



President's Corner  
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People often say that here in the Midwest we have only two seasons - winter and construction! This old saying certainly holds true for Western Springs this year. I hope you are enjoying the improvements to the east train platform and along Burlington and Hillgrove Avenues. Thank you for your patience while the work there winds down, and as we tackle other improvements already underway on Lawn and Johnson Avenues.

Tollway Expansion Update

On July 16th, we hosted a Village-wide meeting for our residents to hear about Tollway expansion plans directly from Tollway staff. The meeting was well attended and informative – and addressed plans to rebuild the BNSF railroad bridge over the Tollway, and the impact this project will have on our residents, parks, and downtown area. For a full recap of the meeting, please go to: [I-294 Corridor Planning](#). We plan to hold additional Tollway meetings in the near future as the project continues to develop.

Firefighter Recruitment

Did you know that our Fire Department consists primarily of paid-on-call (POC) firefighters? These firefighters work approximately 12 hours per week - but how much a firefighter works is dependent upon his/her availability. If you've ever wondered what it's like to be a firefighter, now is your chance to find out. The WS Fire Department is currently recruiting members for its paid-on-call firefighter training to begin in January 2019, and will hold an informational meeting for prospective recruits on Tuesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm, at Fire Department headquarters.

To qualify for the training you must be at least 18 years of age, and live in Western Springs or within a mile of its boundaries. The five month Fire Academy will meet three times a week between January and June of 2019. It is a rigorous course that will train you to respond to emergency calls, including First Responder medical emergencies.

Our Fire Department is a close-knit community of individuals who are dedicated to serving others in times of great need. Their motto is "Neighbors Protecting Neighbors" and their esprit de corps is second to none. To learn more, or to apply for the upcoming training, please go to: [WS Fire Fighter Jobs](#) ; email [fireinfo@wsprings.com](mailto:fireinfo@wsprings.com), or call Deputy Chief Mayor at 708-246-1800 ext. 174.

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