

Village of Western Springs

# From the President

February 17, 2022



**February 14 Board Meeting** (the full agenda and meeting video is posted [online](#)):

Trustees from the following committees gave a report on recent meeting outcomes and made recommendations for items to be included on the omnibus vote, which will take place at the next meeting: Properties and Recreation; Public Works and Water; Planning and Zoning; Public Health and Safety; Finance; and General Government.

The Board voted in favor of passing a motion that approves a side letter to the collective bargaining agreement between the Village and Teamsters 700. The Teamsters represent eight Public Works employees and the side letter included specifications for overtime and on-call hours for those covered under that agreement.

I was pleased to re-appoint a number of residents to the Village's advisory boards and commissions. We appreciate these volunteers for their continued engagement and service. The Village is often seeking additional board and committee members. If you are interested, please refer to the [website](#) for more information.

Village Manager Baer reminded residents to please help clear any storm drains that may be clogged with snow or debris, especially prior to severe weather. Public Works makes every effort to circulate for this purpose prior to any storm, but additional assistance is always appreciated.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees takes place on Monday, February 28.

**End of State-wide Indoor Mask Mandate:**

- Last week Governor Pritzker announced a plan to [end the indoor mask mandate](#) (with certain exceptions such as in healthcare settings and on public transportation), effective February 28. While masks may no longer be required after this date, they are still recommended by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

**West Suburban Living Magazine Feature:**

- Western Springs was featured in the most recent issue of West Suburban Living magazine. Each household in the Village should have received a copy in the mail, but if you missed it, you can read it [here](#). We are proud to be conveyed as a warm and welcoming place to live, work, and visit!

**Snow Removal and Street Parking:**

- Given the recurring challenges brought by snowy weather, it's worth repeating - please make every effort to move cars off the street during any snowfall to allow for efficient snow removal. It is illegal to park on the street for 12 hours after a snowfall of 2 inches or more, but we encourage residents to move cars off the street whenever it snows, to make things easier on those operating snow removal machinery. And please, don't blow snow back into the cleared streets – it not only creates a mess, but also a hazard for those who are driving by. Thanks for your cooperation. It takes a Village...

Until next time,

Alice Gallagher,  
Village President

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