

# TUESDAY TOPICS

November 3, 2020



***Today is Election Day, and whether you voted early, by mail, or plan to head to the polls today – be sure that your voice is heard, and that your vote is counted!***

## **Pumpkin Smash:**

- According to the [U.S Department of Energy](#), discarded pumpkins accumulate in landfills where they decompose and turn into methane – a harmful greenhouse gas with more than 20 times the warming effect of carbon dioxide. Every pumpkin “smashed” is one diverted from landfill that will compost into a nutrient-dense soil additive. This Saturday, the Village is partnering with SCARCE to host its second annual [composting event](#). Bring your discarded pumpkins to the Western Springs Pool parking lot on Saturday, November 7, from 9 am – 12 pm. [Styrofoam recycling](#) takes place on the same day and time, at the Recreation Center parking lot.

## **Leaf Pickup Program Continues:**

- The annual [Leaf Pickup Program](#) began 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. Remember that only leaves may be raked into the gutter - no branches, lawn clippings, flowers, or pumpkins. Please avoid parking on the streets from 6 am to 3:30 pm on pickup days, when possible.

## **On Street Parking During a Snow Event:**

- In January 2020, the Village Board approved a change to [on-street parking restrictions](#) during snow events. On-street parking is no longer permitted after a snowfall of 2 inches or more – a change from the previous measure of 4 inches. Changes to the minimum were made to allow for more efficient plowing during snow events. Street signage has been updated throughout the Village, and the Department of Law Enforcement will enforce the new restrictions going forward.

## **New Smoke Detector Law in Illinois:**

- The Department of Fire & EMS would like to notify residents that a [new law](#) regarding smoke detectors has been passed in Illinois. By the end of 2022, single and multi-family homes that are still using smoke alarms with removable batteries (non-hardwired alarms) are required to install new alarms that feature 10-year non-removable, non-replaceable sealed batteries.

## **Business News:**

- As you most likely know, last week the governor implemented increased mitigation rules in suburban Cook County, to stem the spread of COVID-19. Indoor dining and bar service is no longer allowed under these heightened restrictions. Please continue to make every effort to support our local restaurants by taking advantage of outdoor dining, when available, and curbside carry-out options. Together, we will get through this.

Until next time,

  
Alice Gallagher,  
Village President

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