

# tower Topics

VILLAGE *of* WESTERN SPRINGS

## Outdoor Water Use Restrictions

While under rehabilitation, the water plant has limited output capabilities and the use of outdoor water must be restricted in order to maintain an adequate supply of potable drinking water and adequate reserves for fire protection. Outdoor water restrictions for 2012 will be in effect beginning May 1 and ending September 30 and are as follows:

- No water from the public water supply system can be used outdoors between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. on any day of the week for sprinkling and irrigation of lawns and gardens, car washing or other non-potable uses.
- Residents are permitted to use outdoor water, based on an even/odd system, **before 10 a.m. and after 5 p.m.** The last digit of an address determines the day. If an address ends in an even number, you can water on even calendar days; if the address ends in an odd number, you can water on odd calendar days. Zero is considered an even number.
- A watering container or hose may be used at any time to water gardens, trees or shrubs if the watering device is used by hand and is not unattended.

The restrictions will be enforced with the issuance of tickets for violations. To report violations, please contact the police nonemergency number at 708-246-8540. Any questions regarding the water restrictions may be directed to the Department of Municipal Services, 708-246-1800, Ext. 200.

## Regulations for Electronic Pet Fencing

At the March 26 meeting of the Board of Trustees, the Board passed a new ordinance regulating electronic pet fencing. The new requirements are as follows:

- A building permit is required from the Department of Community Development along with a \$25 permit fee.
- The fencing must have a 6' setback from the sidewalk or property lot lines.
- The property must have two signs indicating the presence of the fencing.

The building permit form and informational guide for electronic pet fencing are available on the Department of Community Development page at [www.wsprings.com](http://www.wsprings.com).

Existing electronic fences are grandfathered in but any fencing that is changed or installed after March 26, 2012 will need to follow the new rules. The Board encourages all residents with electronic pet fencing to be neighborly and post signs to alert someone passing by that a system is installed. Residents are reminded that pets must be on a leash, if off the owner's property, and barking or howling dogs must be quieted or taken inside.

Questions regarding the new regulations, may be directed to the Department of Community Development, 708-246-1800, Ext. 180.

## Municipal Roundup

The President and Board of Trustees conducted the following business during the months of March and April:

### Amended

- The Municipal Code to regulate the public's ability to engage in certain conduct in and around Village-owned buildings and property.

### Appointments

- Peter Shapiro was reappointed to the Recreation Commission.

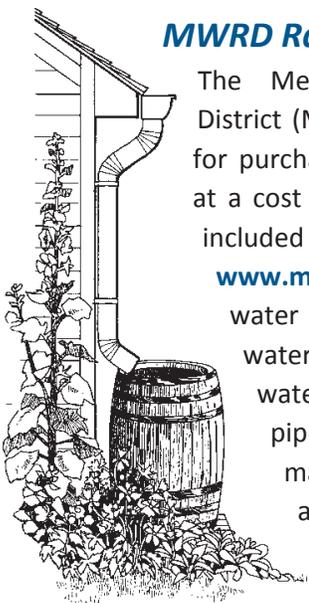
### Approved

- An ordinance regulating electronic pet containment systems. (see related article on page one)
- Special events liquor licenses to the American Diabetes Association for an event on April 27 and the Congregation of St. Joseph of LaGrange Park event on June 6. Both events will be held at the Theatre of Western Springs. The Congregation of St. Joseph also received a raffle license for their event.
- A raffle license to the Theatre of Western Springs for their Annual Taste of the Arts Event on July 21.
- The purchase of a transformer to service the new water plant from Cooper Power Systems at a cost not to exceed \$50,000 and a change order to the construction contract with Joseph J. Henderson, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$42,000 for installation of the transformer.

- The purchase of a 2012 International 4x6 dump truck from Prairie Archway, Springfield, IL, in the amount of \$117,844.
- Temporary water usage restrictions during the rehabilitation of the water plant. (see related article on page one)
- A contract with G&M Cement for the Woodland Avenue reconstruction project in the amount of \$1,464,826. The project is funded with bonds authorized from the 2008 referendum.
- A contract with American Exterior Solutions for the Grand Avenue Community Center window replacement project in an amount not to exceed \$54,061.
- The refinancing of three of the Village's bonds, Series 2003B, 2003F and 2005, to take advantage of lower interest rates.
- Temporary use permits to ACES (Adolescent Counseling Education and Support) for a bike rally on June 12 and to St. John of the Cross Parish for a 5k Run on June 1. Both events will be held in the Springdale subdivision.

### Proclamations

- March 12, 2012 as the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Girl Scouts of the USA.
- April 27, 2012 as Arbor Day in the Village.



### MWRD Rain Barrel Program

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) has rain barrels available for purchase to residents of Cook County at a cost of \$58 each with home delivery included and can be ordered online at [www.mwrd.org](http://www.mwrd.org). Rain barrels collect rain water so the water can be reused for watering or other landscaping. Rain water is better for plants than water piped through our village's water main. It is chemical free and mildly acidic, which helps plants take up important minerals from the soil.

Rain barrels also reduce water pollution by reducing stormwater runoff, which can contain pollutants like sediment, oil, grease, bacteria and nutrients.

### Water Meter Readers Need Your Help

Did you know the Village reads the water meter in your home through a sensor on the outside of your home? Every other month a meter reader must access the sensor to record water usage, which is very easy to do, except when bushes are blocking the sensor. The meter readers have a difficult time navigating through bushes that block the sensor and the Village is asking for your cooperation by trimming those bushes away from the device. The picture shows what the sensor looks like. Please take the time to locate it and make it accessible so we have scratch-free meter readers.



## Recreation Department

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The Recreation Department welcomes you to the summer of 2012. Registration is open for a number of fun and challenging programs for people of all ages. If you need a summer brochure, contact the department at 708-246-9070 or view it at [www.wsprings.com](http://www.wsprings.com). Key dates include:

- Spring tennis begins on May 14.
- Summer camps, sports and tennis kick off June 11. Call for program availability.
- 35th annual Tower Trot will be held on Saturday, May 26, with the start and finish at Forest Hills School. Sign up online at [www.signmeup.com](http://www.signmeup.com). The 10K run begins at 8:30 a.m. and the 5K run at 9:30 a.m.

For assistance, please contact the Recreation Department at 708-246-9070.

### League Meetings

Men's 3-On-3 basketball/May 22, 7:30 p.m.  
Women's softball/May 16, 6:30 pm  
Junior High 3-on-3 basketball/June 4, 6:30 pm

Team packets are available at the Recreation Center or [www.wsprings.com](http://www.wsprings.com)

### Registration Deadlines

Girls "pony tail" softball/May 17  
4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade basketball/May 22

## Emerald Ash Borer in Western Springs

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The Village has been monitoring for the presence of the emerald ash borer for the past several years. The bug's presence in the Village was first detected in August 2011. During the past winter, the Village inventoried all parkway ash trees to determine the number and condition of the ash trees in the parkway. The information was used to determine which trees would require a priority removal and which trees would be eligible for chemical treatment. The most critical ash trees will be removed this spring; however, the Village will not clear cut any neighborhood. The Village will begin the chemical treatment in June. To avoid any undesirable side effects to the surrounding environment, the treatment will be a direct injection into a tree trunk instead of spraying or soil-drenching a tree.

Residents concerned about the health of a private tree should contact a certified arborist for consultation. The Village will not provide monetary assistance to residents for the treatment or removal of a private tree.

A complete brochure of information about the emerald ash borer was recently mailed to all residents. The brochure outlines the Village's EAB plan of action, provides information about products for chemical treatment and offers online resources. If you did not receive a brochure, you may view it at [www.wsprings.com](http://www.wsprings.com) or copies are available at the Village Hall. Questions may be directed to the Department of Municipal Services, 708-246-1800, Ext. 200.

## Tree City USA

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For the 28th 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 of Western Springs is committed to the aesthetic beauty and environmental aid trees bring to the Village. 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.

## Arbor Day Celebration

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In honor of Arbor Day 2012, the Village proclaimed April 27, 2012 as Arbor Day in the Village of Western Springs. All citizens are encouraged to support efforts to care for our trees and woodlands and to support our Village's community forestry program.

In recognition of Arbor Day, a tree planting ceremony was held at the Field Park elementary school. The event included a color guard presentation by the local VFW and the presentation of winning essays by students. The event was hosted by the office of Retired Congressman William Lipinski and the Village.



## Important Vaccinations Every Adult Should Know About—Part Two

By Laura Ozark, MD, Co-medical Director for MRC

In the last issue of **Tower Topics**, two important vaccinations for adults were introduced: the shingles vaccine and the pneumococcal vaccine. In this issue, two additional vaccines will be discussed. Vaccine-preventable diseases cause both a personal and a community burden. Every year, approximately 45,000 adults die from vaccine-preventable diseases, and many more suffer from diseases that were entirely preventable through vaccination. While the vaccines introduced in this and the prior issue are not exhaustive of all of the recommended adult vaccinations, these are four important vaccine-preventable diseases about which all adults should know.

**Pertussis Vaccine**—*Bordatella pertussis* is a bacteria that is highly contagious and is the cause of whooping cough, or pertussis. Many of us think of this as a childhood illness with the typical “whoop” on inspiration after a fit of coughing. In children, especially infants, this disease can be deadly. In adults, pertussis can cause a respiratory illness that can be initially indistinguishable from a typical “cold.” However, if left untreated, this progresses to a significant coughing illness that can last for several weeks—worse at night, sometimes with vomiting after coughing, and ending with a lingering cough lasting several months. The initial stages of this illness are highly contagious to others, and indeed, we have seen an outbreak of pertussis in our area. Unvaccinated adults are the major vector of transmission. Although immunization against pertussis is part of the typical childhood vaccines given, it has been found that immunity decreases over time. Babies who have not reached the age of vaccination are very susceptible as are children whose parents have chosen not to get them vaccinated.

It is recommended that ALL adults up to age 64 receive a dose of pertussis vaccine and that those adults older than 64 receive the vaccine if they are going to have close contact with children younger than 12 months. The pertussis vaccination comes in combination with tetanus vaccine. Even, if you are not due to have a tetanus vaccine, it is still safe for you to get the combined pertussis and tetanus vaccine (called Tdap).

**Flu Vaccine**—By far, influenza is the most deadly of the vaccine-preventable diseases. The average annual death rate due to influenza is 35,000 people, with those aged 65 years and older at increased risk. Influenza traditionally peaks in February; however, it can be seen in later months. The vaccine is recommended for all persons aged 6 months or older. For children 6 months to 7 years, 2 doses at least 4 weeks apart are given. For those over 8 years, a single annual dose of the vaccine is given.

Anyone interested in joining or wanting to learn more about the Western Springs Medical Reserve Corps, may contact Tim Conley, MRC Coordinator, at [tconley@wspings.com](mailto:tconley@wspings.com) or 708-246-1182.

### French Market Now Open! Oo-La-La!

Beginning May 3 and running through October 25, the French Market will operate on Thursdays from 2-7 p.m. Until the roadway construction on Hillgrove Avenue is completed, the open market will be on the Tower Green and will return to the street, upon completion of the roadway project. Residents and visitors will have the opportunity to browse, shop, meet and greet as the official French Market season opens for the 5th year.

Vendors are always welcome to sign up for as many or as few days as you wish, as space is available. If interested in becoming a vendor, please contact Leslie Cahill at 312-575-0286 or [ccbcec@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ccbcec@sbcglobal.net).



The Western Springs Historical Society invites nominations for its annual preservation awards to be given this October.

Nomination forms are available at [www.westernspringshistory.org](http://www.westernspringshistory.org) or the Recreation Center, Water Tower museum, or the library. The deadline for submitting a nomination is May 31, 2012. For more information, the society welcome's your call at 708-246-9230 or visit the society's web site.

## Senior Services



**Senior Center**—The Senior Center at Grand Avenue Community Center located at 4211 Grand Avenue offers a variety of programs. Don't miss "A Movie Afternoon" along with popcorn and beverages on the 4th Thursday of the month from 1-3 p.m. Activities for May and June will include a program on gardening, a visit to a local Zen garden, an antique road show and an ice cream social with entertainment. All activities are free! A lunch for all volunteers will be scheduled in May. Drop in at the Center and get involved! Visit [www.wsprings.com](http://www.wsprings.com) for updates to the schedule of activities or contact the Senior Center at 708-246-3299.

**WELLNESS EVENT—Monday, May 14—10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.—Senior Center**

### Seniors Club

**Monday, May 14, 1 p.m., Recreation Center**

Beth Holly and Don Lemon, flea market buyers and sellers, will present "**Great Finds.**"

**Tuesday, May 22, 10 a.m.**

Day trip to The Dancing Horses Theatre in Delavan, WI, with lunch at Millie's. For reservations, call 708-784-8966.

**Monday, June 4, 12 p.m., Recreation Center**

**Annual Picnic and White Elephant Bingo** at the Recreation Center. Come and enjoy an indoor picnic and do not forget to bring a white elephant for the bingo game.

**Wednesday, June 20**

Day trip to Navy Pier for an Odyssey luncheon cruise. For reservations, call 708-784-8966.

## Home Safety Visits/Smoke Detector Checks

Are you 65 or older? If so, you will be glad to know that the Western Springs Fire Department participates with over 50 other Illinois communities in the program, "Remembering When," a comprehensive fire and fall injury prevention curriculum developed for adults age 65 and over. The program is designed to educate older adults in fall and burn prevention in an effort to help them live safely and accident free at home for as long as possible.

Home safety visits are an important part of the "Remembering When" program. Fire Department personnel are always willing to visit senior citizens' homes to discuss fire safety issues and look for possible unsafe conditions. Fire Department personnel will also assist our senior residents in the installation and testing of smoke detectors. These home safety visits need to be prearranged so they can be coordinated along with other fire department programs.

If you are interested in scheduling a home safety visit or smoke detector check, please contact Jim Reynolds, Director of Public Education, at 708-246-1182.

## CPR/First Aid Classes

The Fire Department offers CPR classes as well as first aid classes for pediatrics and adults. Every year people die of sudden cardiac arrest without ever receiving any form of CPR. By learning CPR skills or reviewing your existing skills, you might be able to make a difference in a loved one's life. The training consists of classroom lecture, demonstration videos and hands-on practice. Additionally, current citizen CPR training includes the use of AEDs. All training is done by Fire Department personnel certified by the American Heart Association. Please contact Officer Chuck Lichtenauer, 708-246-1182, for more information and class schedules.

### **SUMMER HOURS FOR VILLAGE BUSINESS**

The business hours for Village Hall and Community Development will change for the summer beginning Monday, May 21, and ending Tuesday, September 4.

The hours will be as follows:

*Monday–Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.*

*Friday 7:30 a.m. to noon*



## Citizen Observer Program

All residents are encouraged to participate in the Police Department’s Citizen Observer Program. The goal of the program is to provide our citizens an opportunity to ride with a patrol officer while observing police functions in an effort to better understand the role of law enforcement. If you would like more information regarding the program, please contact Deputy Chief Brian Budds, 708-246-1800 Ext 167.



### LAW ENFORCEMENT 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.

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 10, 2012, at 9 a.m., from the Tower Green. Please come by and support the officers. For more information, please contact Officer Terry Madler, 708-246-8540.



The Police Department would like to remind the community that May is National Bike Month and urges all motorists and bicyclists to share the road safely and follow these tips:

- Whether you ride or drive, please share the road.
- Motorists should yield to bicycles like any other vehicle. Never cut off bicyclists.
- Obey all traffic laws, stop signs, and traffic lights.
- Bike lights are required at night and common sense requires cyclists to wear helmets.

### Child Car Seat Disposal

When disposing of a child’s car seat, please dismantle the seat by removing the fabric and straps before placing it in your garbage. Car seats have an expiration date that is typically six years from the manufacture date; therefore, old car seats are not safe for reuse. Any questions regarding disposing of your child’s car seat may be directed to Officer A.J. Hull, 708-246-8540.



## Railroad Safety Campaign

From May 1 until May 26, the Police Department will be coordinating a rail safety campaign that will focus on the enforcement of pedestrian and vehicle violations at grade crossings along the Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad line. The goal is to increase public awareness of the dangers of vehicular and pedestrian trespassing incidents on railroad property and the hazards involved in disobeying railroad grade crossing safety devices.

The men and women of the Western Springs Police Department would like to remind everybody to proceed across the local grade crossing in a safe and lawful manner. Please obey all railroad crossing signals and set the example for other commuters and motorists. Remember—trains always win—do not violate warning signals! A violation could result in a fine of up to \$250.

**LOOK, LISTEN, LIVE!**



## News from the Western Springs Park District

This spring your Park District has been working on a series of projects to maintain and improve the beautiful parks in our Village. The early arrival of spring this year jump started the Park District's efforts to maintain the 90+ acres of land that comprise our thirteen parks.

Maintenance of the parks is critical to the success of many programs offered by the Western Springs Recreation Department. As an independent entity, the Park District is not a part of the Recreation Department, but works closely with that department to ensure the availability of outdoor resources for programs such as summer camps, lacrosse and tennis. Questions about programs offered by the Recreation Department can be directed to 708-246-9070. Additionally, the Park District is looking forward to working with the Recreation Department to provide two free outdoor concerts at Springdale and Ridgewood Parks this summer.

The Park District also works with other organizations such as the Lyons Township Little League, Western Springs Little League, American Youth Soccer Association, Lyons Township Soccer Club, Western Springs Junior Football and other athletic user groups to provide quality athletic fields for their practices and games. This spring, in response to concerns voiced by these groups about traffic safety in and around Spring Rock Park, the Park District has facilitated better coordination of practice start and finish times to alleviate congestion and improve safety during peak usage periods.

In March, the Park District began working collaboratively with the Forest Hills PTA to design and plan the installation of new playground equipment in Forest Hills Park, near the south end of Forest Hills School. The playground will include equipment that is appropriate for children between ages 3 and 12. The Park District is appreciative of the efforts of the PTA to donate their time, talents and funds to the project and looks forward to installing new equipment this summer that will benefit the children of Forest Hills and the rest of our Western Springs community.

Other plans for park improvements this spring and summer include:

- Improvements to the weather prediction and alert systems in Spring Rock and Springdale parks
- Replacement and improvements to selected basketball court and baseball field equipment
- Improvements to the walking paths around Spring Rock Park

The Park District welcomes feedback and involvement from residents about issues regarding our parks. Contact Craig Himmelmann, your Director of Parks, at [westernspringsparks@yahoo.com](mailto:westernspringsparks@yahoo.com) with any questions or comments.



## Summer Concerts

The neighborhood associations, along with the Park District and the Village, will sponsor three summer concerts in our local parks.

June 14 Springdale Park 7 p.m. West Suburban Community Band	July 11 Grand Avenue Community Center 7 p.m. The Grand Avenue Big Band	July 18 Ridgewood Park 6:30 p.m. West Suburban Community Band
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Bring your own lawn chair, blanket and refreshments and enjoy an evening of family entertainment in your own "backyard."

Help keep your parks and our world clean. Please recycle what you can when you visit the parks. Each park provides recycling containers for your recycling convenience.

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Public Works Department .. 708-246-1800 Ext. 200  
(parkway trees, streets, sewers, water )  
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## Community Events

### French Market

2-7 p.m., Thursdays, from May 3 through Oct. 25  
On the Tower Green surrounding the historic water tower.

### Garden Club Plant Sale

8 a.m.- noon, May 5, Tower Green

### Household Spring Clean-up Day

May 5, Entire Village  
Items at the curb by 6 a.m.

### Electronics Recycling Drive

9 a.m.-11 p.m., Saturday, May 19  
LTHS South Campus

### Spring Fest

4 p.m., Saturday, May 19, Burlington Avenue between  
Wolf and Lawn in front of Mécénat

### 35th Annual Tower Trot

8:30 a.m./10K and 9:30 a.m./5K, May 26,  
Forest Hills School, 5020 Central  
Registration available at [www.signmeup.com](http://www.signmeup.com) or  
at the Recreation Center.

### Memorial Day Parade

10 a.m., Monday, May 30  
VFW Post 10778 will host the annual Memorial Day Parade and activities. The parade will commence at 10 a.m. at Springrock Park and march to the Tower Green. Following the parade, a ceremony will be held at the Tower Green. If interested in participating in the parade, please call Cmdr. Chuck Bosko, 708-205-3541.

### Pet Parade

9:30 a.m., Saturday, June 2, downtown LaGrange

### Gathering on the Green

5-10 p.m., Friday, June 22  
This popular summer event features great food and a variety of amusement rides and musical entertainment. The event is sponsored by the business association and all proceeds benefit the WSBA scholarship fund.

### Summer Concert

7 p.m., Thursday, June 14, Springdale Park

# Whiz-ba!

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



SAVE THE DATE....

18<sup>TH</sup> Annual

Gathering **ON THE Green**

Friday

June 22

5 to 10 PM  
rain or shine  
at the  
Tower Green

ACTIVITIES!  
GAMES!  
MUSIC!  
FOOD!  
FUN!

## Loving life in Western Springs

by LYNN ANNE GANTT  
Western Springs Baptist Church

I love this town. I was a child here, played here, explored here and grew here. When I lived away, I longed for its small-town feel with a flair of sophistication and culture, and the draw of the big city so nearby. When I returned, I settled easily into the contentment of knowing my neighbors, knowing the merchants and business people, being a part of the fabric of life here.

We are a contemporary people in Western Springs, with a memory of who and what we're made of. Our Historical Society reminds us of the fun capers of those who were young before us, along with the work that went into creating this haven in the midst of urban sprawl.

Our Village government keeps us safe, healthy and surrounded by numerous lush recreational areas. The business district regularly reinvents itself to provide fresh ideas and new products with a service

ethic hammered out in the foundations of our town.

Spring arrived early in our fair village this year and changed the landscapes almost overnight. Grass greened, trees budded and flowers burst forth from the barely defrosted ground, transforming Western Springs into its lovely warm-weather self. I'm reminded of the phrases "April showers bring May flowers" and "to everything there is a season."

With the onset of warm weather, we see one another in the parks and streets again. We walk uptown, stroll through the shops, and we embrace who we are again.

And I look forward to spring and summer festivals. This year, the restaurants of Western Springs have banded together to throw a party in the street on Saturday, May 19 in front of Mécénat. Then, on Friday, June 22, we'll continue the celebration of our town at the 18th annual Gathering on the Green.

I love this town. I'm an adult now, but I still play here, explore here and grow here. Won't you join me?



Fest-goers on the midway at Gathering on the Green 2011. Visit the WSBA website for more information as we get closer to June 22!

Photo courtesy of Darren McRoy, Western Springs Patch



**WSBA**  
BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

# Gathering on the Green in its 18th year; new fest scheduled

Western Springs residents have been Gathering on the Green since the 1990's to enjoy music, food and fun with neighbors, family and friends. 2012 marks the 18th year for the event, which is scheduled to take place Friday, June 22, from 5 to 10 p.m. at the Tower Green.

But if our non-winter and warm spring have put you in a street-party frame of mind a little earlier this year, you're in luck — local restaurants have

pulled together to present the first ever Spring Fest. Come celebrate on Saturday, May 19, in front of Mécénat Bistro, 821 Burlington Avenue in downtown Western Springs. From 3 to 10 p.m., delicious food and drink will be offered, and the band Evolution will provide live music. Cover charge is just \$5.

Look for details on the web at [www.westernspringsbusiness.com](http://www.westernspringsbusiness.com) or watch our facebook page for updates.

## Whiz-Bits

- Kirschbaum's was voted "Best Bakery" in *West Suburban Living* magazine's 16th annual "Best of the West" readers poll.
- *The Preservation Kitchen*, a new cookbook by Chef Paul Virant of Vie Restaurant, was released on April 3, 2012.
- Find out which local businesses offer senior discounts at: [www.SeniorDiscountsChicago.com](http://www.SeniorDiscountsChicago.com), just launched by Mike Doepke of Home Helpers HomeCare of Hinsdale.

# 2012 marks 100 years for Western Springs Baptist Church

In its founding year, 1912, the Western Springs Baptist Church was known as the Baptist Mission. Congregants met in a simple storefront located at 4475 Grand Avenue.

For more than 12 years, the church was pastored by local seminary students who worked for \$25 a month, train fare and a home-cooked Sunday dinner.

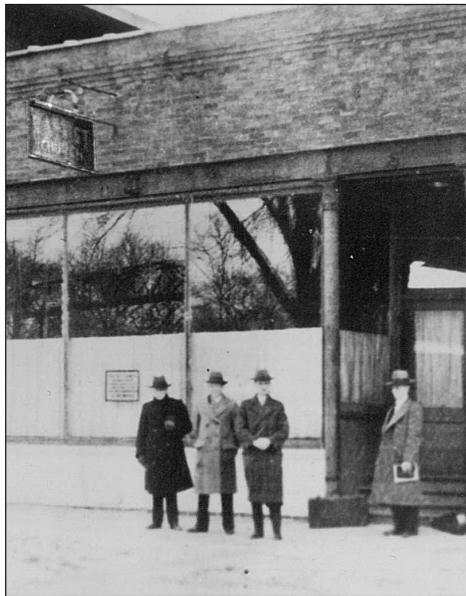
In all, 26 pastors have shepherded the church since the struggling congregation called its first full-time pastor in 1924. One of them was Billy Graham, then a young graduate of Wheaton College. During Graham's brief pastorate (1943-44), the radio program *Songs in the Night* began broadcasting live on WCFL in Chicago. The program continued until 1968, when it



The present-day Western Springs Baptist Church is located at 4475 Wolf Road. Photo courtesy of Western Springs Baptist Church

was transferred to Moody Church in Chicago. Though no longer a live broadcast, *Songs in the Night* can still be heard each Sunday evening at 10:30 p.m on WMBI (90.1 FM).

You can read much more of the church's intriguing history at [www.westernspringsbaptistchurch.org](http://www.westernspringsbaptistchurch.org). Click on Centennial for more photos, reminiscences and anniversary plans.



The Western Springs Baptist Church first operated out of this simple storefront on Grand Avenue.

Photo courtesy of Western Springs Baptist Church

Here are some of the Centennial Events planned for the year. Most are free and open to the public:

- 100th Anniversary Concert – May 20 at 6 p.m.
- Fine Arts Fair – June 23-24
- Homecoming Picnic – August 11
- Rally Day – September 9
- Centennial Sermon Series by Pastor Dean Monkemeier – October 14, 21, 28
- *Songs in the Night* Reunion Celebration – October 14 at 6 p.m.

Celebration Weekend:

- Open House – November 3, 2-4 p.m.
- Celebration Sunday Worship – November 4 at 10 a.m.
- Celebration Banquet – Sunday, November 4 12:30 p.m. (tickets required)

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COMMENTS?

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