



## Western Springs Mourns Death of President Alice F. Gallagher

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March 21, 2023, Western Springs - It is with profound sadness that the Village of Western Springs announces the death of President Alice F. Gallagher, who passed away unexpectedly on March 21, 2023.

While President Gallagher leaves a legacy of outstanding public service, she will be remembered first and foremost as someone who was kind, genuine, caring, and always willing to listen and engage with her constituents and neighbors. She was a collaborative leader with a steady and calming presence, during a time of global uncertainty. She will be greatly missed.

Alice was a graduate of Miami University of Ohio and Seattle University School of Law. She was an attorney and a yoga teacher. Before being elected as Village Trustee, she served as President of the Field Park PTO, Chair of the Western Springs Foundation for Educational Excellence, and as a member of the Western Springs School District 101 Board of Education. Her dedication to the community and the larger region had depth and breadth.

Alice was elected as a Village Trustee in 2013 and then as Village President in 2017. She was re-elected in 2021 and was halfway through her second term. Since becoming Village President, she has served as President of the Central Council of Mayors, a Director of the Executive Committee, Chair of the Central Council Transportation Committee, and Co-Chair of the joint Central/North Central Transportation Committee. She also served on the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning Council of Mayors Executive Committee. In February 2019, Alice was appointed by Governor Pritzker to serve on the Board of the Illinois Tollway, where she was Chair of the Audit Committee and a member of the Finance, Administration, & Operations Committee, and the Systems Review & Customer Service Committee. In fall of 2022, she was elected as Vice President of the West Central Municipal Conference regional council of government. Most recently, Alice was instrumental in creating a relationship between the Village of Western Springs and the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference.

Village Trustees and staff extend their deepest condolences to her husband Terry, their five children, and their extended family.

As she often encouraged us during her communications throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, "We'll get through this together."



Alice F. Gallagher  
Village President  
2017-2023

