

VILLAGE VIEW



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Mayor's Message

Mayor Frank Trilla

Summer is here, and the Village has many exciting festivities to enjoy. I encourage everyone to join this summer's fun by attending one of our many fantastic events. In addition, we encourage you to invite your family, friends, and neighbors to participate in the fun.

This summer sees the return of several favorite community events and some new ones, and we hope you will take the time to join us and celebrate together. Our staff is very excited to introduce our Neighborhood Night events, which will feature a variety of entertainment, lawn games, and treats brought directly to your neighborhood! For more information, see this newsletter's Parks & Recreation Department section.

Our Village Board of Trustees approved the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget in April. The FY23-24 Budget results from months of preparation amidst changing circumstances in our local, state, and national economies. We are proud to bring forth a budget that continues the tradition of providing outstanding services to our community and

preparing for the future with mindful spending of your tax dollars. In addition, the Village's AAA bond rating exemplifies our diligent financial stewardship, the highest possible rating a municipality can achieve.

The Village has several significant Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Projects planned as part of the budget, including the Gower Sidewalk Expansion, Executive Drive Stormwater Improvements, Midway Park Redevelopment, Borse Park Phase 1 Redevelopment, and Creekside Park Bridge Improvements. Follow the Village on Facebook or Nextdoor and visit our website (willowbrookil.org) regularly to stay updated on the news regarding the projects planned for this fiscal year.

Thank you to all that help make our community a great place to work and live. Please feel free to contact me, the Village Board of Trustees, or Village staff to share your thoughts and ideas on any Village matter.

Village of
WILLOWBROOK

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FY 2023-2024

Budget Brief

The budget cycle is an ongoing process that includes a series of discussions about operational needs, capital improvement projects, debt management, financial forecasting, and strategic planning. The budget is developed around the programs and services that the Village provides to the community and those that help internally support those programs.

VILLAGE FUNDS

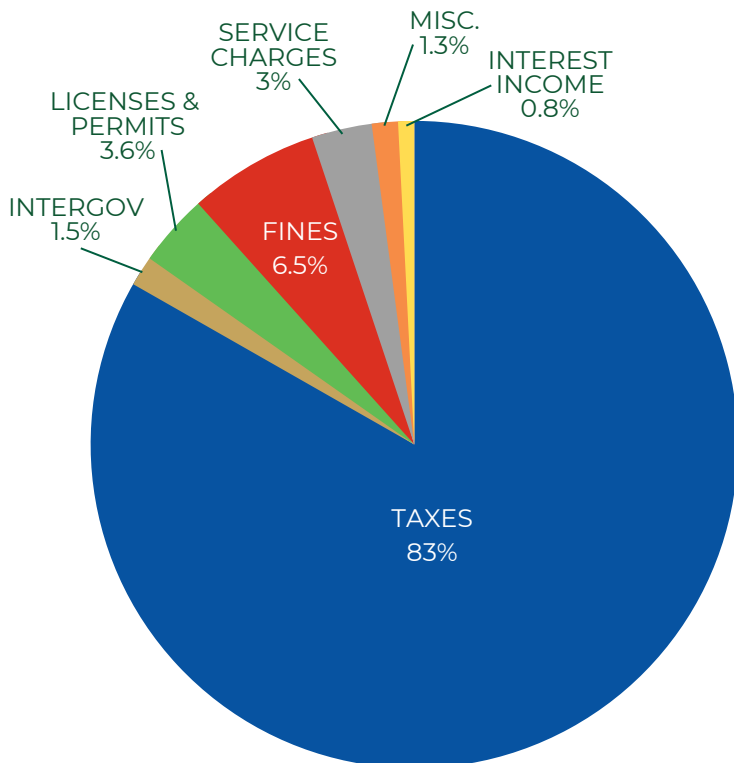
- » General Fund
- » Water Fund
- » Business District Tax Fund
- » Motor Fuel Tax Fund

In April 2023, the Village Board adopted the FY23-24 General Fund Annual Budget of \$14,343,306 effective for the period May 1 through April 30, 2024.

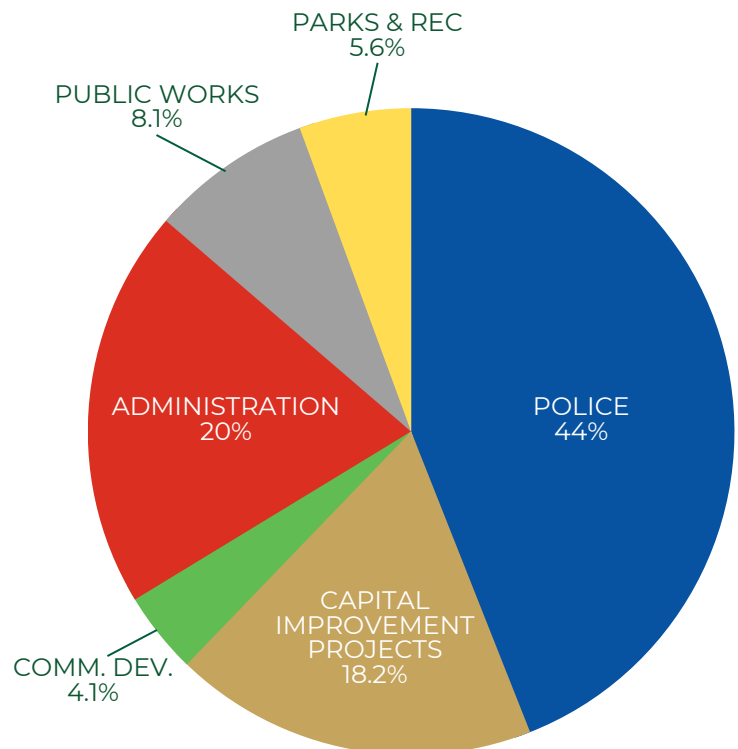
FY2023-2024 GENERAL FUND REVENUES

A large portion of the Village revenues collected to support the General Fund are taxes. While the Village does not have a property tax that supports operations, there are a variety of taxes that the Village receives, the most significant contributor being sales tax.

The chart below demonstrates the distribution of other revenue sources for the upcoming fiscal year.

**FY2023-2024 GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES**

The total budget for Village general fund expenditures for this fiscal year is \$14.3 million. Nearly half of the budget (44%) supports Police and safety operations and services. The General Fund accounts for most core services provided to the community including police, street maintenance, plowing, forestry, code enforcement, and general administration.



FY 2023-2024

Capital Improvement Projects

The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is a governmental fund in the Capital Projects Fund to aggregate resources to complete infrastructure improvements and large-scale capital projects. The General Fund largely funds these projects. These projects are strategically planned and carefully budgeted for over several years. All of these projects are budgeted and will not include any increase in taxes or fees. Most funding will help support road/sidewalk infrastructure improvements and Village facilities improvements. Below is a list of the projects planned for this year:

» Road & Sidewalk Infrastructure

- Gower Sidewalk Expansion
- Executive Drive Storm Water Improvements

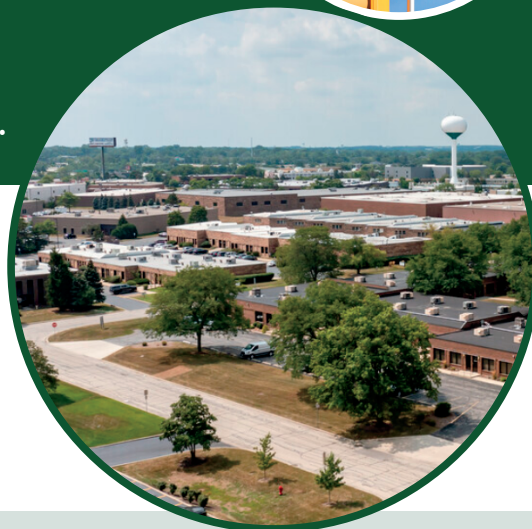
» Village Equipment

- Parks Message Boards
- Adams Street LED Streetlight Replacements

» Village Facilities

- Midway Park Redevelopment Project
- Borse Park Phase 1 Redevelopment
- Creekside Park Bridge Improvements

Read more about our upcoming improvements at willowbrookil.org/366/Capital-Improvement-Projects.



JOIN US!

Executive Drive Open House

Thursday, May 25 at 5:30 pm

Community Resource Center | 825 Midway Dr.

BREAKING DOWN YOUR PROPERTY TAX DOLLARS

On average, the portion of your total annual property tax bill that supports Village services is less than half a percent, 0.32%. The graph below depicts property tax allocations to other community taxing bodies.





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Officer of the Year

OFFICER PIOTR OPACIAN



The Police Department proudly announces Officer Piotr Opacian as the 2022 Officer of the Year. Ofc. Opacian's dedicated service and work for the community resulted in several high-profile arrests removing illegally possessed drugs and weapons from the streets.

Retirement



CHIEF ROBERT
SCHALLER

After 28-years of service Chief Robert Schaller will retire from the Willowbrook Police Department on May 19, 2023. The Village is proud to announce the promotion of Deputy Chief Lauren Kaspar to Chief of Police.

Promotion



CHIEF LAUREN
KASPAR

SEASONAL SAFETY REMINDERS



SIGN UP FOR VACATION WATCH

If you plan to be out of town and your home will be vacant for an extended period, patrol officers will visit your home to ensure it is secure and even alert you via email of our extra patrol. So have peace of mind while enjoying your family vacation. Register your home online at willowbrookil.org.



BE AWARE OF RUSE BURGLARIES

Ruse Burglary occurs when an offender distracts a homeowner with a 'Ruse' to have an accomplice sneak into your home to commit a burglary. These offenders use a variety of tricks to convince you to step away from your front door or even go into the backyard for others to enter your home. Look out for yourself and your neighbors. Don't hesitate to call 911 whenever someone comes to the house unexpectedly, suspiciously trying to get you to let them in or get you away from your door. Better to be safe and let us double check their motives. Ask for village identification if they claim to be a Village employee. If you aren't sure, call 911 and let us help.



PROTECT YOUR VEHICLES

Due to the increase in Kia and Hyundai motor vehicle thefts in the Chicagoland area, the Willowbrook Police Department partnered with Kia and Hyundai to offer wheel locks for Kia and Hyundai with keyed ignitions. If you are a Willowbrook resident and want to receive a wheel lock for your Kia or Hyundai, please visit the Police Department during regular business hours.



COMMUNITY-ORIENTED POLICING

Join us for Community-Oriented Policing meetings at the CRC to discuss crime patterns in the community and provide safety alerts. Please stay informed of upcoming meetings.

We are happy to attend resident's Homeowners Association Meetings with an advance invitation. We find these community engagement opportunities informative.



Save the Date!

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1
5:00 PM AT BORSE MEMORIAL PARK

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make neighborhoods safer and more caring places to live. It provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances. The Willowbrook Police Department is happy to partner with the Burr Ridge Police Department and the Burr Ridge Park District to bring National Night Out to the Willowbrook community. Save the date and watch for more details on social media and our website.



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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORNER

Before you get too far ahead in planning a construction or home renovation project, the Community Development Department can assist with general questions and, in some cases, offer a brief review of conceptual plans. As always, before starting any home improvement project, you must do your diligence and check with the Community Development Department on whether your project requires a building permit. Contact the Community Development Department for more information about your future projects.

We often are asked if we require permits for existing property improvements. The answer most often is yes. Although you may be replacing it with similar items (same materials or size), the appropriate review is important, and you must have a permit before work can commence. We require permits and inspections for the following replacements: windows, fencing, driveways, patios, decks, furnace or AC unit replacement, and the installation of hot water heaters.



Q: DO I NEED A PERMIT?

A: MOST OFTEN, YES.

If you decide to do any of the work yourself as a homeowner, that does not negate your responsibility to apply for and obtain a permit and request all required inspections. The Community Development Department can answer any questions about the permitting process.

Unified Development Ordinance Update

On January 23, the Board approved Ordinance 23-O-08, the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) and Zoning Map Amendment. The UDO is a comprehensive zoning code replacing Title 9 and 10 of the Willowbrook Municipal Zoning Code entirely, effective immediately.

This is the first time the Village has gone through a comprehensive zoning code update since the early 1960's.

NEED A PERMIT?

The Community Development Department is available
Monday – Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm.
Please call us at 630-920-2240.

SUMMER HOME TIPS

Maintain the Property Structure

Address and eliminate factors that threaten the property structure, such as excess clutter, and weakened structural features.

Maintain Your Lawn & Trees

Village code states that grass and weeds cannot exceed 8" in height (Sec. 6-2-2-6).

Garbage and Recycling 101

Place your garbage containers curbside no more than twenty-four hours (24) prior to collection and remove after in a timely manner to avoid fines (Section 6-2-2-3).

Ensure Your Swimming Pool is Properly Maintained

Standing water attracts mosquitoes, providing ideal breeding grounds for mosquitos, which spread disease.

Permit Temporary Pools

Temporary pools over 24" deep require a permit. Temporary seasonal pools must be plugged into a GFI outlet not less than six feet (6') from pool wall. Swimming pool barriers should be a minimum of four feet (4') and should be equipped with a gate or gates, which restrict access to the pool.

Other Home Check Items

- Address numbers should be visible from the street, at least 4" high and 0.5" wide.
- Perform routine HVAC System Maintenance
- Maintain your roof, check for missing shingles or signs of sagging.
- Test spigots, outside faucets, and garden hoses.
- Clean your chimney.
- Make sure your sump pump is in working order.
- Inspect decks for rotting wood.
- Check seals around windows and doors.



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2022 ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT

As required, the Village of Willowbrook produces an annual water quality report, known as the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR). The report for 2022 is now available on the website.

To view the full report, visit
willowbrookil.org/124/Consumer-Confidence-Report-CCR.

WE WANT TO HELP. SEE. CLICK. FIX.

The SeeClickFix Mobile App allows residents to create a service request on the go. Report an issue, share feedback, or ask questions of your Village from your phone.

Visit willowbrookil.org/357/SeeClickFix to begin or download the SeeClickFix app through the Apple App or Google Play Store!



SeeClickFix is the fastest, easiest way for you to submit non-emergency requests to your community, stay updated, and initiate change in your community.



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MOSQUITO CONTROL

Our annual mosquito control program to prevent mosquito breeding and suppress mosquito populations, including those that carry mosquito-borne disease like West Nile Virus has begun in the Village.

We contracted with Clarke to conduct an integrated mosquito management program, which includes surveillance to monitor overall mosquito populations levels and detect the presence of vector-borne disease; mapping of mosquito breeding sites; treating storm drains and breeding sites with larvicides to prevent mosquito eggs from developing; and periodic adulticiding, which involves treating the community with an ultra-low volume mosquito control product to quickly reduce flying, biting mosquito populations.

Public health officials do recommend taking protective measures to prevent mosquito bites. These include wearing CDC-recommended repellents (DEET, picaridin, IR-3535 and oil of lemon eucalyptus), long sleeves/long pants, and avoiding being outdoors at dusk and dawn. Additionally, residents can help reduce the mosquito population by eliminating environments that attract mosquito breeding.

- » Remove water in places where mosquitoes might breed.
- » Empty plastic wading pools at least once a week.
- » Change water weekly in bird baths.
- » Pet water bowls should be emptied and refilled daily.
- » Keep gutters in good repair to avoid water build-up.
- » Keep weeds and grass cut short, as mosquitoes look for shady places to rest during hot daylight.
- » Be sure screens in homes are intact and tight-fitting to prevent entry of insects.



UPCOMING EVENTS



GLOW RIDER EVENT

June 3 | 7-9pm
Borse Memorial
Community Park



FISHING DERBY

June 17 | 9 am- 12 pm
Willow Pond



MOVIE NIGHT IN THE PARK

July 15 | 8-10 pm
Borse Memorial
Community Park
Featuring "Lightyear"



WATERMELONS ON WATER

August 3 | 7:30-9 pm
Willow Pond



New NEIGHBORHOOD NIGHTS

The Parks and Recreation Department is bringing a party to your neighborhood parks this summer. Enjoy a variety of entertainment, games, and food. Walk down on Friday night from 7-9 pm on your "Neighborhood Night" and have some fun! There is no charge for this event, but registration is requested. Please register your family at willowbrookil.org/356/Program-Registration.

CREEKSIDE PARK | JUNE 9

FARMINGDALE TERRACE PARK | JUNE 23

PRAIRIE TRAIL PARK | JULY 14

RIDGEMOOR PARK | JULY 21

WATERFORD PARK | AUGUST 11

PARK RENTALS

Willowbrook offers park rentals at Borse Memorial Community Park and Willow Pond. Rental rates correspond with the number of people at your event. Parks can accommodate groups up to 200 with a permit. Groups of 200 or more must receive pre-approval from the Village Board.

For rental rates and the permit application please visit willowbrookil.org/138/Park-Permits.





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Resident Resource **FREQUENT CALL LIST**

VILLAGE OF WILLOWBROOK

- Village Hall Administration - (630) 323-8215
Hours of Operation - Monday through Friday 8:30am-4:30pm
- Police Department Administration - (630) 325-2802

DOWNERS GROVE TOWNSHIP

- Main Line - (630) 719-6600
- Assessor's Office - (630) 719-6630

DUPAGE COUNTY

- Main Line - (630) 407-6500
- Public Works - (630) 407-6800
- Clerk's Office - (630) 407-5500

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS

- Tri-State Fire Protection District - (630) 323-2171
- Pleasantview Fire Protection District - (630) 352-9229

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

- Main Line - (800) 452-IDOT (4368)

UTILITIES

- Nicor Gas - (800) 642-6748 (Nicor4U)
- ComEd - (800) 334-7661 (EDISON-1)
- AT&T Internet - (800) 288-2020
- Comcast Xfinity Internet - (855) 870-1311

WILLOWBROOK & BURR RIDGE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

- Main Line (630) 654-0909



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