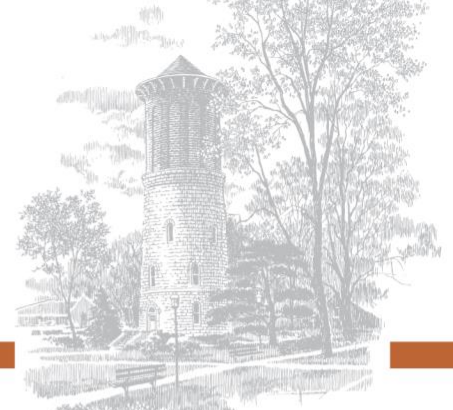


Village of Western Springs

TUESDAY TOPICS



March 23, 2021

IDPH Launches COVID-19 Vaccine Call Center:

- The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) has launched a [Vaccine Appointment Call Center](#) to assist people who do not have access to, or are unable to navigate online services to make COVID-19 vaccine appointments. The Call Center is open seven days a week from 6 am to midnight. Agents will not ask for financial information, and the Call Center will not share caller information with the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency. The toll-free Vaccine Appointment Call Center phone number is 833 - 621 - 1284.

Vaccine Eligibility and Bridge Phase to Full Reopening

- Last Thursday Governor Pritzker announced that vaccine eligibility will expand on April 12 to include all residents aged 16 and older. Additionally, the governor announced a transitional period, or Bridge Phase, that will allow higher capacity limits for businesses and gatherings in advance of fully reopening in Phase 5. Read more [here](#).

5G Hearings in Springfield:

- I [testified](#) before the Illinois House Public Utilities Committee yesterday, regarding concerns over small cell wireless facilities. The proposed bill passed overwhelmingly and will advance to the full House for consideration. Chairman Walsh of the Committee assured attendees that negotiations will continue and an amendment to the bill will be forthcoming. The Village thanks Representative Mazzochi and Senator Glowiak-Hilton for their continued support and advocacy on behalf of Western Springs' residents.

Paid-On-Call Firefighters Wanted:

- The Department of Fire & EMS is recruiting members of the community as paid-on-call (POC) firefighters. Learn more about the Village's long history of 'neighbors protecting neighbors' on the front cover of this month's issue of [Tower Topics](#) (mailed out last week). If you or someone you know is 18 or over; energetic, fit and committed; lives in or near Western Springs; and wants to serve the community, contact Deputy Chief Brian Scott at bscott@wsprings.com, or 708-246-1800, ext. 174.

WSPD Joins Peer Support Program:

- Last week I [mentioned](#) the newly released [2020 annual report](#) of the Western Springs Police Department. I'm also pleased to share that the Department recently joined the "[WeNeverWalkAlone](#)" Peer Support Program. This state-wide initiative provides police officers and their families immediate support during challenging times. Given the multiple stresses and trauma associated with providing public safety services this past year, I am relieved to know our officers have access to this robust wellness program.

Pet Mayor of Western Springs:

- Congratulations to Vito, the newly elected Pet Mayor of Western Springs! Thanks to the staff at the Thomas Ford library, our second Facebook pet election is in the books. We look forward to Vito's term as Pet Mayor, and would like to thank all of the candidates and voters in the second Pet Mayor election. I extend my best wishes to former Pet Mayor Porter, as he retires from public life after serving his one-year term.

Until next week,

Alice Gallagher,
Village President

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