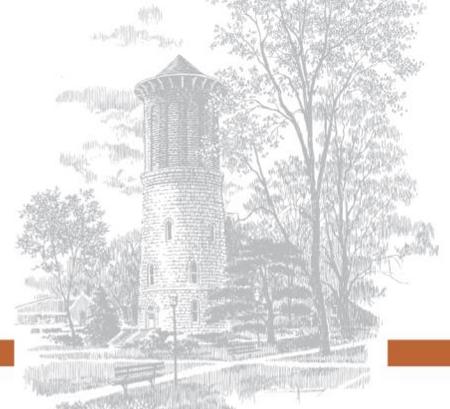


TUESDAY TOPICS



January 12, 2021

Chief Patrick Kenny Retires:

- This week the Village bids farewell to Chief Patrick Kenny, who will retire after a career in the fire service that spans nearly 40 years, including 9 years as Chief of the Western Springs Department of Fire & EMS. Chief Kenny exemplifies professionalism and caring in all that he does, and his steady presence will be greatly missed. Learn more about Chief Kenny's many accomplishments, as well as about the promotion of Chief Michael Kelly and the hiring of Deputy Chief Brian Scott, on the Village [website](#).

Christmas Tree Composting and Holiday Light Recycling:

- LRS will collect Christmas trees - no stickers required - from parkways for composting, until January 15. Plastic trees, wreaths, garland, or other decorations will not be accepted. LRS asks residents to remove all decorations and lights, and to ensure trees are not wrapped in plastic.
- Strands of holiday lights may be placed in drop boxes until January 31 at Village Hall, Village True Value Hardware, and Thomas Ford Memorial Library. See the Village [website](#) for more information.

Governor Pritzker Announces Plans for Next Phase of Vaccination:

- Last week, the Governor announced that any region meeting IDPH metrics as of January 15, may move out of Tier 3. We are hopeful that our region, Region 10, will be in a position to do so, and will be watching the metrics carefully. The Governor also announced that following the completion of vaccination Phase 1A (health care personnel and residents of long-term care facilities), Phase 1B will begin. Phase 1B now includes persons aged 65 and older (lowered from the previous age of 75) and non-health care frontline workers. More information is available on the Village website.

Metra Announces Changes to Ticket Office Hours:

- As a result of decreased ridership due to COVID-19, [Metra](#) is making changes to the days and hours of service at the Western Springs ticket office. Effective January 13, the office will be staffed on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 5:25 am to 12:45 pm. It will be closed Thursday and Friday. Visit the Village [website](#) for more information.

BNSF Vegetation Removal:

- BNSF has announced plans to remove vegetation within a 17-foot strip on both sides of the tracks from Chicago to Aurora. The work has already begun in Western Springs. Village staff is working with BNSF to develop a plan to replace many of the trees and shrubs, while maintaining BNSF safety standards.

Village Administrative Offices Closed for MLK Day:

- The Village's administrative offices will be closed in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day on [Monday, January 18](#). Village Hall is undergoing renovations in the foyer to better protect residents and staff, and it will soon re-open for business transactions using the service window. In the meantime, please use the drop box located outside the front doors.

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*