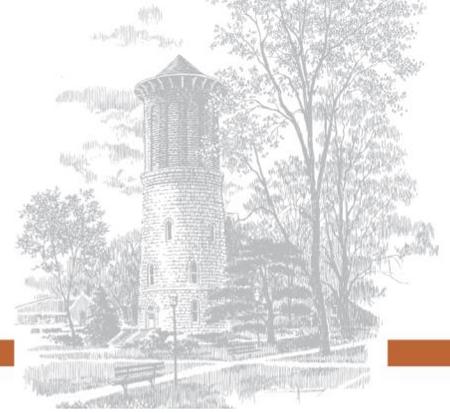


TUESDAY TOPICS



April 6, 2021

Consolidated Election Day:

- It's election day! Today's Consolidated Election includes candidates for various positions serving the Village of Western Springs, Park District, Library Board, School Districts, and Lyons Township. To confirm your [registration status](#), view a [sample ballot](#), find your [polling place](#), and for more information, visit the Cook County Clerk's [website](#). Every vote counts!

Tree City USA:

- The Arbor Day Foundation recently named Western Springs as a 2020 Tree City USA in recognition of our commitment to effective urban forest management. We also received the Tree City USA Growth Award for demonstrating environmental improvement and a higher level of tree care. The importance of trees cannot be overstated. They improve air quality, reduce stormwater runoff, reduce urban heat island effects, and can help reduce seasonal energy costs. But just as important, they beautify our community and make life nicer. A special thank you to Public Works and the Municipal Services Department for their devotion to the care of the Village's trees. Learn more about the Village's shared cost parkway [Tree Replacement Program](#) - the deadline to apply is April 16. A tree planted today will be enjoyed for generations to come.

National Distracted Driving Awareness Month

- The WSPD reminds us that April is National Distracted Driving Awareness Month. According to the NHTSA, in 2019 there were 3,142 people killed by distracted driving. Activities like texting, eating, personal grooming, reading, and talking on the phone, pose a real risk. Visit the [National Safety Council's website](#) for more information.

Vaccine Clinic Success and Expanded Eligibility:

- This past weekend a second dose clinic took place at the Recreation Center. Thanks to a successful partnership between the Village, District 101, La Grange Park, and Jewel-Osco, more than 1600 eligible people - mainly area seniors - are vaccinated. Special thanks to all of the staff and volunteers who worked so hard to provide this much-needed service to our community. Last week the Cook County Department of Public Health expanded vaccine eligibility in suburban Cook County to include all those remaining essential workers in Phase 1C. On April 12, the Illinois Department of Public Health further expands eligibility across the state to include any resident age 16 and older. Learn more on the [Village website](#). Meanwhile, please continue to properly wear masks in public spaces for the protection of all.

Pet Owners Be Aware:

- Cook County pet owners are being asked to stay alert and be aware that coyotes can become more aggressive as they stake out territory during mating season. A recent [Chicago Tribune](#) article suggests helpful steps pet owners can take to help ensure their animal's safety, including keeping cats indoors, supervising small dogs outdoors at all times, and walking dogs on a short leash. Being situated close to Bemis Woods provides many benefits, but it also means that we must take precautions that allow us to protect our pets and co-exist with wildlife.

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*