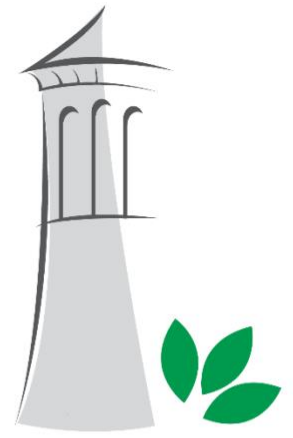


# Western Springs FROM THE PRESIDENT



March 17, 2022

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

Reports were given by the Chairs of the Boards' Properties and Recreation, Public Works and Water, Planning and Zoning, Public Health and Safety, and General Government Committees. A representative from Bensidoun USA addressed the Board regarding the proposed renewal of the weekly French Market - located on Hillgrove Avenue in front of the Tower Green, on Sundays from 9 am – 1 pm, from May to October.

Chief Budds of the WSPD presented the 2021 Annual Report, as well as the 2021 Traffic Stop Survey and Community Survey - all available on the [Police page](#) of the Village website. Chief Kelly of the WSFD presented the [2021 Annual Report](#) for the Department of Fire & EMS. Please take a moment to review these reports as they highlight the accomplishments and recognitions, as well as future initiatives, for the Departments. We are proud of our Emergency Services Departments and are grateful for the high quality of service that they provide to our community.

We also noted the State of Illinois House of Representatives [Resolution 483](#), offered by Leader Jim Durkin of Western Springs. This resolution recognizes the retirement of former Village Manager, Ingrid Velkme, and her many accomplishments, including her role as a founding member of the Legacy Project, and her exemplary career in public service. Notably, Ingrid served as the first female Village Manager in the Village's history. On behalf of the Board, I would like to express our gratitude for Ingrid's leadership during a very difficult time.

Annual Vehicle Sticker Renewal:

- All residents who own or lease a licensed motor vehicle registered in Illinois are required to pay an annual vehicle license tax. Renewal notices are mailed each year in March, and due by April 30. Once your vehicle information has been received in the mail, residents are strongly encouraged to purchase stickers [online](#). Details are on the [website](#) and in the current issue of [Tower Topics](#) newsletter.

Recreation Program Registration:

- It's almost time for summer program registration! The Summer Recreation Brochure will be available online the week of March 28, and resident registration begins on Friday, April 8. Non-residents can register starting Monday, April 18. You'll find more information on the [Recreation](#) pages of the Village website.

Chat with the Chief:

- Join Police Chief Brian Budds for a cup of coffee at HoneyBee Café, on Tuesday, April 5. Drop in between 11 am – 1 pm to discuss any community safety concerns that you may have. More information is available on the [website](#).

Parkway Tree Replacement:

- The Parkway Tree Replacement Program allows residents to replace or add a parkway tree and share the cost with the Village. Interested residents should complete and submit a parkway tree replacement form online, by April 1, to ensure a spring planting. Learn more on the [Forestry page](#) of the Village website.

I will be in Springfield next Wednesday for the Illinois Municipal League's Lobby Day, so my regularly scheduled office hours at Village Hall are cancelled.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alice".

Alice Gallagher,  
Village President