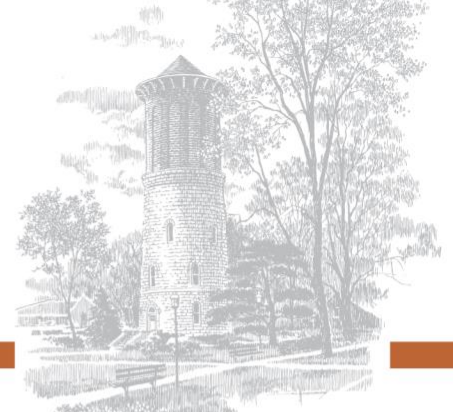


TUESDAY TOPICS

May 18, 2021



New CDC Mask Guidelines:

- On May 13, the Centers for Disease Control issued new guidelines for fully vaccinated citizens in non-healthcare settings. If fully vaccinated, the CDC advises you can return to almost all pre-pandemic indoor and outdoor activities without wearing a mask or distancing from others. However, the CDC cautions that state/local guidelines take precedence. Typically, the state follows the advice of the CDC, and Gov. Pritzker has stated he will revise executive orders to sync up with the CDC. The CDC guidance is encouraging and a promise of the return to our new normal post-pandemic lives. In a memo dated May 13, the IDPH reiterates the following CDC recommendations for fully vaccinated people:

- Resume activities without wearing a mask or socially distancing;
- Resume domestic and international travel without testing and self-quarantine requirements;
- Refrain from testing and quarantine following a known exposure if asymptomatic;
- Refrain from routine screening testing;
- Get tested if symptomatic

Some retail stores are beginning to adjust their masking policies per the CDC guidelines, but please observe individual store policy. Guidance will likely be updated this week, so check the Village's [COVID-19 page](#) for updates.

Bike Safety Month:

- The WSPD reminds residents that May is Bike Safety Month. All states require bicyclists on the roadway to follow the same rules and responsibilities as motorists. The Police Department encourages residents to [register their bicycles](#). This service is provided free of charge to residents and is encouraged for safety and practical reasons. Officers have identified lost children and unconscious persons who have fallen from a bike, through a bike license. Registered bikes have a serial number that can be used in nationwide database searches, and that enables police to easily contact the owner if a bike is found. Visit the Police Department at Village Hall during regular business hours to register your bicycle.

FCC Launches Emergency Broadband Assistance Program:

- The Emergency Broadband Benefit is a program to help families and households struggling to afford internet service during the COVID-19 pandemic, by providing a discount of up to \$50 per month towards broadband service for eligible households. can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers. The Emergency Broadband Benefit is limited to one monthly service discount and one device discount per household. Learn more on the Village [website](#).

Mulch No Longer Available:

- As many residents know, in the spring the Department of Municipal Services generally has garden mulch available. This year's program was so successful that it took only a few days for all of the mulch to be claimed via the online request form, and the program is now closed for the season. In year's past there has also been self-serve mulch pick-up at the Public Works yard, but this has been suspended in 2021 due to the danger posed by Tollway construction.

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*