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VILLAGE BEGINS 2021 BUDGET PLANNING

Each summer and fall, the Village enters one of its most important projects: creating the next fiscal year's annual budget. It takes nearly six months and includes a Budget Workshop and a Budget Hearing.

All budget meetings are open to the public for input. This year's Budget Workshop is scheduled to take place on November 17 at 7:30 p.m. at Village Hall. The Budget Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, December 8 at 7:15 p.m. at Village Hall. The Village of Lake in the Hills has not raised its portion of the property tax levy in ten years. Part of what makes this possible is a rigorous and thorough budget process.

In preparation for the annual budget, each department takes a critical look at operations and justifies a need for each requested dollar. Staff at every level is involved in some part of this process. They work together to evaluate everything from paper costs, staffing levels, and effectiveness of current methods, procedures, and programs. Each department must consider capital assets, personnel requests, revenue projections, and operating expenses.

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"Shadow of the Day"
Photo taken by Jacob Stoner,
2020 Photo Contest Winner



A MESSAGE FROM VILLAGE PRESIDENT RUZANSKI

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Dear Residents,

Let's take a moment to appreciate the support our community members have shown for each other throughout this difficult year. Together we have faced a global pandemic, civil unrest, and economic instability, but through the difficulties, we have continued to help one another.

The Village Board passed measures to provide COVID-19 relief to residents and businesses when the crisis took hold. Across the Village, all late fees and water shutoffs were suspended through September 1. Board members also passed a provisional ordinance to reduce liquor, video gaming, and tobacco license fees

by 50% and extended license renewal payment deadlines. These actions created a \$35,975 relief package for restaurants, cafes, and businesses. The Village also allowed outdoor classes for up to eight people to take place in residential districts to assist home-based businesses. While the Village has been working to support local business owners, they rely on your continued patronage now more than ever. Please shop local and help your neighbors by supporting Lake in the Hills businesses as we navigate this pandemic together.

Throughout the year, Village staff members have remained flexible and willing to work through challenges as the state progressed through different phases of the Restore Illinois plan. Staff quickly modified operations to protect community members, slow the spread of COVID-19, and offer residents improved tools to conduct business online.

Our Police Department has shown up for our residents, and during the lockdown, they brightened spirits by driving past birthday and graduation celebrations and sharing "Storytime with LITHPD" videos, a series that continues to bring smiles. We are proud that our Police Department won first place in the 2019-2020 Illinois Traffic Safety Challenge for their efforts to improve our community and make our roads a safer place to travel. The Village is regularly listed by a variety of publications as

one of the top 25 safest communities to live in. This speaks to the dedication and ongoing results of great policing achieved by our dedicated department.

Though we missed the Village's Summer Sunset Festival, the Rotary's Rockin' Ribfest, and the People for Parks Foundation's Pub in the Park this year, you can still get involved with your community by volunteering your time. Please consider visiting the websites of these organizations to learn more about opportunities to give back to our beloved community.

As a reminder, this is an election year, so be sure to register to vote before the deadlines on page 5. In this newsletter, you'll find information on how to register and cast your vote, whether in person or by mail. For more information

Lastly, please mark your calendars for our annual Veterans Day ceremony on Wednesday, November 11. Details have not yet been finalized, but will be posted on our website closer to the event and will include a way to watch online. I look forward to seeing you join us in honoring all of the men and women who have and currently serve our country.

Sincerely,

Russ Ruzanski,
Village President

GORDON LARSEN BUSINESS AWARDS

The season of the Gordon Larsen Business Achievement Awards has returned! After such a challenging year for local businesses, show your appreciation for your favorite Lake in the Hills business by nominating them for an award.

The Village is accepting applications and nominations for businesses that excel in one or more of three categories: Community Service, Employer of Choice, and Customer Service. Applications and nominations may be submitted at lith.org/gordonlarsen using the online form by December 2, 2020.

Winners of each category will be honored at the first Village Board meeting in January 2021 and will also receive a variety of incentives to promote their businesses.

Businesses may submit applications and are encouraged to ask their patrons and employees to submit nominations. Both residents and non-residents

are encouraged to nominate their favorite Lake in the Hills businesses.

As a resident, Gordon Larsen was influential in shaping the physical and civic landscape of Lake in the Hills.

Full program information is available online at lith.org/gordonlarsen. Please contact the Administration Department at 847-960-7400 with any questions.





RECREATION DIVISION OVERCOMES CHALLENGES

The Recreation Division has been creative and resilient while modifying programs throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. When the stay-at-home order took effect in March, the team faced uncertainty as to how they could proceed and continue to offer opportunities for recreation, fun, and learning to the community.

Not daunted by the challenge, staff members gathered online videos and created activities to share on the Village's social media channels. From a Bingo game that had residents mark spaces for safe, socially distant activities they could do around Lake in the Hills to virtual story time and eSports, the Recreation Division made sure that kids and adults alike could have fun and engage with the Village.

When our state entered Phases 3 and 4 of Restore Illinois, the Recreation team adapted their regular seasonal classes, events, and camp sessions by scaling down capacity to allow for social distancing. Local residents safely began to gather again and enjoy both each other's company and the Village's excellent recreation programming as the team continued to show their adaptability, creativity, and dedication to residents and their mission.

In August, the 4th Annual Connor Kincaid Fishing Tournament saw its best year yet with 130 participating anglers. The annual tournament is held in memory of Connor Kincaid, a lifelong Lake in the Hills fisherman. Registered anglers had the option to fish at our beaches or fish "virtually" by casting

their lines wherever they wanted in the world. Virtual anglers reported their catches via e-mail to ensure social distancing would be possible during the tournament. Some as far away as Tennessee reeled in catches to support the Kincaid family and honor Connor's memory. Recreation staff went live on Facebook alongside the Kincaids to open the tournament and then announce the winners in a closing ceremony.

Camp and preschool staff have continued to support families by providing programs throughout COVID-19. The remote Preschool Academy fall session will bring the joy and fun of preschool home to families through December. After the session ends, the team will reassess conditions and decide whether to bring preschool sessions back to Village Hall.

Camp staff created the new Back-2-School FuntastiCAMP program, extending summer camp to support parents seeking a safe, educational, and supportive day camp program for their children. The program offers a supportive and social environment to help children navigate remote learning.

The Recreation team has adapted to meet the community's needs, and they continue to go above and beyond to support Lake in the Hills residents.

Check out upcoming events that will carry us through the holiday season, leading up to our big wintertime celebration, the annual Santa Land Flurry Fest. Don't miss the life-size and socially distant Candy Land board!

UPCOMING RECREATION EVENTS

Fall Harvest Party (55+)

October 15 • Village Hall
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Halloween House Decorating Contest

Register by October 19

Self-Guided Halloween House Tours

October 23 to 26 • Lake in the Hills

Stretch Yoga

Nov. 2 to Dec. 21 • LaBahn Hain House
Mondays from 9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

Dear Santa: Letter Writing (55+)

Village Hall

- November 11 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
- December 3 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- December 15 - 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Letters from Santa

Register by December 5

Holiday Tea (55+)

December 10 • Village Hall
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Holiday House Decorating Contest

Register by December 11

Santa Land Flurry Fest

December 12 • Village Hall
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Self-Guided Holiday Lights Tour

December 16 to 20 • Lake in the Hills

Noon Year's Eve Party Boxes

Register by December 28

 **PROGRAM BROCHURES**
AVAILABLE ONLINE ONLY

Beginning in 2021, program brochures will only be available online. Keep an eye out for a postcard highlighting seasonal programs and events.

 **VISIT LITH.ORG/REGISTER FOR PROGRAMS AND EVENTS.**

VILLAGE ENTERS 2021 BUDGET PLANNING

Departments begin by evaluating capital asset needs in the late summer. The Village considers capital assets to be items with an estimated useful lifespan of one year or more, which exceeds certain dollar amounts. These are often "big ticket" items and can include improvements to buildings, playgrounds, vehicles, software, office furniture, equipment, roadways, and more.

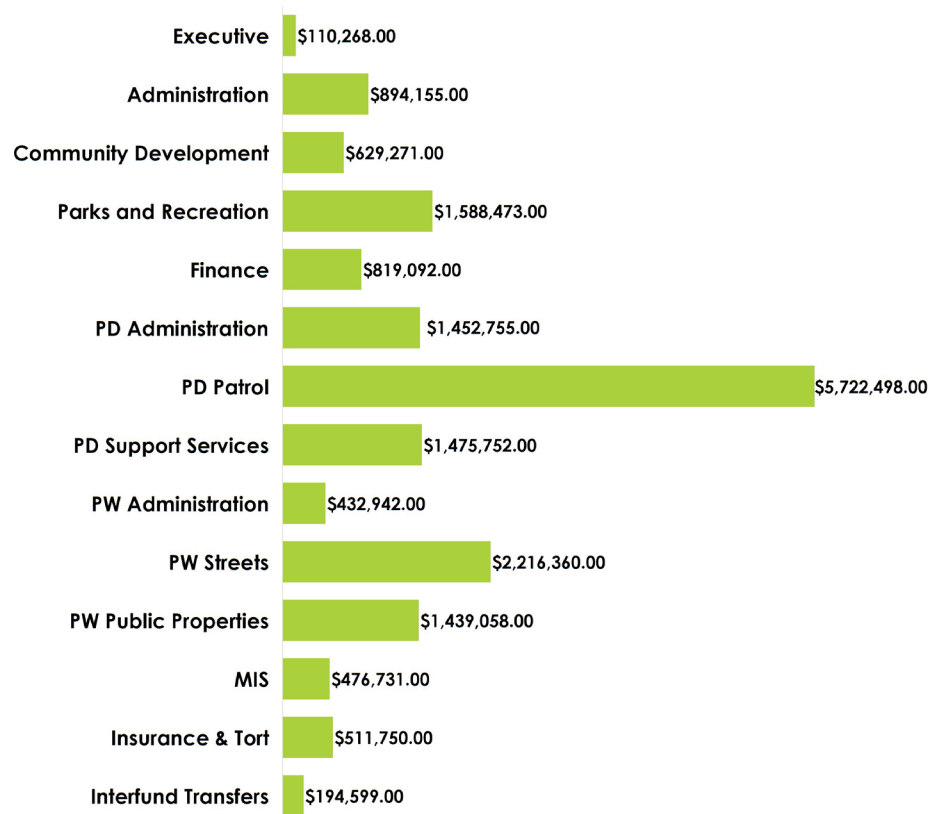
Departments prepare capital asset requests for the upcoming year, as well as over the next five years, and reviews them with the Village Administrator, Assistant Village Administrator, and Finance Director. Though subject to change, the FY2021 budget is expected to include several playground replacements, patrol squad vehicles, Public Works vehicles, bike path improvements, skate park equipment, and more.

Following capital requests, meetings are held to review personnel needs in each department. These requests may be related to staffing levels, evaluating part-time hours, and any overtime requirements. Departments then examine revenue projections for accounts specific to operations. Examples of revenues include sales tax, licensing, permits, and development fees.

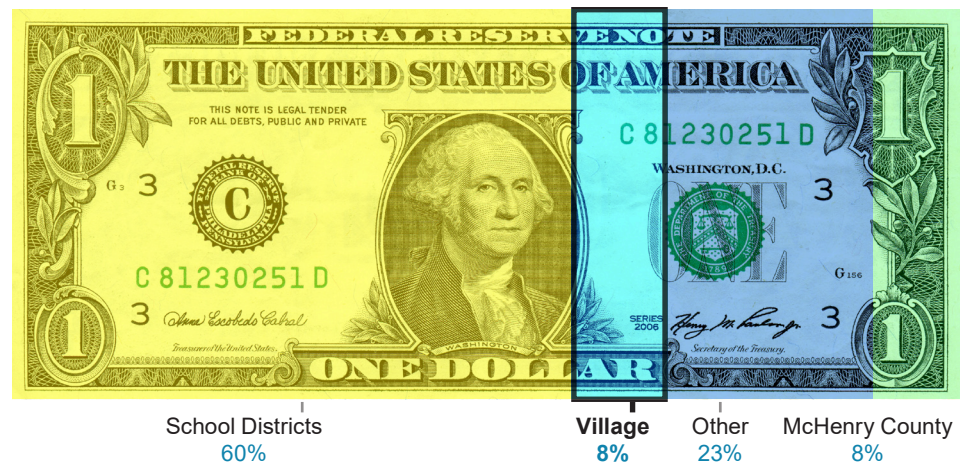
Once capital requests, personnel, and revenue projections are reviewed, the departments present their operating budgets to the Village Administrator, Assistant Village Administrator, and Finance Director. Meetings are held in late September and early October to go through each departmental budget in line-by-line detail. Adjustments, cuts, notes, and revisions are made until a balanced budget proposal is compiled. It is posted to the Village website for the public to access and distributed to the Village Board for review in advance of the Budget Workshop.

During the Budget Workshop, staff reviews the proposed budget with the Village Board. The Village Board and

2020 GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES - \$17,963,704



VILLAGE PORTION OF 2019 PROPERTY TAX LEVY PAID IN 2020:



the public can ask questions, make suggestions, and request changes. Staff then has the next month to finalize any changes that result from the Budget Workshop before the Budget Hearing a month later. The Village Board will then vote whether or not to pass the budget.

Residents are invited to review the proposed budget online when it

becomes available in November. You will also find the Popular Annual Financial Report, which provides a simplified look at the Village's finances.

The Budget Workshop and Budget Hearing are both public meetings and all are welcome to attend. For more information, visit lith.org or contact our Finance Department at 847-960-7400.



FOLLOW US ONLINE!

Visit lith.org/publications for links to all of the Village's social media accounts.

ELECTION CENTRAL

On November 3, general elections will take place across the country. In Illinois, voting will occur for the U.S. House of Representatives, U.S. Senate, Illinois House of Representatives, Illinois Senate, and more. There are two primary resources that are of value to residents during election season. This includes the Illinois State Board of Elections and the McHenry County Clerk's Office.

Voter Registration

Regular voter registration is open year-round, except for the twenty-seven days leading up to and for two days after each election. During the regular year, voter registration is available on the Illinois State Board of Elections website, at the McHenry County Clerk's Office, and at the Lake in the Hills Village Hall at 600 Harvest Gate.

Grace period registration is available at select locations during the twenty-seven days prior to and including election day for those that miss registering during the year. Grace period registration is only available "in-person" at sites authorized by each election authority. Locations are available online through the McHenry County Clerk's website.

For information on the types of identification required and accepted to register to vote, please visit the Illinois State Board of Elections website.

Polling Locations

Lake in the Hills Village Hall, 600 Harvest Gate, serves as a polling location during early voting and also on election day for select precincts. Registered voters that live anywhere in McHenry County are able to vote at Village Hall during the early voting period. To find your election day polling location, visit the McHenry County Clerk's website to view a complete listing of voting locations.

Candidate Information

Sample ballots are available on the McHenry County Clerk's website. By selecting your precinct, you can find a listing of the exact positions and candidates up for election. There are also a number of free, online resources, such as Ballotpedia, BallotReady, Rock the Vote, and more. Area newspapers also often provide a candidate guide.

Running for Office & LOCAL ELECTIONS

The next consolidated election will take place in early 2021, with the primaries in February and the election on April 6, 2021. This includes the election of select Township, Municipal, Park District, Library District, School District, and Fire District officials.

Individuals interested in running for local office may find candidate filing information and required documents on the Illinois State Board of Elections website. The Village President, Village Clerk, and three Village Trustee seats are up for election, each a four-year term. Interested individuals must file the required documents between December 14 and December 21, 2020. Learn more at elections.il.gov.

IMPORTANT WEBSITES

Illinois State Board of Elections
elections.il.gov

McHenry County Clerk's Office
mchenrycountyil.gov
(select County Clerk from the Departments listed under County Government)

IMPORTANT DATES

Date information is subject to change. Visit the Illinois State Board of Elections and McHenry County Clerk's Office Website for the most up-to-date information.

Thursday, September 24

First Day for Election Authorities to Issue Official Vote by Mail Ballots

First Day for Early Voting at the McHenry County Clerk's Office

Tuesday, October 6

Last Day for Regular Voter Registration

Sunday, October 18

Last Day for Online Voter Registration

EARLY VOTING AT VILLAGE HALL

**Monday, October 19
through Friday, October 23**
8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 24
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Monday, October 26
through Friday, October 30**
8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 31
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 1
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Monday, November 2
8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

ELECTION DAY
Tuesday, November 3
Polls open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

WATER HEATER MAINTENANCE

Follow this 3-step maintenance plan once per year to extend the life of your water heater and save money.

1. Dial Down the Temperature - Go to the temperature setting dial on your water heater. It will be a knob on the gas valve or a thermostat behind an electric water heater panel. Dial the temperature setting down so it is between 115 to 120 degrees Fahrenheit. This lowered setting will protect the tank from overheating and reduce the energy used to heat the water.

2. Test the T&P Valve - The temperature and pressure relief valve are critical to the safety and proper operation of your water heater. It's a simple, but important valve that can be easily checked. Lift up on the lever part way, then let go and allow it to rapidly snap back. You should hear a gurgling sound as the valve allows some water to be released into the drain tube. If the T&P valve did nothing, then it is bad and needs to be replaced.

3. Do a Mini-Flush - Removing sediments from the bottom of the tank prevents rust and corrosion and improves efficiency. A full draining and flushing is best, but a mini-flush works well, takes a fraction of the time, and can be completed while the water heater is running. Place a bucket under the drain valve found near the bottom of the tank. Some drain valves have a handle. Others have a short, handle-less stem with a slot for a flat blade screwdriver. Turn the valve counter-clockwise to release a few gallons of water into the bucket. Close the valve by turning it clockwise and drain the bucket.

Contact our Water Division for more information at 847-960-7500.

Project Updates

COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM (CRS) CLASS IMPROVES

The Village participates in the voluntary Community Rating System (CRS) program that rewards communities that exceed the minimum National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requirements to help residents and businesses prevent or reduce flood losses. CRS representatives evaluate participating communities every five years and issue scores in the areas of public information, mapping and regulations, flood damage reduction, and flood preparedness. The Village was previously rated as a Class 6 under the CRS. After a recent re-evaluation the Village will be classified as a Class 5 going forward, an exciting improvement. **This change increases the flood insurance rate reduction for local residents and businesses from 20% to 25%.** Learn more at lith.org.

ACCESS FLOODWAY AND FLOODPLAIN INFORMATION

You can view information and maps showing the designated floodway and floodplain areas within Lake in the Hills, along with elevation certificates dating back to 2000, through the Community Development Department at Village Hall. Any construction within these areas requires review by our staff prior to the start of a project. Permits may be needed, sometimes from both the Village and other agencies, before the start of any construction projects.

If you think your home is within one of these areas, you may also be required to purchase flood insurance on your home. Please contact our Community Development staff at 847-960-7400 if you have any questions about flood locations.

DAM 1 INSPECTION & LAKE DRAWDOWN

The time for the annual drawdown of Woods Creek Lake has almost arrived. The drawdown is scheduled to start around the first week of November, depending on weather conditions. The lake is lowered to allow the Village Engineer to inspect the dam's spillway and siphon as required by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. The drawdown also allows lakefront residents the

opportunity to complete maintenance, restoration, and repairs of the shoreline and docks while the water is at its lowest level. As a reminder, please contact the Community Development Department at 847-960-7400 before installing new docks or completing improvements to existing docks. Visit lith.org to learn more about what types of projects require permits.





AIRPORT RUNWAY PROJECT

The Lake in the Hills 3CK Airport staff anticipated the beginning of a three-phase runway project this fall. When bidding opened in May, the costs were unfortunately higher than the original projections. After discussions with the Airport Engineer, staff made the decision to combine phases one and two as a cost-saving measure. The next runway project will be designed in 2021 and likely constructed in the spring of 2022. The scope of work will

include a complete teardown and rebuild of the airport's only runway, widening the runway to 75 feet, the installation of new windsocks to supplement the airport's automated weather observation system, and a lighting upgrade to bring the runway light system into compliance with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) standards. The work will be funded 90% by federal grants, 5% by state grants, and 5% by matching local funds.



RANDALL ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The McHenry County Division of Transportation identified the Randall Road Improvements as one of the key projects needed to relieve congestion in this heavily traveled north/south corridor of the county.

Randall Road will be widened to provide three through lanes in each direction with up to four for the portion between Bunker Hill and Huntington Drive just up to Polaris Drive and Acorn Lane. Dual left turn lanes and separate right turn lanes will be provided at all signalized intersections. The cross streets

at the signalized intersection will be widened as well to allow vehicles to enter Randall Road more efficiently. Algonquin Road at Randall Road will have three left turn lanes, two through travel lanes, and right turn lanes on both legs of the intersection.

A pedestrian underpass has been started between Harnish Drive and Bunker Hill and Huntington Drive. A path will then be built, linking the existing paths in the area as well as the new path along Randall Road. The project also includes a multi-use path (8 feet wide) along the east side of Randall Road and the south side of Algonquin Road, a sidewalk (5 feet wide) along the west side of Randall Road and the north side of Algonquin Road, a new

signal added at the Theatre/Costco (Commercial Drive) existing entrances, and a new signal added at the Randall and Stonegate Road intersection.

The County encourages residents to visit randallroad.info online to sign up to receive regular email updates and also to visit the County's Division of Transportation Facebook and Twitter pages to stay informed.

Lake in the Hills will continue to share updates as they become available on the Village's social media pages and in the Construction Projects e-newsletter.

Please remember to drive carefully through construction areas to help keep workers and fellow travelers safe.



SEASONAL REMINDERS

STORM DRAINAGE SYSTEM

Storm grates direct stormwater from the street into the underground pipe system. Sometimes in the fall, leaves cover grates leading to localized flooding and pedestrian, bicycle, and motor vehicle accidents. Rotting leaves also diminish the life span of the asphalt underneath them, leading to premature repair needs. Village crews watch for this occurrence and clear leaves and litter when grates become clogged.

In areas that do not have a curb and gutter, the swale in front of your home (the "ditch" that runs across the front of your property) is designed to hold stormwater when it can no longer soak into the ground to maintain a dry roadbed, filter runoff, and reduce pollutants. It is critical that you continue regular swale maintenance to minimize flooding.

So, what can you do?

- Check storm drain grates frequently to make sure they are free of leaves and debris.
- Use a rake or pitchfork to clear leaves and debris from catch basins so that water can drain easily.
- Do not rake leaves into swales as this will cause a blockage for water flow.
- Mow and maintain your swale at an acceptable grass height. Tall grass slows water movement.
- Blow grass clippings back onto grass or landscape areas.
- Keep your driveway culvert open.
- Remove leaves from swales to stop them from flowing downstream, clogging up culverts, and possibly creating flooding issues.
- Do not remove the grate from the storm drain opening. This does not unclog the system and creates a hazard.
- Rake leaves away from storm drains.
- Do not rake or blow leaves from your property into the street.
- Dispose of leaves in a yard waste container or compost bin.

Call our Public Works Department at 847-960-7500 with any questions or concerns.

SNOW PLOWING REMINDERS

Winter is usually a challenge for just about everyone in the Midwest. When the snow begins to fall or icy conditions are present, the Public Works Department is ready to set snow and ice removal operation plans into motion to have the streets cleared and you on your way as quickly and safely as possible. Please remember:

- Children need to stay clear of snowplows.
- Remind children when building snow forts to remain on private property and not to build on the parkway next to streets, which can be dangerous.
- When driving, stay back at least 100 feet from moving plows and do not pass moving plows.
- After a snowfall, clear sidewalks of snow and ice for the safety of pedestrians and children walking to school. Snow-covered sidewalks also impede access for emergency, fire, and home health services.
- Remove items from the parkway that overhang the curb, especially portable basketball hoops.
- When clearing snow from your driveway, shovel snow in the direction of traffic and in the direction of plowing operations onto the parkway.
- Please refrain from blowing or throwing snow into an already plowed street. This action can create a hazardous condition.
- Do not put snow removed from driveways near fire hydrants, and help keep areas around fire hydrants clear.
- Do not park on the street when snowfall is predicted. After one inch of snow accumulates, parking is prohibited and violators may be ticketed.

The Village crews clear the main streets first to speed response time for emergency vehicles and then move to secondary and residential streets. If you have any questions about the snowplowing program, please call Public Works at 847-960-7500. If Village equipment has damaged the parkway area in front of your home, report it as soon as possible to Public Works at 847-960-7500. Repairs will be conducted in the spring.



GARBAGE REMINDERS

PUT LITTER IN ITS PLACE: TRASH PICKUP AND RECYCLING AT PARKS

The Village has recently seen increased litter in our community. When visiting parks and open spaces, remember that trash cans and recycling bins are usually located near parking lots, walkways, or facility entrances. Be sure to dispose of your trash before you leave or take it home if you cannot find a bin. Littering is illegal per Chapter 43.12 of the Municipal Code, and fines range from \$100 to \$750.

Garbage cans are available at all Village parks. Recycling containers are also in place at several popular parks, including Sunset, Leroy Guy, Ryder, Indian Trail, Jaycee, Ken Carpenter, Richard Taylor, and Lynn Dillow Park.

From April to October, our parks staff visit all parks on a weekly basis to clean up the grounds and remove trash. They also visit our three athletic field complexes, Ryder, Sunset, and Leroy Guy, three times per week during the high-use months of May, June, and July. All recycling totes are wheeled out to the curbside by our staff for pick-up by Flood Brothers Disposal and are returned to their locations the next day.

If you frequently see litter on public property, please let us know. You can call our Public Works Department at 847-960-7500 or report an issue online by visiting lith.org/report-a-park-facilities-issue. Help us keep Lake in the Hills beautiful by putting litter in its place.

GARBAGE CAN PLACEMENT AND STORAGE

Do you know where to properly store your garbage can? Our Community Development Department provides regulations on garbage can storage to make sure that Lake in the Hills remains beautiful and retains property values.

- Cans and special collection items are not to be set out prior to 6:00 p.m. on the evening preceding the scheduled pick up day.
- When not out for collection, cans are to be stored inside the garage or, along the side wall of the home or, at the rear yard.
- Section 13.02 (D) of the Municipal Code prohibits keeping garbage and recycling cans in front of the garage on the front elevation of the home.

Our inspectors regularly monitor neighborhoods to ensure that garbage cans are stored properly, and staff will distribute courtesy notices to homeowners who do not follow code

as a friendly reminder. When possible, our inspectors hand-deliver notices and have a conversation with homeowners to remind and educate them about what is being requested. To view the full text of our garbage can placement requirements, visit Section 13.02(D) of our Municipal Code. Residents may always call our Community Development Department to discuss concerns or questions at 847-960-7400.

YARD WASTE PICKUP

Landscape waste is picked up on your normal waste collection day from the first full week of April through the last full week of November. This includes grass, leaves, and branches less than 4" in diameter. Landscape waste must be placed in biodegradable paper bags, yard waste bags, or in standard 34-gallon waste containers clearly marked for yard waste. Free "Yard Waste Only" stickers available for pickup at Village Hall. For more information, including bundling requirements for branches, please visit lith.org.

Where can I store my garbage cans?

Help us keep Lake in the Hills beautiful and safe. Please remember to store garbage cans:

- ✓ **Inside of your garage,**
- ✓ **On the side of your home,**
- ✓ **Or in the rear yard.**
- ✗ **Please do not store cans in front of your home.**
- 👍 **Garbage cans may be brought to the curb beginning at 6:00 p.m. on the evening before the scheduled collection day.**



Municipal Code Section 13.02(D)

REGISTER NOW FOR CIVILIAN RESPONSE TO ACTIVE SHOOTER EVENTS (CRASE) TRAINING

Learn tools that can save your life and the lives of those around you during the Police Department's Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE) program. This free, two-hour training teaches individuals how to prepare, prevent, and react during an active shooter event or mass attack in a variety of workplace and gathering environments, including religious institutions.

CRASE is built on the three principles of avoid, deny, defend. Topics include the history and prevalence of active shooter events, civilian response options, medical issues, how to conduct drills, how to control the body's physiological response to stressful situations, and more. We are proud to partner with our community to help our citizens gather the tools to



survive when every second counts.

DATES & TIMES

(Please select one session only; the same material is presented at each session)

- October 13 from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
- November 10 from 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Must be 18+ years of age. Space is limited, and pre-registration is required. Priority registration will be

given to Lake in the Hills businesses, religious institutions, and residents; non-residents also welcome.

All sessions will be held in the Board Room at Village Hall (600 Harvest Gate) to ensure proper physical distancing. The Village requires the wearing of face masks in its facilities. To register, visit lith.org/police.

SIGN UP FOR NIXLE ALERTS AND TEXT-A-TIP

Have you subscribed to receive our Nixle text updates yet? Text 60156 to 888777 to receive community updates and real-time emergency alerts from the Lake in the Hills Police Department, Village Hall, and Public Works Department right on your phone. To receive advisory and community messages via email instead of via text message, text your email address to 888777.

Nixle can also be used to communicate directly with the Police Department for anonymous crime tipping. Simply text TIP LITHPD to 888777. You will receive a message to let you know that you are connected to LITH PD. Then, send in your crime tip. You will receive a follow-up message letting you know the tip was received. For more information, please visit lith.org/police.

FOLLOW THE POLICE DEPARTMENT ON SOCIAL MEDIA



@LakeintheHillsPolice



@LITHPolice



Lake in the Hills Police Department

SENIOR TECHCONNECT

The Police Department is proud to partner with the McHenry County Senior TechConnect initiative which helps seniors stay connected with their loved ones. By donating devices that are video-chat capable, we can help keep our seniors connected with family and friends. During this pandemic, we've learned how challenging it can be to lose contact with people we care about. Now try to imagine what the isolation and stress would be like all year.

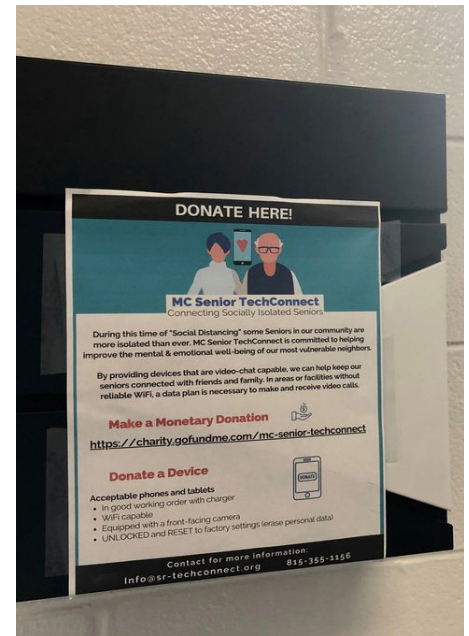
Do you have an older phone or tablet sitting in a drawer? Please consider donating it.

Here is a list of what is acceptable:

- Must be in good working order with a charger
- WiFi capable
- Equipped with front-facing camera
- Unlocked and reset to factory settings. Please be sure to erase all personal data prior to donating.

The drop-off box is located in the lower lobby of the police station at 1115 Crystal Lake Road, which is open 24/7. Email info@sr-techconnect.org or call 815-355-1156 for more information.

Don't have a device to donate? Please consider making a monetary donation online at: charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/mc-senior-techconnect



LOCK IT UP: PROTECT YOUR VALUABLES

Multiple burglaries to motor vehicles and stolen vehicles have been reported across McHenry County. Criminals target areas where they know residents are leaving doors unlocked. Often times, these are crimes of opportunity when vehicles are left unlocked (sometimes, with keys in them). While we do everything we can to stop these crimes, we need your assistance. It only takes a moment for someone to enter your vehicle and swipe your belongings - don't

make it easy for thieves! You can help keep yourself, your family, and your property safe by always locking your vehicles, house, garage, and bicycles.

Follow these safety measures to prevent opportunities for criminals:

- Lock your vehicle at all times.
- Remove valuables and electronics or store them out of sight, such as in the trunk.
- Park in a well-lit location.

• If you park in a garage, lock all entry doors and windows to the garage.

• Remove garage door openers from your vehicle that can be used to gain access to your home.

If you see any suspicious activity, dial 9-1-1 to report suspicious noises, people, or cars to the Lake in the Hills Police Department. Let's all watch out for one another!

NEW BUSINESSES



MELODY LIVING

Melody Living, a retirement and assisted living care facility with memory care, is now open at 525 Harvest Gate Road. Visit their social media accounts and website to learn more:

- ✉ info@melodylivinglith.com
- 📷 @melodylivinglith
- 📘 @MelodyLivingLITH
- 🌐 melodylivinglith.com



PETSUITES

PetSuites will be opening soon at 309 N Randall Road. They offer grooming, boarding, and daycare with an outdoor exercise area for cats and dogs. Visit their social media accounts and website to learn more:

- 📷 @petsuiteslakeinthehills
- 📘 @PetSuitesLakeintheHills
- 🌐 petsuitesofamerica.com



THE HEATHERS

The Heathers, a single-story, assisted living and memory care development located at 4570 Princeton Lane, is under construction. Visit their social media accounts and website to learn more:

- ✉ info@heathersishome.com
- 📷 @heathersishome
- 🌐 heathersishome.com



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VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS

The Village Board of Trustees meets twice a month on the second and fourth Thursday at 7:30 p.m. They meet once during November and December on the second Thursday. The Committee of the Whole meetings are on the Tuesday preceding each Board meeting at 7:30 p.m. Residents are encouraged to attend and present matters at the Committee of the Whole meetings. Agendas for all meetings are posted on the Village's website, lith.org.



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PAPERLESS WATER BILLING

Paperless billing is available for your water bill. Easily access your bill right from your email and receive it the day that it is created, without the delay of mail. The online billing e-suite is private and secure. To enroll, visit lith.org and click the green Water Billing button on the home page. In order to create an account, please have your account number from your water bill ready.



VETERANS MEMORIAL BRICKS

The Veterans Memorial Committee is currently offering the opportunity to purchase commemorative bricks to be used as a part of the Veterans Memorial. This is a unique and special way to honor a friend, family member, or organization.

To purchase a brick, please visit bricksrus.com/order/lithvm or fill out and mail the order form available online at lith.org. For questions, please contact the Administration Department at 847-960-7400.

SPEAK OUT!

The Village of Lake in the Hills is pleased to respond to your individual questions, thoughts, and concerns. Please visit lith.org/contact-us to make an online submission, or contact us at Village Hall, Public Works, or the Police Department. You can also get in touch with us on social media and via Nixle by texting 60156 to 888777!



VILLAGE HALL

600 Harvest Gate
M-F 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
847-960-7400

PUBLIC WORKS

9010 Haligus Road
M-F 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
847-960-7500

POLICE DEPARTMENT

1115 Crystal Lake Road
M, W, Th, F 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, 8:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Non-Emergency: 847-658-5676
Emergency: 911