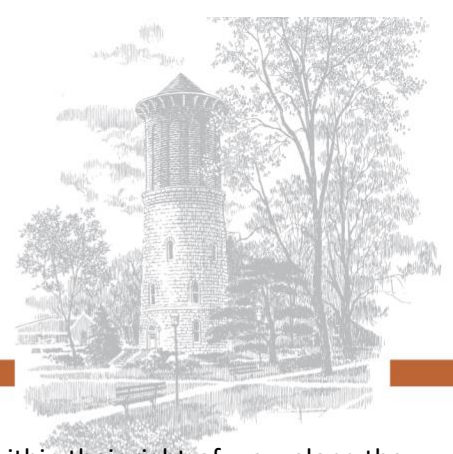


# TUESDAY TOPICS

April 27, 2021



## BNSF Vegetation Removal Continues:

- The Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) continues [tree and landscaping removal](#) within their right-of-way, along the tracks. Removals in Western Springs, La Grange, and Hinsdale were hastened after foliage interfered with the railroad switch gear. Village staff met with the BNSF on multiple occasions to voice concerns over the aesthetic impacts in the area due to tree removal. Unfortunately, the Village has no jurisdiction over the BNSF right-of-way, and while the BNSF heard the Village's concerns, they made no changes to their removal plan. The Village was already in the process of developing a tree planting plan for property adjacent to the BNSF, and plantings there will continue.

## Fire Department Annual Report:

- Earlier this month, the Fire Department issued its [2020 annual report](#). This past year was especially challenging for the Fire Department as all operations were impacted by the pandemic, including emergency response protocol, fire prevention training activities, public education and administration. Fire-sponsored community events were cancelled, including the very popular pancake breakfast. The Department showed great resiliency in adapting to ever-changing situations and continually monitored risk, updated and adopted best practices as new data warranted, and maintained close working relationships with area hospitals and fire departments to help guide them in meeting community needs. The entire Village Board is very grateful for the Department's leadership during this difficult year.

## Styrofoam Recycling:

- A reminder that Styrofoam recycling takes place in the Recreation Center parking lot this Saturday, May 1, from 9 am until noon. Details can be found on the [website](#). A sincere thank you to the Green Team volunteers who ensure this event runs efficiently and effectively, month after month.

## Vehicle Sticker Deadline is 4/30 Without Penalty:

- Vehicle stickers purchased after April 30 will incur a \$50 late penalty. Notices were mailed out the week of March 15, and include all of the information you need to purchase your stickers. Stickers can be purchased by dropping off forms/payment in the drop box outside Village Hall, or online. Please do not slide envelopes under doors in the lobby of Village Hall. Stickers must be displayed by May 1 to avoid a potential ticket. Learn more on the [website](#).

## IDOT Resurfacing Projects: 47<sup>th</sup> Street and Ogden Avenue

- IDOT has begun work in both of these locations in Western Springs, and residents should expect one lane traffic and potential delays for the duration of these resurfacing projects. Please use caution in the area. Any questions regarding these projects should be directed to the Illinois Department of Transportation at (847)705-4300.

## Arbor Day Celebration:

- Trees provide tangible benefits for the entire community such as improved air quality, reduced stormwater runoff, reduced urban heat island effect, a smaller carbon footprint, and beautification of the neighborhood, to name a few. Join Village officials, D101 staff, and Laidlaw Elementary students to celebrate Arbor Day with a tree planting in front of Laidlaw school. The brief ceremony will begin outside at 9 am on Friday, April 30, at 4072 Forest Avenue. More information can be found on the [Village website](#).

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*