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# THE COMMUNICATOR

THE VILLAGE OF WILMETTE NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2019

## Sign Up for Smart911 and Wilmette Alerts

In an emergency situation, every second counts. Wilmette now offers Smart911, a free service that provides 911 operators with critical medical and household information needed during an emergency.

To register, follow these simple steps:

1. Visit [smart911.com](http://smart911.com) or download the Smart911 App.
2. Create your Safety Profile for yourself and your household. (Your information will be kept confidential and only accessible when you dial 9-1-1).
3. Smart911 will send a message to your registered email address confirming your account.

4. Upon verification, Smart911 will deliver your Safety Profile to 9-1-1 answering centers.

The Village will also use this system to send emergency notifications, such as drinking water contamination, missing persons, or hazardous conditions and non-emergency notifications, including: special events, road detours, and parking restrictions.

With Smart911, individuals can link both home and work addresses to mobile phones, which can be passed on to responders in the field for a more detailed, rapid response. Additional information including pets in the home, vehicle details in the event of an accident, and even emergency contacts can all be

included in a Safety Profile.

Currently, mobile phones do not provide an address to the 9-1-1 call taker. These emergency

situations are often the worst moments of a person's life, and the Safety Profile can speak for you when you might be unable.

Individuals are encouraged to create their Safety Profile with Smart911 today to have their information immediately available to 9-1-1 and to receive emergency notifications.

**Always Be Notified.**



# Message from the Village President

Summer has finally arrived, and it is a busy time for the Village and all of its residents. This is a great time of year to enjoy all that Wilmette has to offer and you can find more information on special events, like Independence Day celebrations and our Summer Concert Series, throughout this issue of the Communicator.

## Stormwater Improvements Update

Earlier this year, the Village Board chose to optimize the Neighborhood Storage Improvement Project to provide much needed flood relief for at-risk households west of Ridge Road. This will be accomplished through larger underground reservoirs and additional storm sewers.

The Village and Park District continue to work together cooperatively to ensure the project provides much needed flood relief and improve our parks. We remain on schedule to begin Phase IA of the project later this year with the installation of \$6 million of storm sewers in the public right-of-way. Phase I is scheduled to begin in the summer of 2020 with the installation of the first underground reservoir at Community Playfields. Underground reservoirs at Hibbard and Thornwood Parks will follow in subsequent years.

To stay up-to-date on this project, I encourage you to visit our website, [wilmette.com](http://wilmette.com) and sign-up for the special email list dedicated to stormwater improvements.

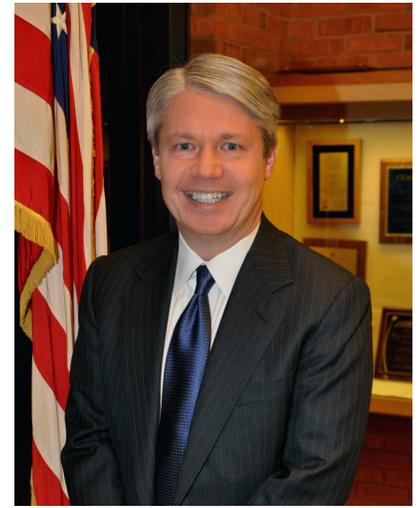
## Pension Funding

Across Illinois, it's no secret that units of government are struggling to keep up with the pension mandates placed upon us by the State of Illinois. The Village Board does not have the authority to determine employee pension benefits, rather State law alone determines the pension benefits the Village is required to offer its employees.

While the Village has responsibly funded its pension requirements, contributions to the police and fire pension plans have increased by 750 percent since 1998 to more than \$5 million per year and are projected to increase to more than \$9 million by 2040.

To address the problem before it becomes completely unmanageable, the Village Board has committed to a long-term strategy to proactively fund our pension challenges in an innovative and sustainable way. Rather than be guided by the State of Illinois' arbitrary pension funding schedule, the Village will increase its contributions over the next four years, after which time, pension funding requirements are projected to decline and stabilize.

This new course is projected to reduce costs to residents by as much as \$38 million in aggregate pension contributions over the next 20 years, as compared to previous Village policy. This minimizes the long-term impact of pension benefits to our residents and ensures that the Village has the resources necessary to address other critical needs such as roads.



## Road Improvements

The extreme temperatures of this past winter were very tough on our roads. Through the first quarter of 2019, public works crews repaired nearly 7,500 potholes, a 48 percent increase over 2018's activity.

In 2015, the Village Board increased funding for infrastructure improvements, including roads, by \$1.25 million, and then in 2017, the Village Board added an additional \$500,000 in funding specifically for roads. The Board's goal in 2017 was to stabilize the condition of our roads until additional funding becomes available in 2026. We now recognize that there is more work to do, and the Village Board will be conducting a comprehensive review of the road program this year with the goal of formulating a more robust program for the immediate future.

In the interim, our Engineering and Public Works Department has developed a patching program that will address the worst stretches of roadway with a more permanent fix than simple pothole patching. The Village Board has authorized an additional \$200,000 in funding for the program this year and work will begin in July.

## 2019 Summer Concert Series

Now in its fourth year, the Village will again be hosting its annual Summer Concert Series on the Village Green, also known as the front lawn of Village Hall. Check out the line up of bands in the image to the right. I hope to see you at the first concert on Tuesday, June 18!

## Village Board Changes

Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank outgoing Trustees Julie Wolf and George Peace for their dedicated service to the Village. Their leadership on the Village Board and in the community has greatly benefited Wilmette, its residents and business owners. Also, I would like to welcome the newest members of the Board, Trustees Gina Kennedy and Peter Barrow, and congratulate Trustees Senta Plunkett and Dan Sullivan on their re-election to the Board. All members of the Village Board and residents serving on the various Boards and Commissions are unpaid volunteers. These people provide a great service to the community, and I encourage all of you to share your talents and get involved. If you are interested in serving on one of the Village's Boards or Commissions, please fill out a Talent Bank Questionnaire, which you can find on the Village's website.

Finally, I hope you and your family enjoy a wonderful summer, and I look forward to seeing you at our shops and restaurants in all of our business districts throughout Wilmette!

Bob Bielinski  
President, Village of Wilmette

# MUSIC ON THE GREEN

A Summer Concert Series  
Presented by the Village of Wilmette

## Third Tuesday of the Month BYOB!

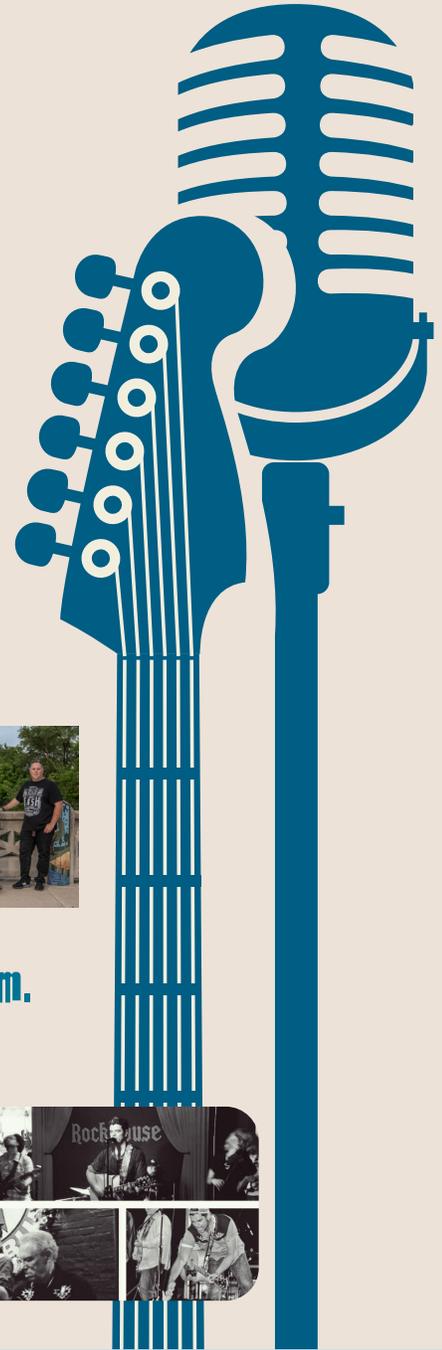
Have dinner at your favorite Village Center restaurant, grab a bottle of wine and a picnic blanket, and join us for a night of music on the front lawn of Village Hall!

### Tuesday, June 18, 7 p.m. Wild Daisy



### Tuesday, July 16, 7 p.m. Final Say

### Tuesday, August 20, 7 p.m. Chris Karabas



## Food Scrap Composting Surges

Join a growing number of Wilmette residents participating in the new Food Scrap Composting Program! Egg shells, coffee grounds, vegetable waste, etc. can now be composted, along with lawn clippings in your yard waste toter. Food scraps are not permitted at the curb in paper lawn bags. To request a free yard waste toter, please email [compost@wilmette.com](mailto:compost@wilmette.com) or call 847-853-7500.

For more information and a full list of acceptable items, please visit [wilmette.com](http://wilmette.com).



## Welcome to New Businesses

The Village welcomes its newest businesses and thanks them for choosing Wilmette. Please remember to visit these and other Wilmette businesses while shopping this summer.

Did you know that two percent of almost every dollar you spend at Wilmette retailers goes directly back to the community? By supporting our businesses and buying locally, your sales tax dollars help pay for things like streetscape improvements, summer concerts, and village services.

**Pescadero**  
1167 Wilmette Ave.  
224-215-3011  
Seafood and oyster bar

**Wilmette Fit Body Boot Camp**  
3217 Lake Ave.  
224-801-9393  
Fitness boot camp

**OsteoStrong**  
126 Skokie Blvd.  
224-408-2383  
A unique system for developing your skeletal strength

**Codeverse**  
517 Green Bay Rd.  
[codeverse.com](http://codeverse.com)  
Where kids learn to code

**Big City Optical**  
1515 Sheridan Rd.  
847-251-7211  
Eye doctors, opticians, and eyewear

**The Buff Pup**  
277 Green Bay Rd.  
773-963-9467  
Dog and cat grooming

**Dave's Decorative Painting & Custom Refinishing**  
1413 Lake Ave.  
Custom painting and refinishing.

**5b2f Akira Sushi**  
143 Skokie Blvd.  
Carry-out & delivery sushi, poke and ramen

**Jon Kailey Salon**  
515 4th St. (New location)  
847-853-8333

**SpaDerma** (Coming soon)  
118 Skokie Blvd.  
Skin care and medical spa



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Music on the Green featuring Wild Daisy



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Independence Day Celebration at Gillson Park

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Music on the Green featuring Final Say

## Get Your Permit Before Your Block Party

Planning a block party? Be sure to submit your application to the Wilmette Police Department at least seven days prior to your scheduled event. The permit will contain necessary information regarding the date, time, and location of the party, along with some requirements and suggestions for a safe and successful block party. Application forms can be accessed at [wilmette.com/permits/block-party-permits/](http://wilmette.com/permits/block-party-permits/) or you can stop by the Wilmette Police Department, 710 Ridge Road.

**Wilmette  
Police  
Citizen  
Survey**



## Wilmette Police Want Your Feedback

Take a moment to complete Wilmette Police's 2019 Citizen Survey that will assist the Wilmette Police in assessing its strengths as an organization and address areas that might need improvement. The results will shape the agency's goals and objectives as it relates to citizen safety, employee job performance, and community interaction. Any feedback you provide is anonymous and appreciated.

Visit [wilmette.com](http://wilmette.com) to take the survey.

## Is Your Sprinkler, Spa, or Pool In Compliance?

To keep our public water supply safe, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency requires that cross connection control devices (C.C.C.D's) be installed on all lawn sprinkler systems, swimming pools, spas, and other potentially hazardous cross connection locations. The law also requires that the C.C.C.D's be tested and certified annually to ensure that they are working properly.

Wilmette residents with C.C.C.D's are responsible for hiring a licensed testing contractor to

perform an annual test and certification of the backflow assembly. This test is to be performed and submitted prior to turning on a sprinkler system, pool, spa, etc. this spring.

Residents with questions may contact BSI Online, who manages the program for the Village, at [bsionline@backflow.com](mailto:bsionline@backflow.com) or 800-414-4990. Alternatively, contact Andy Lazar at the Village of Wilmette Water Meter Department at [lazara@wilmette.com](mailto:lazara@wilmette.com) or 847-853-7537.

## Reminder: Leaf Blower Ban In Effect

To reduce noise and air pollution, the Village of Wilmette prohibits the use of gasoline-powered leaf blowers during the summer. This prohibition includes using an electric leaf blower powered by a portable gasoline generator. The only exceptions to this prohibition are:

- Use on golf courses, public parks, or other Wilmette Park District property
- Use for roof, gutter, and downspout cleaning
- Use in paving, repair or patching of public streets and alleys, or for preparation of private asphalt surfaces prior to seal coating



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Music on the Green  
featuring  
Chris Karabas



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Cooperative Tree  
Planting Applications  
Due

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Document Destruction  
at Centennial Park



## Annual Water Quality Report Now Available

Please go to [wilmette.com/water-management/water-quality-reports/](http://wilmette.com/water-management/water-quality-reports/) to view the 2018 Annual Water Quality Report and learn more about your drinking water. This report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water during 2018. If you would like a paper copy of the report mailed to your home, please call 847-853-7532.

## Save the Date for Document Destruction

On Saturday, Sept. 28, the Village will partner with the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) to provide document destruction. Held at Centennial Park Southwest Parking Lot, 2300 Old Glenview Road, from 9 a.m. – noon, Wilmette residents can bring up to six file-size boxes or paper shopping bags per vehicle to be destroyed. Proof of residency is required. Electronics and materials from businesses, schools, or institutions will not be accepted. For more information, contact Public Works at 847-853-7500 or [pubworks@wilmette.com](mailto:pubworks@wilmette.com).

## Request a Tree for Your Parkway

Request to have a tree planted on the parkway this fall through the Village's Cooperative Tree Planting Program. This is a cost-share program in which residents can select the species and the size of the tree to be planted. Beginning in August, pick up an application at the Village Hall or download it from [wilmette.com](http://wilmette.com) to review the available tree species, sizes, and costs. Applications are due by Monday, Sept. 16. Applications will be considered in the order they are received. For questions regarding the program, call the Forestry Division at 847-853-7587 or email [forestry@wilmette.com](mailto:forestry@wilmette.com).

# Wilmette Engineering and Public Works 2019 Programs

## Locust Road

This project involves storm sewer and water main replacement, street reconstruction, sidewalk improvements, and intersection and crosswalk safety enhancements on Locust Rd., between Wilmette Ave. and Lake Ave. Visit [locustroadconstruction.com](http://locustroadconstruction.com) for more information.



### Total Budget:

\$4.9 million (\$2.26 million funded through the Federal Highway Administration's Surface Transportation Program)

### Estimated Construction Period:

Start Date: March 2019  
Tentative Completion Date: November 2019

## Road Program

The annual Road Program resurfaces streets that are in very poor condition with hot mix asphalt. This program helps maintain the nearly 65 mile network of Village-owned, non-brick streets. Curbs, gutters, sidewalks, and utility structures are repaired as required.



### List of Streets:

- Central Ave. (Lavergne Ave. to Hibbard Rd.)
- Elmwood Ave. (Dartmouth St. to Hunter Rd.)
- Lilac Ln. (Briar Ln. to Millbrook Ln.)
- Princeton Pl. (Greenwood Ave. to South End)
- 5th St. (Gregory Ave. to Maple Ave.)
- 20th St. (Central Ave. to Highland Ave.)
- Area pavement patches at various locations

### Total Budget:

\$700,000 (funded with Motor Fuel Tax)

### Estimated Construction Period:

Tentative Start Date: May 2019  
Tentative Completion Date: August 2019

## Sidewalk and Curb Programs

The annual Sidewalk Program replaces damaged sections of sidewalk throughout the Village. The annual Curb Program replaces non-functional, hazardous, broken, and missing curbs throughout the Village.



### Total budget:

\$117,600

### Estimated Construction Period:

Tentative Phase I: May 2019  
Tentative Phase II: September 2019

## Sewer Lining

The Sewer Lining Program uses cured-in-place pipe (CIPP), a trenchless technology, to rehabilitate sewers by eliminating infiltration, structural defects, and root intrusion. The project is financed by the Water Pollution Control State Revolving Loan Fund administered by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.



### Total Budget:

\$1.97 million

### Estimated Construction Period:

Tentative Start Date: August 2019  
Tentative Completion Date: November 2019

## Brick Street Reconstruction

The annual Brick Street Reconstruction Program relays one block of brick street each year. The 2019 program location is Wood Ct., from Oakwood Ave. to Prairie Ave.



### Total budget:

\$627,000

### Estimated Construction Period:

Tentative Start Date: July 2019  
Tentative Completion Date: September 2019

## Crack Sealing Program

This program is designed to perform preventative maintenance on recently resurfaced asphalt streets throughout the Village by sealing cracks that have developed. Crack sealing pavement prevents water from entering the base and will extend the life of the pavement.



**Total budget:**

\$42,000

**Estimated Construction Period:**

Tentative Start/End Date: October 2019

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## Pavement Marking Program

This annual maintenance program involves re-stripping pavement markings that have faded and worn over time. The program prioritizes locations in the following order: pedestrian crossings along school walking routes; pavement markings along arterial, collector, and residential streets.



**Total budget:**

\$53,000

**Estimated Construction Period:**

Tentative Start Date: August 2019

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## Brick Street Maintenance Program

The Brick Street Maintenance Program involves relaying brick pavers that have settled at various locations.



**Total budget:**

\$140,000

**Estimated Construction Period:**

Tentative Start/End Date: TBD

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## Pavement Rejuvenation Program

This annual maintenance program involves applying a product to recently paved asphalt surfaces in order to restore flexibility lost from oxidation. This service helps decrease the deterioration of the asphalt surface, which reduces/delays the need for patching or crack sealing.

## Alley Reconstruction

The annual Alley Reconstruction Program replaces alleys that are in very poor condition with concrete. This program helps maintain the Village's 225 alley system.



**List of alleys:**

- North of Oakwood, East of 9th Street (north leg)
- North of Gregory, East of 13th Street
- North of Isabella, East of Park (west leg)
- North of Birchwood, East of 20th Street (west leg)
- North of Wilmette, East of Park (south third)
- North of Lake, East of 17th Street

**Total Budget:**

\$552,000

**Estimated Construction Period:**

Tentative Start Date: May 2019

Tentative Completion Date: July 2019

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## Water Main Replacement

This program consists of replacing water main sections in the Village.

**Location:**

The 2019 Program will replace the water main on Lake Ave., between Skokie Blvd. and Hibbard Rd., and on Locust Rd., between Wilmette Ave. and Lake Ave.

**Total Budget:**

\$1.8 million

**Estimated Construction Period:**

Tentative Start Date: October 2019

Tentative Completion Date: November 2019

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## Glenview Road Bridge North Sidewalk Replacement Project

This project involves the replacement of the sidewalk and parapet wall on the north side of the Glenview Road Bridge over the Edens Expressway.

**Total Budget:**

\$483,100 (\$175,000 funded from the Illinois Department of Transportation)

**Estimated Construction Period:**

Tentative Start Date: October 2019

Tentative Completion Date: November 2019

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**Location:** TBD

**Total Budget:**

\$16,900

**Estimated Construction Period:**

Tentative Start/End Date: August 2019



# Connect with Us

## Village Board

### President

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Joel Kurzman kurzmanj@wilmette.com

Senta Plunkett plunketts@wilmette.com

Dan Sullivan sullivand@wilmette.com

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7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.



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## Village Board Meetings

7:30 p.m. Village Hall

January 8, 22	April 9, 23	July 9, 23	October 7, 22
February 12, 26	May 14, 28	August 27	November 12, 26
March 12, 26	June 11, 25	September 10, 24	December 10

## Village Hall Closed

New Year's Day  
Memorial Day  
Independence Day  
Labor Day  
Thanksgiving  
Day after Thanksgiving  
Christmas Day

### Fire/Police Emergency

911

### Fire Department

fire@wilmette.com 847-251-1101

### Museum

museum@wilmette.com 847-853-7666

### Police Department

police@wilmette.com 847-256-1200

### Public Works Department

pubworks@wilmette.com

General 847-853-7500

After Hours Emergency 847-256-1200

### Water Management

847-853-7535

### Village Hall

847-251-2700

Community Development 847-853-7550

Engineering 847-853-7660

Finance 847-853-7609

Clerk 847-853-7511

### Village Manager

Timothy J. Frenzer frenzert@wilmette.com 847-853-7509

### Other

Library  
847-256-5025

Park District  
847-256-6100

New Trier Township  
847-446-8202

Advanced Disposal Services  
847-272-4145

AT&T  
800-244-4444

Comcast  
866-594-1234

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888-334-7661

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