

# TUESDAY TOPICS



August 3, 2021

## WSPD is Hiring Lateral Officers:

- The Western Springs Police Department is recruiting lateral officers. Learn more and access the application on the Village [website](#). Deadline for applicants is Friday, August 20, at 5 pm.

## Traffic Shift on Plainfield Road Bridge:

- The Illinois Tollway is removing and rebuilding the Plainfield Road Bridge over the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) and Flagg Creek near Western Springs. While the bridge will remain open to traffic during construction, we expect temporary lane closures on occasion. The Village has been told that traffic on Plainfield Road will be reduced to a single lane as needed between 7 am and 5 pm throughout the week and that flaggers will be present. For more information, visit the Village [website](#).

## Annual Sidewalk Repair and Replacement Program:

- The Village's annual sidewalk repair and replacement program gets underway the week of August 1, weather permitting. The majority of work will involve the repair, maintenance, and replacement of Village sidewalks, though also includes some concrete street patching and curblin repair. Work will take place throughout the Village, but predominantly in the Field Park subdivision. Residents can learn more about sidewalk repair and replacement [here](#).

## Metra Updates:

- Metra recently added trains to the BNSF line to meet increasing demand, doubling the number of daily trains from 47 to 94. Metra continues to add cars to the trains as ridership increases so that passengers may maintain social distancing guidelines on their commute. Metra has extended the \$10 All-day Pass until September 30. Find more information about Metra's Covid response and recovery schedules [here](#). Learn more about Metra by viewing their 2021 [Fact Book](#).

## CDC/IDPH Masking Guidelines:

- The CDC recently updated its mask guidelines and the IDPH has adopted the [revised mask guidelines](#). New recommendations for fully vaccinated people include wearing a mask in public indoor settings in areas of substantial transmission; being tested within 3-5 days after exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 and wearing a mask in public indoor settings until you receive a negative test result or for 14 days. The CDC also recommends universal indoor masking for all teachers, staff, students, and visitors to schools, regardless of vaccination status. Cook and DuPage counties now have "[substantial](#)" [COVID-19 transmission](#), so starting August 1 masks will be required in Village Hall and all municipal buildings. This information is on the [Village website](#).

Until next week,

Alice Gallagher,  
Village President

*Take Care of Yourself, Protect Others, Support our Community*