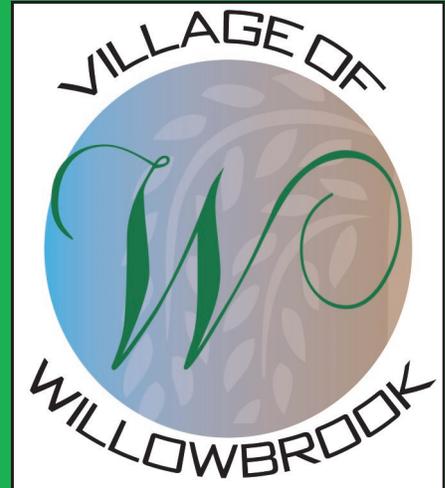


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Community Newsletter

Mayor Trilla's Letter to the Residents

Dear Residents,

I'm sure all would agree that spring is welcome and can't come soon enough after this record setting winter season. Thank you for all the comments in support of the efforts of our public works employees.

As my first year as mayor draws to a close, I would like to take an opportunity to reflect on what I've learned and experienced. Although I served as a trustee prior to my election as mayor, I was not as intimately involved in pertinent issues as I am now. Having a small business background, I was not accustomed to following governmental procedures. However, it became clear that such procedures, as cumbersome as I may think they are at times, play an important role in ensuring a transparent and effective local government. Part of the process of obtaining pertinent information and disseminating it to the groups that need it, is attendance and participation at various meetings. I have never attended so many meetings in my time as a public official – whether meeting with community based organizations, other councils of government, such as the DuPage Mayors & Mangers Conference (DMMC) or the West Central Municipal League (WCMC) or traveling to Springfield to meet with members of our state legislature. An immense amount of information is learned from these and other meetings that needs to be shared with the people of Willowbrook.

When I took office I felt it was important to come up with new ways to reach out to the community. One such measure, which I am excited to report on, was the creation of the Willowbrook Presidents Advisory Committee (WPAC). The WPAC is made up of all the Willowbrook Homeowners Association (HOA) Presidents. The Willowbrook HOA Presidents will meet with me on a quarterly basis to discuss what is happening within each of their respective HOA's and also to bounce ideas off each other for how the Village could better serve the community. The first meeting of the WPAC was held on March 3, 2014 and I believe moving forward this group will help the Village to be proactive in addressing the needs and concerns of our residents. I would also like to extend my congratulations to all the new HOA Presidents. I look forward to continuing to work with you.

As I have highlighted throughout this article, one of my goals is to increase the amount of information shared with the public. I continue to explore methods by which I can accomplish this within the framework of the Village operations. One such concept that I am considering, would be the creation of a new Village newsletter format which would resemble more of a community newspaper rather than a quarterly article within the Village's Fun Guide. Although this may be a time consuming effort, I feel it is important enough to pursue. Please feel free to contact me with your feelings about this suggestion.

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As a local businessman, I find the part of local government that interests me the most is community development. I for one am excited with the quality and variety of the new businesses and developments that are coming to Willowbrook. I would like to welcome the following businesses to the Willowbrook community: Chick-Fil-A, Orange Theory, Sleepy's Mattress, LaForce Doors, Haven Nails, Beyond the Stars Performing Arts, and Midwest Express Clinic. I would also like to provide an update on the Pete's Fresh Market development which will be located on the former K-Mart lot. The development has been delayed while the owners finalize their site plan. The development is anticipating a spring 2015 opening. Finally, Whole Foods has notified the Village that they will be relocating to the former Dominick's location within the Hinsdale Lake Commons Shopping Center. Businesses are the life blood of Willowbrook. Did you know that when you shop in Willowbrook, retailers collect a 1% sales tax that goes directly to the Village's General Fund? When you dine in Willowbrook, the restaurants also collect a 1% Places of Eating tax for the General Fund. Together, these account for 49% of the General Fund revenues, which is used to provide Village services including park programs and maintenance, policing, code enforcement and public works services. Because Willowbrook's lean government is largely reliant on sales tax, when you shop in Willowbrook, you are directly contributing to the community you live in.

It certainly has been an exciting and productive year filled with accomplishments to be proud of. One such accomplishment occurred on February 7, 2014 when the Village was advised by Standard & Poor's (S&P) after its latest bond rating review that the Village was upgraded two levels to a rating of AAA with stable outlook. A bond rating of AAA from S&P is the highest rating awarded. This is the first time the Village has received a rating of AAA, which is only shared by approximately 4% of Illinois communities. This rating reflects the Village's extremely strong capacity to meet its financial commitments in full and on time.

As the Village wraps up another budget season, I am enthusiastic at what the next year will bring including the renovation of the building at 835 Midway Drive which when complete will serve as the new Village Hall. The new Village Hall building coupled with the purchase of the 825 Midway Drive building, which will become a community resource center, will enable the Village to create the first Willowbrook municipal complex on the southwest corner of Quincy Street and Midway Drive.

Finally, I would like to extend a special thanks to the businesses whose donations helped make this publication possible (Bella Cosa Jewelers, Exclusive Windows, Inc., Giordano's Pizza, and Willowbrook Ford/Kia).

Sincerely,



Frank Trilla, Mayor



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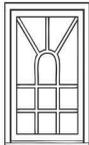
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