

# TUESDAY TOPICS



November 30, 2021

## Winter Wonderland:

- The Western Springs Business Association's (WSBA) Winter Wonderland is returning to the Village Green this year with Santa arriving by fire truck at 12:30 pm on Saturday, 12/4. The WSBA is also selling luminaria kits and hosting a holiday light contest again this year. For more information on these events and other WSBA news, visit their [website](#).

## Proposed Property Tax Levy Public Hearing and Fiscal Year 2022 Proposed Budget Public Hearing

- During the regularly scheduled Board meeting on Monday 12/6, the Board will hold separate public hearings regarding the proposed property tax levy and the FY2022 proposed budget. The Village is proposing to increase the property tax levy by 6% over the prior levy to accommodate the increase in operating/pension costs (3%) and the payment of the newly issued Series 2021A General Obligation bonds (3%). The bonds were issued pursuant to a 2016 referendum and will be used solely for roadway improvements within the Village. In general, the Village portion is approximately 11% of residents' property tax bills. The remaining 89% is distributed among other taxing bodies.
- The FY2022 proposed budget is available for review on the [Village website](#). Hard copies of the budget are available in the Village lobby and at the Thomas Ford Library.

## Village Parkway Tree Trimming Begins:

- Village parkway trees are scheduled for trimming/pruning beginning on 11/29 and trimming will continue until the areas are complete (no later than 4/15/22). The contractor performing the tree work is Winkler Services, LLC. More information, including the answers to frequently asked questions, is on the [website](#).

## Styrofoam Collection and Holiday Light Recycling:

- The first Saturday of the month means regular [Styrofoam collection](#) will take place at the Recreation Center on Saturday 12/4. Please note that January's collection will be [postponed](#) by one week and will take place on 1/8 instead of on New Year's Day. The Green Team is also collecting holiday lights in boxes placed in various locations throughout the Village. More information is available on the [website](#).

## Metra to Purchase New Ticket Machines:

- This week Metra announced plans to purchase 650 new ticket vending machines, to be installed beginning mid-2022. Learn more about their plans to install machines that will sell any Metra ticket, printing them at the time of purchase to save on costs, and will be available 24 hours a day. More information is available on the [Village website](#).

## Snow Season Parking Reminder:

- With December almost upon us, snow season is near. Residents are reminded to make every effort to remove parked cars from streets whenever snow starts. Clear streets allow Village staff to salt, and later plow when snow accumulates beyond two inches. It is illegal to park on any street for 12 hours after a snowfall two or more inches, and the WSPD will enforce [snow parking regulations](#).

Until next time,

Alice Gallagher,  
Village President

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