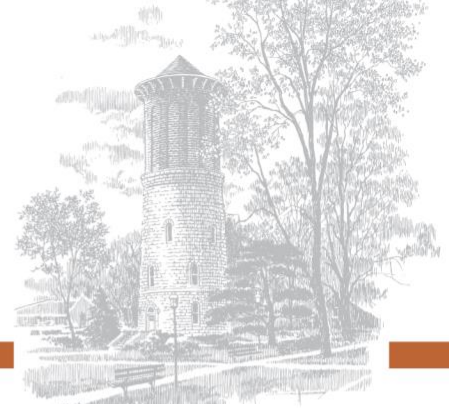


TUESDAY TOPICS



March 16, 2021

Vehicle Stickers:

- Vehicle sticker renewal notices are being mailed out this week. All residents of the Village who own or lease a licensed motor vehicle registered with the State of Illinois are required to pay an annual vehicle license tax. Stickers must be purchased and displayed before April 30 to avoid a \$50 delinquent fee. Vehicle stickers may be purchased on the Village [website](#) beginning in mid-March.

Police Department Annual Report:

- The Western Springs Police Department (WSPD) recently posted its 2020 [annual report](#). Despite an extraordinary year of national and regional strife, our officers continued to set aside personal risks to ensure the safety of our community. Their professional conduct throughout the pandemic and regional protests reflects the high standards of integrity, courtesy, and fairness for which our Department is known. A notable 2020 highlight includes the Department's Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) reaccreditation with "Meritorious" and "Accreditation with Excellence" designations. CALEA is a national credentialing authority which recognizes the elite class of police departments that maintain best practices and exemplary standards. Only 41 of a possible 877 Illinois agencies have received accreditation. An even smaller percentage receive the prestigious Meritorious and Accreditation with Excellence designations.

Yard Waste Collection Resumes April 1:

- Yard waste collection resumes on April 1. Residents may use LRS yard waste carts (and can order by contacting [LRS](#) directly) or brown kraft bags with blue LRS stickers. Details can be found on the [website](#). Did you know that LRS also collects [bulk items](#), white goods, and electronic waste? Contact LRS customer service at 773-685-8811 or westernsprings@lrsrecycles.com to schedule a pick-up at least 24 hours in advance.

5G Bills in Springfield:

- The 102nd General Assembly is underway, and a host of bills to amend the Small Cell Wireless Facilities Act have been introduced for consideration: five separate bills by Representative Mazzochi, [HB 2561-2565](#), and [SB41](#) by Sen. Glowiak-Hilton. SB41 and [HB 2564](#) are identical bills that incorporate the Western Springs draft legislation to amend the Act. SB41 and HB2564 will amend the current Act to return some local control to municipalities, but they will not stop the rollout of 5G. Another bill, [HB 2379](#), delays the sunset of the Act from June 1, 2021 to December 31, 2026. I encourage residents concerned about 5G to contact [state and federal legislators](#), and to reach out directly to your telecommunications providers – they need to hear concerns from their customers. More information and resources can be found on the 5G webpage of the [Village's website](#).

Last, but certainly not least: through a collaborative effort between School District 101, the Village of Western Springs/Western Springs Senior Center, and Jewel-Osco, this past Saturday over 1,000 first doses of the Pfizer vaccine were successfully administered at a temporary [clinic at the Rec Center](#). This clinic follows on the heels of a smaller clinic at McClure Jr. High. Both clinics were focused on getting shots into the arms of area seniors and other qualified individuals as quickly and easily as possible. These clinics would not have been possible without the dedicated efforts of staff and many volunteers. Congratulations on a job well done and sincere thanks to all who made this possible!

Until next week,

Alice Gallagher,
Village President