

TUESDAY TOPICS



March 9, 2021

Upcoming COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic for Seniors:

- A COVID-19 vaccine clinic focused on serving Western Springs residents aged 65 and older, is being hosted at the Western Springs Recreation Center on 3/13 (first dose), and 4/3 (second dose) through a partnership of the Western Springs Senior Center, School District 101, The Village of Western Springs, and Jewel Osco. Appointments are required. Email vaccine@d101.org to register, or call the School District 101 office at 246-3700 for more information.

Vaccine Guidelines

- The Center for Disease Control issued [guidelines](#) for individuals who have been fully vaccinated. People are fully vaccinated two weeks after their final vaccine shot, whether they receive a one- or two-dose vaccine. Once fully vaccinated some precautions are eased, but the CDC recommends to still follow basic prevention steps to prevent spreading the disease.

Paying Water Bills:

- Residents have a number of options for paying water bills. They can be paid online using Green Pay (register by going to at wsprings.com, and clicking on “Green Pay” on the left). They can also be paid via online banking, or mailed using the envelope that is provided. If you choose to drop your payment off at Village Hall, please use the drop box outside the front door, or leave it at the service counter window in the lobby. Please do not slide it under an office door in the lobby of Village Hall, as it could be missed.

Consolidated Election Registration Deadlines:

- The Consolidated Election takes place on April 6, but registration/transfer of registration deadlines are approaching. Registration forms must be postmarked today, March 9, by mail, or can be completed online by March 21. Learn more on the [Cook County Elections website](#).

Pet Mayor:

- Porter the Dog has enjoyed a full year as Western Springs’ first Honorary Pet Mayor. But all good things must come to an end and it is time to elect a worthy pet to be the second Honorary Pet Mayor of Western Springs. The nominations are in, and this is voting week! Visit the Thomas Ford Memorial Library’s [website](#), or their [Facebook page](#) for more information, and to cast your vote for Pet Mayor of Western Springs. Credit for this amusing diversion goes to Hazel Stocco, who suggested the contest as a way to bring some joy into residents’ lives in the early days of the pandemic.

Easing Mitigation Measures in Suburban Cook County:

- On March 2, the Cook County Department of Public Health announced that it was easing mitigation measures for suburban Cook County. Effective immediately, [Mitigation Order 2021-5](#) increases capacity limits in bars, restaurants, and other event spaces, so the lesser of 50% capacity or 50 people. The Mitigation Order also includes masking language, reinforcing the need for everyone to wear masks in public places. The CDC now recommends [wearing two masks](#) for increased protection. Proper layering is to place a disposal mask against the skin with a cloth mask over it. See the Village’s COVID-19 page for more information.

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*