

TUESDAY TOPICS

December 8, 2020



LRS Holiday Schedule:

- With the holidays approaching, please take a moment to review the [LRS holiday collection schedule](#). In addition, [Christmas tree collection](#) will take place between January 4 – January 15. As per the Village’s contract with LRS, the price for a blue waste sticker will increase to \$3.11 on January 1, and [collection rates](#) will also increase slightly.

WSPD Receives Reaccreditation Award:

- The Western Springs Police Department completed a comprehensive review by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) and were awarded full re-accreditation. They are one of only 41 out of a possible 877 police agencies in Illinois to achieve this recognition. They were also selected to receive the Advanced Accreditation with Excellence Award, which denotes the Department’s dedication to excellence through a continuous commitment to public safety professionalism. We’ve always known of the exceedingly high standards demonstrated by our Police Department, and are proud that they’ve received this international recognition. Read the press release [here](#).

Removal of Construction Barricades:

- While the barricades used for outdoor dining spaces at many local restaurants will be removed for the winter season, planning discussions are already underway for the return of outdoor dining in the spring. Many thanks to [Walsh Construction](#) for providing the barricades to keep outdoor diners safe, and to all those who continue to support local restaurants with take-out orders until we can dine outdoors, or safely indoors again.

Water News – Village Receives Excellent PFAS Results:

- PFAS are a group of manmade chemicals used in a variety of industries since the 1940s. These chemicals don’t break down, accumulating over time in the environment and the human body. The IEPA conducts statewide sampling to determine the prevalence of PFAS in drinking water, and their analysis includes a total of 18 PFAS chemicals. Recent samples from Western Springs showed that none of these chemicals were present in the Village’s finished water at concentrations greater than or equal to minimum reporting levels. These outstanding results are largely due to the location of the Village’s wells, and the reverse osmosis treatment method. Learn more on the [Village website](#).

Western Springs is Decked Out for the Holidays:

- While many Western Springs holiday traditions will not take place this year, the Village is as pretty as ever thanks to the efforts of the Department of Public Works, WSBA, the local groups who decorated trees on the Tower Green, our many cheery storefront windows, and residents who have made their homes merry and bright. Be sure to take the time to enjoy the sights of the season, in a socially distant and safe way.

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*