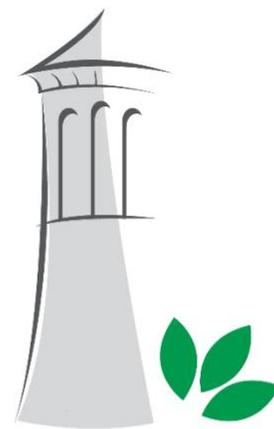


Western Springs FROM THE PRESIDENT



June 16, 2022

June 13 Board Meeting (the full agenda and meeting video is posted [online](#)):

The Board received an update on Phase 1 results of the [Stormwater Utility Fee](#) Feasibility Study from Deputy Village Manager Biernacki and Raftelis Financial Consultants. A stormwater utility fee is a charge for a property's demand on the village-wide stormwater system. Deputy Village Manager Biernacki presented on the known capital infrastructure maintenance and improvement projects, their associated costs, and funding options for those projects, including the stormwater utility fee as delineated by Raftelis. Both presentations can be found on the [Village website](#). Village staff will be present at the following events to answer questions: Gathering on the Green (June 24 on the Tower Green), and Ravinia in Ridgewood (July 9 in Ridgewood Park).

The Board voted to approve an omnibus bill that included a number of new appointments to the Liquor Commission, Plan Commission, and Board of Zoning Appeals. The Board is grateful to the talented residents who share their valuable time and expertise in service on these Boards and Commissions. Should you wish to become more involved in local governance, please consider submitting an application to serve on a Board or Commission. The application and additional details can be found [here](#).

Over the remaining summer months, the Board of Trustees will hold one meeting per month on July 11 and August 15. In September, the Board will return to meeting on the second and fourth Mondays of each month.

Village Recognized for Excellence in Financial Reporting:

- Congratulations to Finance Director Grace Turi, Deputy Finance Director John Mastandona, and the entire Finance Department for receiving the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the fiscal year ending in 2020. This certificate, awarded by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), recognizes state and local government finance departments that go above and beyond the minimum requirements of generally accepted accounting principles in their annual comprehensive financial reports. It is the highest form of recognition for government accounting and financial reporting. This year marks the 27th consecutive year the Finance Department has received the Certificate of Achievement and Excellence. Kudos to all of the members of the Finance Department for their hard work to ensure transparency and full disclosure in comprehensive financial reporting!

Have Your Say in Downtown Streetscape Design:

- The Village has recently invested in streetscape projects, such as sidewalks, plantings, furnishings, and lighting around the Metra station and commuter platforms. The focus is shifting to Hillgrove Avenue, from Wolf Road to Walnut Street. Do you have ideas or pictures of the ideal sidewalk café? Have you seen examples of plantings or amenities that might suit downtown Western Springs? The Community Development Department is asking residents to [snap and share some photos](#) of streetscape designs with us. Share your suggestions by emailing photos to streetscape@wsprings.com. The deadline for photo submission is July 5.

Bench Dedication on the Tower Green

- Family, friends, and current and former elected officials and staff gathered on the Tower Green this past Friday to dedicate a bench in honor of former Village President Saranne Milano. As the first female Village President from 1997 to 2001, President Milano was instrumental in a number of important community improvements, notably the pedestrian underpasses and preservation of the historic Western Springs train station. A long-time resident of Western Springs, President Milano passed away two years ago. She lived her life in service to our community and our region. The public bench located in the heart of the Tower Green is a small but poignant tribute to her many contributions to our Village and region.

Director Matthew Supert Wins Award:

- The West Suburban Chamber of Commerce and Industry (WSCCI) has named Matthew Supert as one of its “Regional 30 Under Forty” top professionals for 2022. This honor is awarded to 30 of the region’s young professionals who are making a deep impact on our local communities. Director Supert leads the Village’s Department of Municipal Services, a role he has held since 2012. The Village congratulates Matt for being a [WSCCI Regional 30 Under Forty!](#)

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

- [Household Clean-Up Day](#) is this Saturday! 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](#).

With the primary election approaching on June 28, all residents are encouraged to exercise their right to vote. Learn more at www.cookcountyclerk.com. Please be reminded that any political signage (or signs of any kind) should be posted only on private property, not on Village-owned land, including parkways. Thank you.

Until next time,



Alice Gallagher,
Village President