

BOARD MEETING DATES

Our meeting dates for 2020 have been set. We encourage your attendance.

Tuesday, February 18, 2020 – **Annual Meeting**
Tuesday, May 19, 2020 – General Meeting
Tuesday, August 18, 2020 – General Meeting
Tuesday, October 20, 2020 – Budget Discussion Meeting
Tuesday, December 15, 2020 – **Budget Approval Meeting**

All Board meetings take place at 7:00 PM at the Willow Springs Senior Center. The Senior Center is located at 8156 Archer Ave, Willow Springs, IL 60480.

2020 Approved Budget



The Board approved the 2020 budget that was sent out to all owners prior to the final meeting of 2019. If you have any questions regarding the budget, please email brett@elitemgt.net.

Garbage Day



As you all know, those windy garbage days make it difficult to keep the community free of litter. Even with good containers, the winds can still blow these cans over and make a mess. Also, try

to write your house number on your container and lid. Lastly, if you recycle paper or other light weight items, please make sure they are weighted down and all cardboard items are flattened out. Thanks for helping keep the community clean and keeping costs down.



Winter Maintenance Tips

Here is a list of pointers to prevent freezing pipes:

1. Have exposed pipes? Ensure that they're insulated.
2. Have a hose hooked up in the backyard? Remove it.
3. Turn on your taps to a drip to keep water moving.
4. Turn off the main shutoff valve in the event of a prolonged power outage
5. Drain water heater during outage to avoid damage.
6. Pipes already frozen? Seek help from a plumber.
7. How do you know your pipes are frozen? The water's not going to come on.

Notable New Laws for 2020!



ILLINOIS – More than 255 new laws will be taking effect in Illinois.

Here a few of the most significant and interesting changes to laws (via Patch.com).

Public Safety

The Tamara Clayton Act allows the Illinois State Police, IDOT and Illinois Tollway Authority to increase cameras along Cook County expressways to enhance expressway safety. Any law enforcement agency with jurisdiction over Cook County expressways may use images to investigate firearm offenses and detect expressway hazards, but not petty offenses.

Cannabis

Adults 21 and over may legally purchase recreational marijuana from a state-regulated recreational dispensary.

Bathrooms

Single-occupancy restrooms in public locations are required to be identified as all-gender and designated for use by no more than one person at a time or for family or assisted use. Signs posted outside the restroom must not indicate any specific gender.

After Jan. 1, all public restrooms in public buildings must be equipped with a baby-changing station.

Work

Those earning minimum wage will get a raise on Jan. 1 when Illinois increases the state's minimum wage for the first time in over a decade, from \$8.25 to \$9.25 per hour. The minimum wage will increase to \$15 per hour by Jan. 1, 2025.

Servers may now keep all the tips and gratuities they earn for great service, and employers are required to keep their hands off of it under a new law that takes effect Jan. 1.

Employers must obtain consent from potential employees being interviewed for openings if the interview uses artificial intelligence analysis.

Schools

High school seniors in the top 10 percent of their class by GPA are guaranteed acceptance to NIU, SIU, WIU and EIU, provided they meet other criteria for admissions.

DNA Privacy

Companies such as Ancestry.com and 23andMe are prohibited from sharing consumers' genetic testing results and other personal identifiable information with any health or life insurance company without the consumer's written consent.

Non-Binary Gender

Applicants may now choose between "male," "female" or "non-binary" when designating the applicant's sex on their driver's license or ID card



Newsletters

The Association's newsletter is created 5 times per year and is designed to update you of community news and other important events. If you have interesting news to share about upcoming events, personal milestones or issues of community interest please email the property manager and we will be sure to include it in our next Newsletter!

Exterior Modification Forms

Please remember that the submission of an architectural change form with an attached drawing is **required** prior to any changes affecting the exterior of your unit and common elements. Common requests include: radon mitigation systems, satellite dishes, and landscaping additions. The only exceptions are flowers in the mulch beds; **EVERYTHING** else needs prior Board approval.

If you are contemplating making changes to your unit that impact the exterior, please contact the management office first with details of your plan. Thanks for your cooperation.

Please save yourself the expense and hassle by clearing any major changes with management first.

Online Voting

The 2020 annual meeting is the third year of online voting in lieu of proxies. Last year the online voting platform was very reliable. It also met the goal of being convenient, minimizing election "drama", and eliminated the need for the solicitation of proxies from the homeowners to make quorum. Please see the attachment regarding instructions to submit your vote online.

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