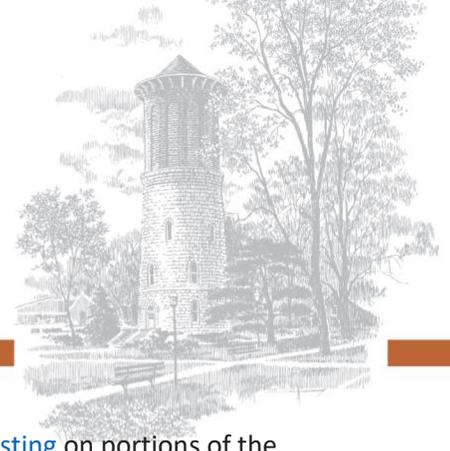


# TUESDAY TOPICS

October 20, 2020



## Smoke Testing:

- This week the Village and RJN Group were scheduled to perform [smoke testing](#) on portions of the sanitary sewer system. The testing has been delayed until at least Thursday October 22, and possibly until next week, due to wet conditions. Once underway, the project should take 2-3 days to complete. Residents, businesses, and schools within the [project area](#) were notified via mail. Smoke testing is the simple means of locating openings in the sanitary sewer system that allow surface rainwater to enter the sewers. The smoke should not enter your home unless you have defective plumbing or dried up drain traps. If smoke enters your home, and the field crew is still on your street, please contact a member of the crew or the RJN Field Crew Leader at (630) 639-1914. If you believe the smoke is unrelated to smoke testing, please call 911. You can learn more on the [website](#).

## Leaf Pickup Program:

- Leaf pickup began on Monday October 19 and runs through the first week of December. The Public Works Department needs your help to ensure that leaf pickup is safe and efficient. Learn more and see the [flyer](#) that was mailed out to residents on the [website](#).

## WSPD Warn of Scam:

- WSPD has been made aware of a [scam](#) circulating in the Village involving callers posing as Nicor employees, alleging that work needs to be completed on a meter inside the residence. Nicor does not do this work without providing written notice. If anyone arrives at your door claiming that they are with a utility company and you are unaware of work required in your home, contact the utility company directly. All utility employees should also have identification. If you are uncomfortable or unsure about a subject at your residence, dial 911 for police assistance.

## Halloween Festivities:

- La Grange, La Grange Park, Western Springs, and Countryside have issued [recommendations](#) for Trick-or-Treaters, Parents/Guardians, and Homeowners, based on Center for Disease Control (CDC) and Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) guidelines.

## New Hires and Promotions:

- I'm pleased to announce the recent promotions of Captain Steven Smith, Lieutenant Stephanie Grimm, and Lieutenant Christopher Langstaff in the Department of Fire & EMS. Collectively, these three talented individuals bring over 50 years of experience and service to their leadership roles. We are fortunate to have these dedicated folks serving in the Western Springs Fire Department.

Until next week,

Alice Gallagher,  
Village President

*Wear a Mask, Socially Distance, Wash Hands, Be Safe*