



President's Corner  
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Western Springs' local governance has a long and proud history of leaving bipartisan politics behind in our local elections. Each candidate runs for office as a member of the Western Springs Caucus Party. Among other benefits, this system allows newly-elected officials to join the Village, Park, or Library Boards absent the sometimes divisive politics of the two-party system. As part of this nonpartisan tradition, the Village Board as a whole remains neutral in the campaigns and elections of state and national leaders. For more information on the Caucus Party, please go to <http://wsprings.com/221/Caucus-System> or <https://wscaucus.wixsite.com/caucus>.

Now that State elections are behind us and the new administration is sworn in, there is a sense of promise in Springfield. Talk of bipartisan cooperation to move our State forward is backed by concrete, conciliatory steps in that direction from both sides of the aisle. Western Springs is fortunate to have several concerned and caring state senators and representatives looking out for our interests in Springfield. Namely, resident and House Leader Jim Durkin, Representative Chris Welch, and Representative Deanne Mazzochi in the Illinois House; and Western Springs resident and newly-elected Senator Suzy Glowiak, Senator Kimberly Lightford, and Senator John Curran.

Buoyed by this optimistic spirit and setting aside of bipartisan politics, I'm happy to introduce what I hope will be a regular series of "meet and greet" events with our state representatives. Please join me in welcoming Senator John Curran to the inaugural Meet and Greet event at Salerno's in Western Springs, on Wednesday, February 13th from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. This casual event is a convenient opportunity to discuss your concerns with Senator Curran. For more information, please see the flyer [here](#).

Bring your Valentine and your questions for Senator Curran - I hope to see you there!

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Village President