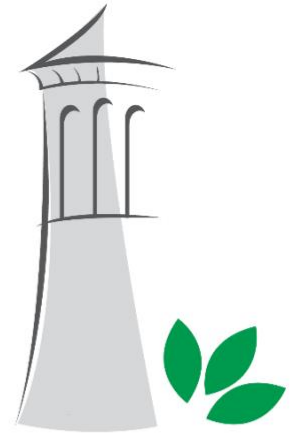


Western Springs FROM THE PRESIDENT



May 26, 2022

May 23 Board Meeting (the full agenda and meeting video is posted [online](#)):

The Board voted to adopt a number of items that were discussed at a prior meeting: permits and liquor licenses for various festivals and summer events planned throughout the Village; the 2022 pay and staffing plan; the urban forestry management plan; and the appointment of a new member of the Police Pension Board.

Financial report for April: The general fund maintained a surplus, largely due to the collection of vehicle sticker fees for 2022 and recent sales tax collection. The Village's water/sewer fund saw roughly the same consumption levels as this time last year. On the investment side, the Police Pension Fund posted unrealized losses of (6.55%) and maintained a trailing 12-month return (of 10.54%) at the end of April.

This weekend kicks off the summer season in our Village with the annual [Tower Trot](#) on Saturday morning and the [Memorial Day Parade](#) and Observance on Monday.

Following the regular meeting, we held a special meeting with senior staff to discuss and update the Board's strategic plan, which outlines priorities and goals across a number of different operational areas over the next 5+ years.

Over the summer months, the Board of Trustees will hold one meeting per month on June 13, July 11, and August 15. In September, the Board will return to meeting on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. Please note that summer administrative hours are in effect, as well: from 5/23 through 9/2, Village Hall will be open Monday – Thursday from 7:30 am – 5 pm and Friday from 7:30 am until noon.

Memorial Day Parade and Observance:

- As mentioned above, VFW Post 10778 is hosting the return of the annual Memorial Day Parade on [Monday, May 30](#). The parade starts at 10 am at Hillgrove and Hampton and ends at the Tower Green, where a brief ceremony honoring members of the military will take place. The parade includes various community and sporting groups, marching bands, and members of the military. Village administrative offices will be closed on Monday in observance of the holiday.

French Market Season:

- Be sure to stop by Hillgrove Avenue next to the Tower Green, each Sunday from May until October, between 9 am - 1 pm. The [French Market](#) offers a variety of fare, such as produce, meats, cheeses, breads, artisan-made goods and flowers, when in season.

Annual Household Clean-Up Day is Saturday, June 18:

- Each year the Village hosts [Household Clean-Up Day](#), when residents can dispose of household items including clothing, draperies, books, furniture, scrap metal, and appliances (household garbage, electronics, landscape waste, liquids, tires, batteries, medical waste, and construction and demolition debris are not eligible). Items for disposal must be on the curb by 7 am on the morning of collection day. More information is on the [website](#).

Wolf Road Rehabilitation:

- Cook County is rehabilitating Wolf Road this spring and summer, between Plainfield Road and 31st Street. This project includes curb and gutter repairs, asphalt pavement milling and resurfacing, concrete pavement patching, concrete pavement surface improvements, and new pavement markings. Learn more on the [Village website](#).

Styrofoam Recycling:

- Monthly Styrofoam collection will take place at the Recreation Center on Saturday, June 4, from 9 am – noon.

Overnight Parking Restrictions Lifted for Memorial Day Weekend:

- Please note that the WSPD has lifted [overnight street parking](#) restrictions for the holiday weekend.

Have a safe and happy Memorial Day weekend,



Alice Gallagher,
Village President