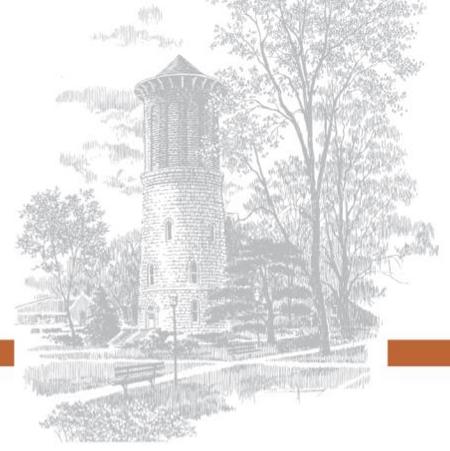


TUESDAY TOPICS



November 24, 2020

Tier 3 Mitigations in Effect:

- The Governor implemented [Tier 3 resurgence mitigations](#) this past Friday. This new tier limits in-home gatherings to household members and encourages people to stay home to the greatest extent possible. In essence, if you don't have to do it, don't. As we look forward to Thanksgiving this week, please find ways to celebrate virtually with those who live outside your home. These steps are necessary to stem the rampant spread of the virus and prevent our hospitals from being overrun. I recently recorded a [video message](#), imploring everyone to do their part to reduce the spread.

Holiday Cheer with the Recreation Department:

- The Recreation Department is doing their best to spread some cheer this holiday season. A 'Letters to Santa' drop box will be outside the Recreation Center from December 1 - 11, and a Christmas tree decorating contest will take place from December 1 - 20. Learn more about both of these programs, which are free of charge to residents, on the Village [website](#).

Western Springs Business Association Luminaria for Sale:

- Light up your sidewalks and walkways with luminaria on Thursday, December 24 at dusk. Kits are available through the Western Springs Business Association at \$12.00 each if pre-purchased before December 1 and include 10 white bags, 10 candles, and sand for each bag. Cost is \$15.00 per kit after December 1. Learn more on the [WSBA website](#).

SEASPAR Multi-Sensory Room:

- Last week the Village of Western Springs and the South East Association for Special Parks and Recreation (SEASPAR) celebrated the completion of a multi-sensory room with a virtual grand opening celebration. The multi-sensory room contains specially-designed interactive equipment that benefits individuals of any age with special needs. Visit [SEASPAR's website](#) to learn more, and take a [video](#) tour of the multi-sensory room, affectionately named "Ray's Bay" after longtime SEASPAR Board member and Western Springs resident, Ray Jasica. The multi-sensory room was also featured in the most recent issue of [Tower Topics](#).

Recreational Cannabis:

- Pursuant to resident direction resulting from the November ballot advisory referendum question, the Board of Trustees has adopted an ordinance prohibiting operation of recreational cannabis dispensaries in Western Springs.

LRS Holiday Schedule:

- Friday and Saturday collection will be delayed by one day this week, and this is the final week of the season for yard waste pick up by LRS. See the holiday schedule [here](#).

Wishing you and yours a very happy and safe Thanksgiving.

Until next week,

Alice Gallagher,
Village President

*Wear a Mask, Socially Distance, Wash Hands, Be Safe
Take Care of Yourself, Protect Others, Support our Community*