



Village of Willowbrook Community Newsletter and Fun Guide Fall 2017 Winter/Spring 2018



Registration Procedures

The Village of Willowbrook and the Burr Ridge Park District have recently entered into an intergovernmental agreement to provide Willowbrook residents access to programs and services offered by the Burr Ridge Park District at rates charged to Burr Ridge Park District residents. This agreement will be in effect from September 1, 2015 until September 1, 2016, with an option to extend the agreement to September 1, 2017.

For your convenience, a brochure containing all of these programs and services is included in this publication. Willowbrook residents are encouraged to contact the Burr Ridge Park District to register for any of these programs or to have any questions regarding these services answered to your satisfaction. This agreement represents another component of the long tradition of cooperation between the Village of Willowbrook and the Burr Ridge Park District.

**All Registrations need to be done at
Burr Ridge Park District
15W400 Harvester Dr
Burr Ridge IL 60527
630-920-1969**



Office Hours

MON-TUE-WED-FRI 8:30am-4:30pm
THURS 8:30am-6:30pm

For your convenience, we have a drop box located near the main entrance of the Community Center.
Note Willowbrook residents receive resident rates for all programs in this book

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Willowbrook Residents,

So far, 2017 has been a very busy and productive year for the Village. Many projects and programs identified during our budget process for the 2017/18 fiscal year are now underway. More on those items later, but first I would like to take a short opportunity to speak about the newly passed state budget.

As you know, the Illinois General Assembly passed a state budget, which included an income tax hike, on July 2, 2017. The Governor vetoed the budget bills, and the General Assembly quickly voted to override the Governor's veto on July 6th, thus making them law. Although the budget bills did not include comprehensive spending reforms, it does increase the state's income tax rate to 4.95% (up from 3.75%) for individuals and to 7% (up from 5.25%) for corporations effective July 1, 2017. This will raise \$5 billion in new revenues for the state. Along with that action, the state budget also includes a 10% reduction for FY2018 in the amount of income tax revenue the state has historically shared with municipalities through a prior agreement, called the LGDF. This will mean a loss for the Village of approximately \$85,000. Hopefully, this revenue will be used to pay the back-log of state unpaid bills. However, unfortunately, core issues were not resolved in the state budget, including the state's ever-growing public pension liability of around \$130 billion. Perhaps a plan, which is still needed, will come about at some point in a "Round 2" of legislative action. Stay tuned....

....Now back to Willowbrook. Here's a short summary of several items of interest, along with an update on several other projects:

Kingery Highway (Illinois Route 83) Corridor Study: Earlier this year, the Village Board accepted a consultant's proposal to perform a Route 83 Corridor Study in order to develop a plan to assist in the state's design of the possible widening of Kingery Highway through town. As part of this study, a steering committee will be formed to identify issues and explore design options available to ensure any widening project, IF approved by IDOT, is done so with the recommendations of our community in mind. Without such a plan, the state would design the project themselves, with limited direct input from our community. The goal is to complete the plan and have it approved by the Village Board before the end of the year. If you have any interest in serving on the steering committee for this project, please contact me. We will strive to include participants from all areas of town that are impacted by this possible future widening project.

Pete's Fresh Market (Redevelopment of the former K-Mart site): In December 2016, the Village Board granted final approval of this project, and construction is now underway. Retailers will include a Pete's Fresh Market, Steinmart, Ultra Beauty, Firehouse Subs, a pizza restaurant and others. Although there were unexpected delays throughout this project, there are also substantial off-site traffic improvements required in order to accommodate the expected traffic volumes. Working with both IDOT (for Kingery Highway) and DuPage County DOT (for Plainfield Road) to perform the traffic studies and finalize plans proved to be a lengthy process. The owner has not confirmed an opening date as of yet, but we're glad to see construction progressing and we're excited to welcome these new businesses to our community very soon.

Parks & Recreation Department 5-Year Master Plan Development – 2018-2022: In 2013, the Village performed its first ever Park & Recreation 5-Year Comprehensive Master Plan. This plan includes the community's vision for the operation of the Village Parks & Recreation Department, including capital investments for park properties and the types of recreational programming to be offered to the community. This plan has served us well, but it will expire at the end of the year. Therefore, we have accepted a consultant's proposal to update the plan for the next 5 years. As part of the update process, surveys will be mailed to residents, and a series of focus group meetings will be held to further review and discuss components of the plan to ensure it's drafted to meet the needs of the community. If you are interested in participating in a focus group meeting, or serving on the Village's Parks & Recreation Commission, please contact me.

Willow Pond Park Renovation Project: Shortly after the development of the above mentioned first Master Plan, the document was used to apply for a state OSRAD grant to perform a comprehensive renovation of Willow Pond Park. The Village, ultimately, received a \$400,000 grant from the state, which would pay for about half the cost of the project. Willowbrook was the only jurisdiction in DuPage County to receive such a grant in 2014. However, before we could start the project the state suspended the grant in March of 2015. In August of 2016 (17 months later!) the state then released our grant. Although contract prices had increased over that time, we came to an agreement with the contractor and the Village Board awarded the project in March of 2017. Construction is now underway. The project includes new park amenities such as a water splash pad, new pavilion shelter, playgrounds, permanent restrooms, fishing sites, expanded parking facilities, concrete walks, and site landscaping. The project should be substantially complete by September of this year, and a park re-opening event will be planned.

Proposed "Chicago Gun Club" Zoning Application: In January, the Village received an application for zoning approval to operate a private gun club in town. As part of the statutory zoning consideration process, a public hearing was held before the Village Plan Commission on February 22nd to receive comments from the public. After the public hearing was continued to a second date, a positive recommendation was ultimately forwarded to the Village Board in April. During the Village Board's April 24th and May 22nd regular meetings, multiple public comments were made, mostly in opposition to the project. On May 22nd, the Village Board voted to deny the application. Therefore, the project was not approved. Although this proposed development in town was a controversial one for many, it is important to remember that the applicant had a right to seek approval of the land use, and the Village was required to process the application like any other we receive. I'm proud of the many citizens that attended those meetings to make sure their voices were heard. Many times, it can be difficult to engage the community on important topics.

Kingery Highway (Illinois Route 83) & 63rd Street Lighting Project: During my first campaign for mayor in 2012/13, one of the items that was very important to me was the installation of streetlights at the dark intersection of Kingery Highway & 63rd Street. During my campaign, I had heard from many residents in the area that expressed a safety concern – and I agreed. This turned out to be a fairly difficult project to bring to fruition, since neither street is controlled by Willowbrook and, technically, the intersection does not meet warrant requirements for lighting. After running short of available options, and being denied by IDOT, the Village applied for a Federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) grant to complete the project ourselves. The Village was awarded a \$365,000 grant to complete the approximate \$522,000 project. The project appeared on the March 2017 IDOT bid letting and will begin this fall.

Finally, I would like to offer a personal invitation to all Willowbrook residents to attend the planned Open House / 9-11 Memorial Dedication of our newly renovated police station located at 7760 Quincy Street. This event will take place on Saturday, September 16th between 11:00 AM and 3:00 PM. The long-overdue renovation of our Village police station is nearing completion after a 10-month and nearly \$4 M construction project. As part of the Village-wide open house event, we will dedicate the 9/11 World Trade Center artifact obtained from the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. The artifact is displayed within the lobby of the new police station. Invitations will be mailed out in August containing details on this event.

I hope the above information is welcoming news and helps illustrate how hard Village elected officials, appointed officials, and staff are working to make Willowbrook a special community that we can all be proud of.

I am by no means out of ideas, and as always, would welcome any and all input from you on other projects or items to consider in the future. Please feel free to contact me directly at frilla@willowbrook.il.us.

Very Truly Yours,



Frank A. Trilla
Mayor



Willowbrook Special Events

To register or for more information for these events only please call the Willowbrook Village Hall at (630)323-8215

ANNUAL CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PARTY

Willowbrook residents only

Sunday, December 17th

2:00 – 4:00 PM



Hinsdale South High School
(7401 Clarendon Hills Road,
Darien, IL)

Come join us for our 41st Anniversary Party. The party will include crafts, music, food, entertainment and that famous guy Santa. Each child will get an age appropriate gift. Each child is asked to bring one or more non-perishable food item as a donation to HCS Family Services of Hinsdale.

Please RSVP by Friday, December 8th.

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday March 31st

11:00 am sharp

Free Open to All

Borse Community Park
208 Midway Drive
Willowbrook



Please pre-register at 630-323-8215 to ensure we have enough eggs for each child by March 22nd

The Easter Bunny will be available for pictures by 10:15

The Village of Willowbrook's

4th Annual

SPRING FLING 5K

5K/Children's 1mile Fun Run & Community
Fair

Sunday May 6th 9am-12pm
Borse Community Park.



For information call the
Willowbrook Village Hall at
630-323-8215.

Adult Co-Rec Softball Ages 16 & up Beginning in May

The Willowbrook Park and Rec department is looking for
16" Adult Co-Rec Softball teams.

To Register or for more information contact:
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For all programs pages 5 - 33 you must register at
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Website www.brparcs.org • Email info@brparcs.org

Burr Ridge Park District

2017 HARVEST FEST

Saturday, September 30

1:00 - 5:00pm

Harvester Park - 15 W 400 Harvester Dr.

630-920-1969



5th Annual

Sunday
September 10th

10 Mile Ride

9am - 11am



Village of Willowbrook
 835 Midway Drive
 Willowbrook, Illinois 60527-5594
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 Fax: 630-323-0787
 Police Emergency 911
 Police Phone (Non-Emergency)
 630-325-2808
www.willowbrookil.org

Mayor

Frank Trilla

Village Clerk

Leroy Hansen

Village Trustees

Sue Berglund	Mike Mistele
Umberto Davi	Gayle Neal
Terry Kelly	Paul Oggerino

Village Administrator

Timothy J. Halik

Police Chief

Robert Pavelchik

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Richard Cobb	Robert Pionke
Lorraine Grimsby	Doug Stetina
Ronald Kanaverskis	Catherine Kaczmarek
Laurie Landsman	

Interm Supt. of Parks & Recreation

John Fenske

Village Hall Hours

Monday - Friday
 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Administrative Police Hours

Monday - Friday
 8:30 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Animal Control 630-407-2800
 Anna Emery Hanson Center 630-325-3857
 Anna M. Jeans School 630-325-8186
 Burr Ridge Middle School 630-325-5454 ext 6
 Burr Ridge Park District 630-920-1969
 Clarendon Hills Post Office (60514) 630-323-0309
 College of DuPage 630-858-2800
 Commonwealth Edison 1-800-334-7661
 Downers Grove Township 630-719-6600
 DuPage Co. Forest Preserve Dist. 630-933-7200
 DuPage Co. Information 630-407-6500
 Flagg Creek Reclamation District 630-323-3299
 Gateway Special Rec. Assoc. 630-325-3857
 Good Samaritan Hospital 630-275-5900
 Gower Middle School 630-323-8275
 Gower West School 630-323-6446
 Hinsdale Central High School 630-570-8000
 Hinsdale Hospital 630-856-9000
 Hinsdale South High School 630-468-4000
 Holmes School/District #60 630-323-2086
 Humane Society 630-323-5630
 Indian Prairie Library 630-887-8760
 LaGrange Memorial Hospital 708-245-9000
 Maercker School 630-968-6165
 NICOR Gas 1-888-642-6748
 Oak Brook Post Office (60523) 630-990-4224
 Secretary of State (Lombard) 630-629-0380
 States Attorney 630-407-8000
 Suburban Hospital 630-323-2372
 Westmont Post Office (60559) 630-968-0855
 Westview Middle School 630-963-1450
 Willowbrook Carrier Annex (60527) 630-323-3950

Willowbrook Parks

Tony and Florence Borse Memorial Community Park—17.17 acres—208 Midway Drive. Site includes three softball diamonds, one soccer field, three volleyball courts, two basketball courts, playground equipment, two shelters, grills, toilet facilities, drinking fountains and picnic tables.

Creekside Park—10.18 acres—64th and Madison Street. Site includes a playground, basketball court, nature trail, baseball field, picnic tables and drinking fountain.

Farmingdale Terrace Park—3.02 acres—415 Honey Locust Lane. Site includes a basketball court, picnic tables, playground equipment and drinking fountain.

Lake Hinsdale Park—1 acre—Lake Hinsdale Drive and 63rd Street. Site includes swings, whirl, picnic tables and playground equipment.

Midway Park—2.14 acres—209 Midway Drive. Site includes one soccer field.

Prairie Trail Park—7.30 acres—59th Street and Clarendon Hills Road. Site includes playground equipment, picnic tables, drinking fountain and a 2-acre pond.

Ridgemoor Park—5.40 acres—65th and Quincy Street. Site includes a creek, picnic tables, playground equipment and a drinking fountain.

Rogers Glen Park—1.38 acres—63rd and Garfield Avenue.

Waterford Park—4.28 acres—6612 Rodgers Drive. Site includes picnic tables (one accessible), playground equipment, two tennis courts, softball diamond, pavilion, volleyball court, walking path and drinking fountain.

Willow Pond—4.17 acres—Plainfield Road and Adams Street. Site includes 1.5 acre pond, playground equipment, shelter, grills, picnic tables, drinking fountain, handicapped accessible fishing pier, and Veterans Memorial.

Willowbrook Ponds

The Willowbrook Park system has wonderful ponds at the Community, Ridgemoor, and Prairie Trail parks as well as at Willow Pond. Individuals are encouraged to take advantage of the fishing opportunities at these locations. Please remember these ponds are for catch and release only. There is a Veteran's memorial bench.

Geese Alert!

Feeding geese and ducks has been a favorite pastime for some of our residents. Mother Nature never intended these animals to be given food by people. Please refrain from feeding waterfowl as it disturbs their natural diet. For further information please call the Village of Willowbrook at 630-323-8215.

Help Make Our Parks More Beautiful

The Village of Willowbrook is very pleased to offer a Celebration/Memorial Program that allows you to make a contribution for a new or existing tree or bench in one of Willowbrook's parks in someone's name or, if you wish, simply contribute to make our parks more beautiful. All funds from this program are used to manage the program and to add more trees to Willowbrook's parks.

Trees and benches can be purchased as a gift to a friend, to celebrate the birth of a child, a marriage, or another momentous event in your family or to memorialize a loved one. This long-lasting gift serves as a perpetual reminder of those people and events that make our lives special.

For more information, go to www.willowbrookil.org click on Parks & Recreation, and then Celebration/Memorial Program.

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On behalf of the Village of Willowbrook's Spring Fling 5k Race/Kid's Dash Committee, we would like to thank the following sponsors for their generous donations to our event. Without your support this event would not have been possible.

Bella Cosa Jewelers

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Chick-fil-A Willowbrook

Community Bank of Willowbrook

Costco

Countryside Bank

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Five Seasons

Hinsdale Nurseries

The Isadore Group

Integrated Project Management

Jimmy Johns-Willowbrook

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Proforma Creative Impressions

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Registration Information

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It is in Violation of Village Ordinance to:

Willfully mar or damage park property or litter in a park. The Village aggressively prosecutes vandals and requires reimbursement for any damages in addition to requiring community service hours.

Operate any motor vehicle in a park.

Perform auto maintenance in a park.

Carry, possess or drink an alcoholic beverage in a park.

Permit any animal into a park.

Feed wildlife in any park.

Be in a Village park between dusk and dawn except for those with official park permits.

Operate a watercraft in a park.

Residents who observe violations of any of these laws are asked to call the Willowbrook Police at 911. The cooperation of all will make our parks more enjoyable to everyone.

Park Permits

Park permits are available for you to reserve park shelters, ball fields and other areas for family outings, picnics and corporate events.

Park permits are required for any groups in excess of 25 individuals.

Call the Village Hall at 630-323-8215 to determine that the facilities and the date you desire are available.

Obtain a Park Permit Application and Fee Schedule in person from the Village Hall. You may also obtain an application online at www.willowbrookil.org. Just click on Parks and Recreation and go to the Park Permits link. There you will also see the permit fee schedule.

If your place and date are available, we can reserve it for you up to 7 days in order to give you time to submit the application and the entire permit fee. The Village Hall is open Monday thru Friday from 8:30 AM-4:30 PM. You may also fax the application to the Village at 630-323-0787 and then call to pay by credit card.



Help Us Help You

The Village of Willowbrook treats park vandalism very seriously and prosecutes offenders to the full extent of the law. Your cooperation and diligence will be a great assistance in our efforts to make our parks as safe and attractive as possible. If you witness anyone in a Willowbrook park during the time that the parks are closed (dusk to dawn) or you witness suspicious activity in a park at any time, please do not hesitate to call the **Willowbrook Police Department at 911**

