerous hazards:

- Since 2003, 43 states within the continental United States have come under a tornado watch, 49 states have come under severe thunderstorm watches, and lightning strikes occur in every state.
- More than half of the total freshwater flood-related deaths each year result from motorists driving into floodwaters. It only takes 12 inches of water to carry off a small vehicle.
- Heat is one of the leading weather-related killers in the United States, resulting in hundreds of deaths each year. The heat wave of 1995 claimed more than 700 lives in the Chicago area alone.
- In 2014, there were 26 lightning fatalities.

Arbor Day

The Western Springs Garden Club has been observing Arbor Day for over 37 years. This year Arbor Day will be celebrated on April 29. The Western Springs Garden Club distributes tree seedlings to kindergarten students from District 106 (Highlands), St. John of the Cross School, and all three elementary schools of District 101. Garden Club members bag the seedlings that have been purchased from a tree farm, deliver them to the schools, and give a short presentation to the kindergarteners about the importance of trees in our lives as well as the history of Arbor Day. The goal of this civic project is to nurture future gardeners as well as beautify the Village.

A few Arbor Day trees planted from years past have been identified and are pictured above. The WSGC would be delighted to hear from former kindergarteners or their parents who can help locate more of these seedlings that have become mature trees. Pictures and stories are welcome. For more information or to share stories about Arbor Day seedlings, contact Mary Ann Kadow at maryannkadow@gmail.com.



Take Action

Even when the weather is wild, you are not powerless. Prepare for spring hazards with these simple steps:

- You may have only minutes to find shelter before a tornado strikes. Practice a family tornado drill at least once a year.
- Whether driving or walking, any time you come to a flooded road, turn around—don't drown!
- Check to see if officials in charge of sports have a written lightning safety plan.
- During a heat wave, reschedule strenuous outdoor activities for the coolest time of the day.
- Check the batteries in your smoke and carbon dioxide detectors, and make sure your home is fire-wise and fire-safe.

Be a Force of Nature

- Visit www.ready.com for more information on creating emergency safety plans.
- Look for ways to help your town prepare, such as volunteering with the West Suburban MRC.

Be informed and sign up with the Notify Me application at www.wsprings.com to receive community alerts and announcements. Contact Tim Conley (Planning Officer for Western Springs Emergency Management) at 708-246-1800, ext. 178 with any questions.

Yard Waste Pickup Resumes

Yard waste pickup resumes on your collection day during the first week of April. Yard waste must be placed in a biodegradable paper bag. Branches or brush must be securely tied and bundled. Bundles may not exceed 4 feet in length, 2 feet in diameter, or 60 pounds in weight. Each bag and bundle must be placed at the curb with a sticker attached for collection.



Street Cleaning Begins April 5

Street cleaning begins on Tuesday, April 5, and will continue monthly until December on the first Monday of each month. The Village asks that residents please refrain from parking on the street on the first Monday of each month to allow for the street cleaning crews to fully clean the streets. If the first Monday of the month is a holiday, then the sweeping will take place on Tuesday. It takes approximately two days to complete the sweeping for the entire Village.

Western Springs Historical Society

May Fest 2016

Residents are invited to celebrate the return of spring at the Historical Society's second biennial May Fest on Sunday, May 1 from 2–5 p.m. at the Tower Green. As with our inaugural event, this old-fashioned Village fair will feature carnival games, crafts, food, and entertainment. Winners of the Society's biennial Preservation Awards and the May Fest children's contests will also be announced that afternoon. The Society would like to thank our event sponsor, Realty Executives Premiere, and our activity sponsors who have signed on as of press time (First Congregational Church Preschool, Bright Horizons, and J2 Santi Builders). Their support helps make this event possible and the Society is grateful for their generosity. Additional sponsorship opportunities are available. Please contact the Historical Society at 708-246-9230 for more information. You can also find a link to the entry form for the children's contests at www.westernspringshistory.org beginning in early April.



Adult Education Spring Lecture

The third and final lecture in this year's Adult Ed series will be held on Thursday, May 19, at 7 p.m. in the First Congregational Church's Siem Room in the Christian Education Building. The subject for this spring's talk is Vaughan's Seed Company and the History of Horticulture in the Chicagoland area. Come learn about the role that this international company, which once called Western Springs home, played in setting garden fashion at the turn of the last century!

Third Grade History Tours

Once again, the Western Springs Historical Society will host local school children at the Historic Water Tower Museum in late May. These tours, which mark the culmination of a unit on Western Springs' history, are offered to all third grade students in the Village. Interested in getting involved? The Historical Society is always looking for volunteers to act as docents. Call 708-246-9230 for more information. New docents are paired with experienced tour guides and training is provided.

The Village Welcomes The SET to the Western Springs Business Community

In January, the Village of Western Springs officially welcomed The SET to the business community. "SET," or Strength, Endurance, & Training, is a boutique fitness studio located at 1150 Hillgrove Avenue. This studio strives to inspire personal growth of clients by enabling them to achieve their fitness goals. Owner Jason Bishop is excited to become part of the business community along with his team of trainers.

Jason's philosophy of fitness is described as follows: "For me it is about helping people move stronger, faster, and more efficiently. Speed, agility, and balance training do not just pertain to youth athletes. The same principles apply to adults of all fitness levels as well." Jason's training style is a new concept known as movement-based training. It combines purposeful dynamic movement patterns with load, to create a more agile, functionally strong body. It is basically the opposite of traditional gym mentality and bodybuilding.

Village President Bill Rodeghier and the Board of Trustees are excited to welcome Jason and The SET to the business community. Be sure to visit and meet Jason and check out the studio, or visit www.set.fitness for more information.



Pictured from left to right: Trustee Alice Gallagher, owner Jason Bishop, and Mark Ptacek, Senior Vice President at Heartland Bank and WSBA President.

Pedestrian Safety

As the temperature rises, pedestrians must be aware of potential traffic hazards on or near the roadways. The Police Department would like to provide a few tips to ensure the safety of you and your family:

- Stay on the sidewalk and crosswalks. If you have to walk on a road that does not have sidewalks, walk facing traffic.
- Pedestrians are more likely to be struck by vehicles when they cross the roadway at places other than intersections. Always cross in marked crosswalks and obey the signal(s).
- Stop at the curb and look left, right, and left again for traffic. Stopping at the curb alerts drivers that you intend to cross.



Get the Facts on Kindergarten Readiness

First Congregational Church Preschool will host a free public event for parents of incoming kindergarteners and all interested individuals on Tuesday, April 12, from 9:15–11 a.m. This event will take place at the First Congregational Church of Western Springs (106 Chestnut) in Plymouth Hall (2nd Floor). District 101 Assistant Superintendent and Director of Curriculum Sarah Coffey, as well as kindergarten teachers from all three Western Springs elementary schools, will be on hand to discuss all aspects of kindergarten readiness at this Kindergarten Q&A event. Discussions will include kindergarten screening, reading readiness, and will take parents through a “day-in-the-life” of a kindergartener in our district.



Palm Sunday

The Christian Churches of Western Springs invite you to begin Holy Week together on Palm Sunday with a Blessing of the Palms. This blessing will take place on Sunday, March 20, from 8:15–8:30 a.m. at the Tower Green of Western Springs. The designated rain location will be the Grand Avenue Community Center, 4211 Grand Avenue. All are welcome!

Christian Churches of Western Springs: Western Springs Baptist, St. John of the Cross, All Saints Episcopal, First Congregational Grace Lutheran, First United Methodist, St. James Lutheran, Presbyterian Church, Christian Reformed Church of Western Springs



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WESTERN SPRINGS TOWER TROT 2016

10K AT 8:30AM
5K AT 9:30AM
Fun Run at 8:45am

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Recreation Office
1500 Walker,
Western Springs
or call 708-246-9070

REGISTER ONLINE AT:
www.signmeup.com/111569

REGISTRATION FORM & INFORMATION:
www.wsprings.com/recreation

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Bear Necessities
www.bearnecessities.org

Considering a Home Improvement Project?

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

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

For more information, contact the Department of Community Development at 708-246-1800, ext. 180, or by email at tmcgann@wsprings.com.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- First Congregational Church Rummage Sale, Tuesday & Wednesday, April 19–20
- Historical Society May Fest, Sunday, May 1
- French Market Opens, Thursday, May 5
- Garden Club Plant Sale, May 7, 8 a.m.–noon.
- Household Cleanup Day, Saturday, May 21
- 39th Annual Tower Trot, Saturday, May 28
- Memorial Day Parade, Monday, May 30
- Gathering on the Green, Friday, June 10

Spring Ahead—Change Your Batteries

Remember when “springing ahead” for daylight savings time on March 13 to change your smoke and carbon monoxide detector batteries. All smoke detectors should be replaced every 8–10 years of operation. Carbon monoxide detectors should be replaced every 5 years. Manufacturers have recently developed long-life lithium battery detectors. While not extending the life of the detector, they eliminate the need to ever change the batteries. All detectors should be tested every month.



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Village Store

The Village of Western Springs is pleased to announce several new additions to its Village Store. This is your opportunity to showcase your community pride as a resident of the Village of Western Springs! Pictured below are just a few of the items that the Village Store has to offer, including a ceramic travel mug (\$10), a collapsible umbrella (\$7.50), and a stadium blanket (\$20). All items are illustrated with the seal of the Village of Western Springs. These items make great end-of-year gifts for teachers as well! All items are for sale at the Village Hall, 740 Hillgrove Avenue. If you have any questions, please call 708-246-1800.



Stadium Blanket - \$20



Collapsible Umbrella - \$7.50



Ceramic Travel Mug - \$10

