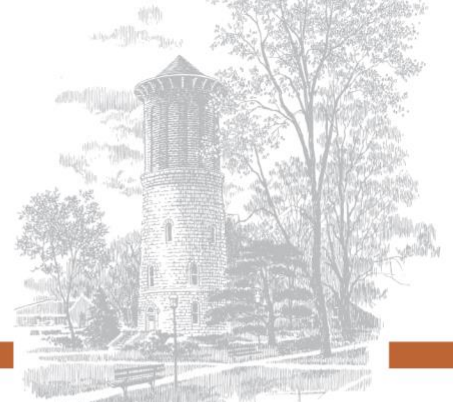


TUESDAY TOPICS

December 15, 2020



Village Announces Retirement of Fire Chief Patrick Kenny:

- I am at once sorry and delighted to announce the upcoming retirement of Fire Chief Patrick Kenny, and the subsequent promotion of Deputy Chief Michael Kelly to the role of Chief this January. Also retiring is Training Chief Patrick Gallagher, who will be succeeded by Lieutenant Karl Hammond. We are so grateful to Chiefs Kenny and Gallagher for their dedication to the fire service and to the residents of Western Springs, and we wish them many healthy and happy years of retirement. Chief Brian Scott, currently of the Evanston Fire Department, has been hired as Deputy Chief. You can read the press release [here](#).

2021 Tax Levy and Budget:

- The Village’s portion of the 2020 property tax levy which will be collected in 2021, includes an increase of 3.57%. Fifty percent of that increase is dedicated to the Police Pension Fund, ten percent is dedicated to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF), and the rest will be allocated to operations. The Village’s portion of your property tax bill is approximately 12% of the total assessment. The Library’s portion is about 3% and the Park District’s share is about 1.5%. If the tax increase cannot be supported by the growth in Equalized Assessed Value (EAV), the County will reduce the levy.
- The proposed 2021 budget maintains the same level of services, with no new fees and no water rate increase. Budget preparation was especially challenging this year, bearing in mind the impact of reduced revenues received in 2020 due to COVID-19 and the uncertainty of its continued impact on revenue into 2021. Many discretionary expenditures have been reduced, postponed, or eliminated so that we may provide the same level of services to our community. The Village will issue the 3rd and final tranche of 2016 Bond authorizations for [roadway improvements](#) in the amount of \$4 million. The Village will also issue a \$1.5 limited tax bond as part of the [capital improvement program](#).

WSPD Fraud and Scams Presentation:

- Crime Prevention Officer Sara Magnuson is offering a short virtual presentation on new and recurring scams, followed by a Q&A session. The presentation will take place on [Monday, December 21 at 1:30 pm](#), via Zoom Webinar. You can find more information, including how to register, on the [website](#).

Twelve Days of Christmas in Pictures:

- Be on the lookout for the “12 Days of Christmas” posts this week on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#), as we spread some holiday cheer with festive images from around town.

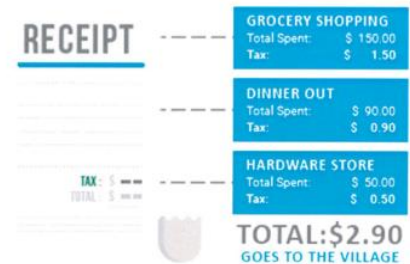
Shop Local in Western Springs:

- Put your money where your heart is, and shop locally. For every \$1,000 spent in town, whether it’s grocery shopping, or grabbing a meal to go, \$100 goes to support Village services. Please support our local shops, restaurants, and businesses this holiday season. This graphic was recently shared by the Finance Department to the Board, illustrating the breakdown. It makes a difference!

Until next time,

Alice Gallagher, Village President

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WHERE DOES YOUR MONEY GO?



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*Wear a Mask, Socially Distance, Wash Hands, Be Safe
Take Care of Yourself, Protect Others, Support our Community*