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Village President Senta Plunkett kicks off Wilmette's Sesquicentennial Year at Beach Bash

WILMETTE, IL. – (September 20, 2021) – Flanked by the beautiful Gillson Park beach along the shore of Lake Michigan on Saturday night, Village President Senta Plunkett announced the beginning of The Village of Wilmette's Sesquicentennial Celebration. The Village of Wilmette will celebrate the 150th anniversary of its incorporation on September 19, 2022.

Appearing on stage at the Ouilmette Foundation's annual Beach Bash fundraising celebration, President Plunkett told the crowd:

"It is great to see you here tonight. My thanks to the Ouilmette Foundation for hosting this amazing Village-wide celebration and inviting me to officially welcome you to Beach Bash 2021. This is the perfect time and place to announce that tonight begins our year-long Sesquicentennial celebration. To mark this milestone, the Village is embarking on a series of events to educate us about Wilmette's history, to promote the special aspects of our Village and most importantly, to have fun. After what we have all endured the last 18 months, we look forward to the Celebration to renew and strengthen the bonds we share as friends and neighbors. I can think of no better place to begin the celebration than right here, at Beach Bash 2021, in partnership with the Ouilmette Foundation."

Last February, the Village Board created the Sesquicentennial Planning Committee, whose mission is to plan a celebration that will promote community spirit and unity while honoring the Village's history and looking toward its future. The year long celebration will conclude with a community festival to be held September 10, 2022 in the Village Center.

In addition to the community festival, the Committee is actively planning a Sesquicentennial speaker series, a winter celebration, art shows, and projects to enhance public spaces in the community.

The public is invited to visit the new Sesquicentennial website to learn more about celebration events and projects, Wilmette history, and to donate to the celebration at www.wilmette150.org.

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