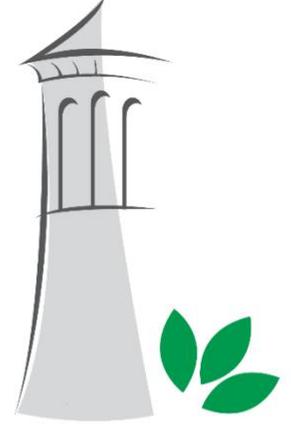


Western Springs FROM THE PRESIDENT



March 24, 2022

March 21 Board Meeting (the full agenda and meeting video is posted [online](#)):

The Board voted on an omnibus bill that included, among other things, the extension of the contract for the Bensidoun French Market. The market takes place on Hillgrove Avenue in front of the Tower Green on Sundays from 9 am – 1pm, May to October. This year, we hope to showcase community groups during the market, as a way to bring additional energy and enjoyment to the French Market experience.

Did you know that scenes from the movie *Contagion* were filmed in Western Springs? There have also been multiple commercials and television shows filmed in our area, and requests for commercial filming permits have increased. The Board voted to revise the commercial filming application, including changes to the fee structure as well as things like application timeframes and parking options during filming.

The next Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 11, at 7 pm.

Ogden Avenue Crosswalk Relocated:

- The existing crosswalk located on Ogden/Woodland is being removed permanently and relocated to a new, safer signaled crossing at Ogden and Wolf, which connects directly to the new multi-use path. For your safety and from now on, please use only the new crosswalk when crossing Ogden to and from Bemis Woods. You can learn more about the Bemis Woods bike path project on the [Village website](#).

Chat with the Chief:

- You are invited to 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:

- Did you know that 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.

Annual Vehicle Stickers and Pet Licenses:

- 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 the [Tower Topics](#) newsletter. [Pet licenses](#) for \$10 are also required.

NEAT Day:

- Help keep the Village litter free by joining NEAT Day to clean up our parks and public areas. NEAT Clean Up Day is a joint venture between [Project NEAT](#), the [Park District](#) and the Village of Western Springs. This year it takes place on Saturday, April 9, from 8 am until 12 pm. Use [Sign Up Genius](#) to register.

Don't forget that [Styrofoam recycling](#) takes place at the Recreation Center on Saturday, April 2 from 9 am until noon, and [LRS yard waste/food compost collection](#) resumes for the season on April 1.

Until next time,

Alice Gallagher,
Village President