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GORDON LARSEN AWARD WINNERS RECOGNIZED

Congratulations to our Gordon Larsen Business Achievement Award winners! The Village recognized the winning businesses at the Board of Trustees meeting held on February 10, 2022.

Best Customer Service:

Butcher on the Block

Employer of Choice:

Marie Charles Salon & Spa

Best Community Service:

The Lakehouse Tattoo

Best New Business:

UpRising Bakery & Café

The Village received 190 nominations for 19 businesses in 2021, and the awards committee decided to include the Best New Business award in the recognitions. Each winning business demonstrated a level of community engagement that contributes to the quality and character of Lake in the Hills. Nominations praised winning businesses for their exceptional customer service, their charitable work to support area non-profits, and their positive working environments.

The Village recognizes businesses that embody the philanthropic and entrepreneurial spirit of Gordon Larsen, who was influential in shaping the physical and civic landscape of Lake in the Hills, each year.

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"Waiting for the Boats" by Jessica Wiggins

2021 Photo Contest Winner

Enter the 2022 Photo Contest at lith.org.



A MESSAGE FROM VILLAGE PRESIDENT RAY BOGDANOWSKI

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Dear Residents,

As we head into spring, I'm excited to share that the Village is putting its best foot forward in this year of celebration. 2022 marks the 70th anniversary of the incorporation of the Village of Lake in the Hills, and we're using the occasion to celebrate the stories, memories, and accomplishments that have made Lake in the Hills a wonderful place to live, work, and own a business.

The new season brings new leadership to the Village. After over 20 years of committed service in various roles,

former Village Administrator Fred Mullard recently stepped down from the position. We wish him the very best in his next chapter, and we couldn't be more grateful for the positive impacts he made during his distinguished career.

Our new Village Administrator, Shannon Andrews, was sworn in at the Village Board of Trustees Meeting on March 10. Shannon brings over 15 years of municipal management experience, most of which have been spent serving Lake in the Hills. I am excited to work alongside her as we continue to provide high quality services to residents and businesses and bring fresh ideas to life.

Throughout 2021, I was excited to see new businesses join our community. Please check out the business updates highlighted in this newsletter to learn more about exciting developments, like the growth of The Heathers Senior Homes and Melody Living and the highly anticipated new Culver's location coming soon to 251 N. Randall Road.

As community members head out to enjoy each other's company after the long winter months, we are excited to bring back popular Lake in the Hills events, like the Bunny Trail on April 9, Run Thru the Hills on April 10, and the

Love Your Park Spring Clean Up on the weekend of April 22. See upcoming events from our Recreation Division at lith.org/register.

Looking toward the summer, we anticipate the return of classic festivals and events, including:

- The **McHenry County Century Ride** hosted by the Lake in the Hills People for Parks Foundation and True Blue Dogs on May 29
- **Pub in the Park** hosted by the Lake in the Hills People for Parks Foundation on June 25
- **Rockin' Ribfest** hosted by the Lake in the Hills Rotary Club on July 7-10
- **Summer Sunset Festival** on September 2-4

What an exciting year we have ahead, Lake in the Hills! I look forward to serving our community alongside Village elected officials, board and commission members, and staff through this exciting time of possibility, new beginnings, and continued growth.

Sincerely,

Ray Bogdanowski, Village President

RUN THRU THE HILLS

The Village of Lake in the Hills Recreation Division will host the Run Thru the Hills (RTTH) 5K Run/Walk, 1-Mile Dog Walk, and Kid's 100-yard Dash on April 10 at 10:00 a.m. Join us to experience the natural beauty and charm of the hills that surround the four lakes within the eastern portion of the Village. Sign up at lith.org/register!

LOVE YOUR PARK SPRING CLEAN UP

Turn up to clean up! Neighbors, scout groups, and volunteers, let's clean up our parks as part of our "Every Day is Earth Day" clean up event. Pick a time to clean between Friday, April 22 and Sunday, April 24. Bring friends or pack up the whole family for a fun day spent helping our community! Sign up at lith.org/register.

ELECTION INFORMATION

The 2022 General Primary Election will take place on June 28. Early voting will be held at Village Hall, located at 600 Harvest Gate, from June 13 to June 27. All McHenry County residents are eligible to vote early at Village Hall. Visit lith.org to find early voting times closer to June. Dates and times are subject to change.



Gordon Larsen Business Achievement Awards



Butcher on the Block
Owners Tom and Jill Yuucis and Staff



Marie Charles Salon & Spa
Owner Holly Taft and Family



The Lakehouse Tattoo
Owner Rob Downs and Family



UpRising Bakery & Café
Owner Corinna Bendel Sac

BEST CUSTOMER SERVICE:

BUTCHER ON THE BLOCK opened in 2000. A long-standing business in Lake in the Hills, Butcher on the Block received 69 nominations for Best Customer Service and 83 total nominations across categories.

Nominations highlighted the sincerity and attentiveness of the owners and staff, the high-quality products, and the small-town feel created by the friendly, personable service.

A well-known and highly recommended gourmet meat and deli market, Butcher on the Block strives to serve the finest quality products to the community. Butcher on the Block previously won the 2019 Gordon Larsen Award for Best Customer Service.

"Butcher on the Block deserves this award for many reasons. It has maintained its high level of integrity and loyalty to their customers over the years of serving the community and those surrounding it. The employees are efficient, friendly, respectful, and knowledgeable and keep things running smoothly every time you walk through the doors."

Butcher on the Block is located at 4660 W. Algonquin Road. They can be found online at butcherontheblock.com.

BEST COMMUNITY SERVICE:

THE LAKEHOUSE TATTOO quickly established a reputation for community service after opening in 2019. Nominations commended the business for consistent efforts to give back to the community by hosting fundraisers and clothing and food drives.

Over the past three years, their annual Thanksgiving Food Drive has brought in 300 to 700 pounds of donated goods

per year for the Algonquin/Lake in the Hills Interfaith Food Pantry.

The Lakehouse Tattoo received 20 total nominations across categories. In 2019, The Lakehouse Tattoo was recognized with the newly created Gordon Larsen Award for Best New Business.

One nominator wrote:

"The Lakehouse Tattoo never ceases to amaze me with how far they go to help their community. They host a variety of different fundraisers throughout the year to collect items for the local food pantry, women's shelter, animal rescues, etc. I have never seen another business do this many fundraisers for their town!"

The Lakehouse Tattoo is located at 2120 W. Algonquin Road. They can be found online at facebook.com/TheLakeHouseTattoo.

EMPLOYER OF CHOICE:

MARIE CHARLES SALON & SPA opened in 2015. The recipient of 18 nominations between the Employer of Choice and Best Customer Service categories, Marie Charles Salon & Spa was commended for the owner's efforts to create a positive working environment.

Nominations recognized the owner for supporting employees, cultivating an atmosphere of kindness, and making her staff feel like family. An Aveda concept salon and spa, Marie Charles Salon & Spa provides a relaxing atmosphere, quality products, and exceptional services. In 2017, Marie Charles Salon & Spa won the Gordon Larsen Award for Best Customer Service.

One nominator wrote:

"This is such a wonderful place to work! Holly is one of the sweetest,

kind hearted, and caring bosses I have ever had. She has created such a great work environment where co-workers feel like family."

Marie Charles Salon & Spa is located at 4610 W. Algonquin Road. Find them online at mariecharlessalon.com.

BEST NEW BUSINESS:

UPRISING BAKERY & CAFÉ opened in 2021 and soon came to be known for caring customer service, generous community service, and unique, high-quality products. Nominations highlighted the owner's generosity and spirit of community.

UpRising Bakery & Café frequently donates proceeds and unsold food to support those in need throughout the community. Known for their allergen friendly items, UpRising Bakery and Café caters to customers' unique dietary needs and restrictions through their three kitchens: one gluten-free, one nut-free, and one traditional.

A nominator wrote:

"Uprising always donates directly to those in need in our community. They regularly put out tables of goods for anyone to enjoy, for free. The owner is very community-minded and goes above and beyond to spread joy in our community as well."

UpRising Bakery & Café is located at 2104 W. Algonquin Road. Find them online at uprisingbakeryandcafe.com.

Nominate Lake in the Hills businesses for our 2022 Gordon Larsen Business Achievement Awards using the nomination form on our website at lith.org/gordonlarsen. Contact the Administration Department at 847-960-7400 with any questions.

GET EXCITED FOR FUNTASTICAMP

Give your children a summer full of adventure. At FuntastiCAMP, kids make memories and forge lifetime friendships. Campers engage in purposeful play and socialize with peers through field trips, swimming days, and fitness challenges. We're offering Early Childhood FuntastiCAMP (ages 3-5), FuntastiCAMP (grades K-7), and the Counselor in Training program (ages 12-15) starting on May 31. Register your child for an active, fulfilling summer at lith.org/register.

PRESCHOOL ACADEMY

Preschool Academy has been refreshed with a new curriculum for littles ones ages 2-5. Engaging classes and structured playtime enhance students' social and emotional development, support their physical wellbeing, and help prepare them for kindergarten. We offer optional Spanish Enrichment options to introduce children to language learning. Classes start on September 6 and 7. Register your child at lith.org/register!

SPRING GUIDE

Our seasonal program and event guides have a whole new look! New in 2022, the online guides offer an interactive, modern viewing experience. Responsive on all devices, the design allows you to quickly access each event's registration webpage. Find opportunities to get outside, connect with your community, socialize, and have fun! Browse the Spring 2022 Guide online and register for programs at lith.org/register.



RECREATION SPOTLIGHT ADULT & SENIOR RECREATION REFRESHED

Our reenergized adult and senior programs offer opportunities to explore nature, improve skills, and connect with community members through game days, crafting drop-in days, sports, day trips, and special events!

Crafters of all ages share their projects and mingle with like-minded creatives at our social and fun U.F.O. (UnFinished Craft Objects) drop-in events. Stop by on the third Saturday of the month between 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Village Hall and pay \$5 at the door.

Join us on the fourth Tuesday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Village Hall for drop-in Bingo Bonanza! \$5 will get you two cards for ten games.

Play games with friends at Village Hall! Attend Wacky Card Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Thursday Player's Choice Game Days from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Participation is free!

Register for our Men's Slow-Pitch 12" Softball League! Leagues consist of teams of eight players and 12 games

(11 regular season games and 1 tournament game). Games will be played on Sunday mornings on Field 9 at Sunset Park from April 24 to July 17.

Celebrate National Adopt a Shelter Pet Day with us on April 30. Meet us at the Bark Park from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at our Almost Home Adoption Day! Then, gain new skills and learn how to best care for your pet in our American Red Cross Cat and Dog First Aid online course from May 1 to June 1.

Spend time with a daughter, mother, sister, or friend at our Mother's Day Luncheon. We'll gather at the lakeside LaBahn Hain House on May 9 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Take a day trip to see new sights and make friends! Join us for the Maxson Riverboat and Lunch and John Deere Home Site trip on April 29. Then, come out on May 17 to visit Shalom Wildlife Zoo and Pabst Mansion.

Learn more, find deadlines, and sign up to attend at lith.org/register!



VOLUNTEER OR WORK WITH US!

Are you looking for opportunities to get involved and learn new skills?

Our Recreation team is seeking volunteers to help prepare for and run events and programs. Whether you assist with event preparation and management or dress up as a mascot for one of our programs, join us to build

event management and customer service skills, meet new people, and have fun! Reach out to us at 847-960-7400 or email recreation@lith.org to discuss volunteer opportunities.

Want to work with our team? Apply for jobs within our Recreation Division at lith.org/jobs. Work with children in our FuntastiCAMP and Preschool Academy programs, grow your leadership skills, and make a difference in our community.



BUSINESS NEWS

LAKE IN THE HILLS BUSINESS COMMUNITY EXPANDS WITH NEW FACILITIES AND BUSINESSES

The Lake in the Hills business community is growing as established businesses expand and enhance their locations and new businesses open their doors.

"The Village is eager to welcome businesses that provide distinctive products and services," said Community and Economic Development Director Josh Langen.

THE HEATHERS SENIOR HOMES recently completed the second of three buildings at their location. Located at 4570 Princeton Lane, The Heathers offers assisted living and memory care to 18 residents per building in spacious single and double occupancy suites.

MELODY LIVING has started construction on their second building at 555 Harvest Gate. The campus will consist of two buildings, assisted living and independent living for ages 55 and up. The first building, completed in 2021, features 88 assisted living units. The second building will offer 96 independent living units.

CREATIVE CULTURE TATTOO opened at 9525 Ackman Road in September 2021. The studio's tattoo artists help community members achieve their vision for their next or first tattoo. Call their team at 224-858-4068 or email creativeculturetattoos@yahoo.com.

ENVIE BROWZ BY SHAY, located at 9421 Ackman Road, celebrated their ribbon-cutting ceremony on October 29, 2021. This new business provides permanent makeup and cosmetic tattooing. Text or call 847-603-4346 or visit their website at shay.beautifulbrowsnow.com/consult.

UPRISING BAKERY AND CAFÉ, known for their fresh, organic/non-GMO, and allergen-sensitive ingredients, opened at 2104 W. Algonquin Road in November 2021. The Village recently recognized UpRising Bakery and Café with the 2021 Gordon Larsen Award for Best New Business. Call their team at 224-209-8695 or visit uprisingbakeryandcafe.com.

MAY'S LOUNGE, a new luxury gaming lounge, opened at 273 N. Randall Road in December 2021. Visitors enjoy seasonal drinks and gaming in a relaxing and comfortable atmosphere. To learn more, visit their website at mayslounge.com or call 224-256-2274.

TRUFITNESS relocated to 9358 Virginia Road in January 2022. First established in 2017, TruFitness provides transformative fitness and wellness services by way of personalized, small group athletic training and wellness therapy. Visit trufitnesstribe.com or reach out to mary@trufitnesstribe.com or 815-217-9687.

CULVER'S is anticipated to open at 251 N. Randall Road this spring.

The new year looks bright for the Lake in the Hills business community! Call the Community Development Department at 847-960-7400 or visit lith.org to learn more about business and economic development in the Village of Lake in the Hills.





PUBLIC WORKS OPEN HOUSE

Meet the Public Works team and learn about the department's operations at the Public Works Open House! Join us on Saturday, May 14 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Public Works facility, located one block south of the intersection of Haligus and Miller Road at 9010 Haligus Road.

Check out trucks, skid steers, tractors, loaders, and other vehicles used by staff to maintain the Village's infrastructure. Take part in demonstrations and learn about our Water, Streets, Public Properties, and Airport Divisions.

The Open House will include tours of an adjacent water treatment facility. Visitors will receive a complimentary hot dog lunch. Save the date and bring the family out for a fun day at Public Works!

Should COVID-19 mitigations require the Village to cancel or alter this annual event, the Village will communicate these changes as early as possible. Call Public Works at 847-960-7500 or visit our website at lith.org for updates.

LYNN DILLOW PARK RENOVATION PROJECT PLANNED FOR 2022

This year, the Village will replace the playground equipment at Lynn Dillow Park. Staff follows replacement criteria based on a 20-year industry standard and the assessed physical condition of the park when determining when to replace equipment.

Visit our website at lith.org and our social media channels for updates. Call the Public Works team at 847-960-7500 with any questions.



WOODS CREEK STEAMBANK IMPROVEMENTS

To reduce the silt and sediment buildup along the Woods Creek streambank and improve surface and groundwater quality, the Village completed the first section of the streambank improvements along Reach 10 in 2020.

Efforts to improve Reach 11, the next section that heads east toward Randall Road, are in progress. The Reach 11 project is 60% funded through an Illinois Environmental Protection Agency grant and will be completed in 2022. Visit lith.org for updates.





RUNWAY REHABILITATION

The Lake in the Hills 3CK Airport will be closed for several months when the airport runway project commences. Staff anticipates that work will begin late in summer 2022.

The airport runway project is part of a continuing effort to improve safety at the airport as the current runway does not meet Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) design standards for runway width.

Work to bring the airport up to date with FAA design standards began in 2010 with efforts to align the full-length taxiway. The runway project, anticipated to cost \$2.6 million, will be funded by 90% federal and 5% state grant money.

Call the airport office at 815-479-7960 or visit lith.org/airport for updates on the runway project.

YOUNG EAGLES FREE FLIGHTS

The Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Chapter 790 offers free plane rides to children ages 8-17 through the Young Eagles program.

Founded in 1992, the Young Eagles program introduces youth to aviation and the thrill of flying. EAA Chapter 790, based at the Lake 3CK Airport, is a volunteer organization made up of local pilots.

Flights are offered free of charge through the generosity of EAA members. Pilots donate not only their time, but also their aircraft and fuel to support Young Eagles rallies and offer free flights.

This year, Young Eagles rallies will be held at the airport office, located at 8397 Pyott Road, and will run from 8:30 a.m. until noon on the following dates unless otherwise noted.

The schedule for the 2022 Young Eagles rallies is as follows:

- May 7
- June 4
- July 2
- August 6
- September 3
- October 1

A parent or guardian must complete and sign a waiver before children enjoy their flight. Adults interested in a flight may also have the opportunity to fly, but they must first register through the EAA's website.

Call the airport office at 815-479-7960 or visit the Young Eagles website at youngeagles.com for more information. Rally information will also be shared at lith.org and via Village social media.

The Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) is an international aviation membership association founded in 1953. They are most recognized for the yearly airshow held in Oshkosh, WI.

TAKE A TOUR OF THE AIRPORT

Did you know the Lake in Hills 3CK Airport offers tours for school groups and non-profit organizations? As COVID-19 mitigation practices ease, embrace the opportunity to bring your students or group members to tour the airport and learn how the airport adds value to the community. Typical

tours last no more than one hour, and the program can be tailored to meet the needs of the group. Depending on availability, tours can involve some hands-on time with a parked aircraft.

To schedule a tour, please contact Michael Peranich, Airport Manager, at 815-479-7960, Extension 2 or send an email request to mperanich@lith.org. Students of all ages are welcome, and there is no cost for the tours.





COMMUNITY REMINDERS

FOOD SCRAP COMPOSTING PROGRAM

Flood Brothers Disposal offers a voluntary food scrap composting program to single-family residences throughout the Village during the yard waste collection season, April 1 through November 30.

Residents who enroll in this program may mix food scraps with yard waste by placing them at the curb in a rigid, lidded container or in a rented Flood Brothers 95-gallon yard waste cart. The program is available to all single-family residences at no additional cost unless residents choose to rent a yard waste container, which costs an additional \$1.50/month.

Yard waste and food scraps are taken to a compost facility where they are processed into compost and mulches. The compost and mulches are then used to fertilize soils and protect soils from erosion.

Visit lith.org to find more information and an enrollment form.

SHRED DAY

Shred Day will be held on Saturday, May 14 at the Public Works facility, 9010 Haligus Road, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Residents can bring two copy paper sized boxes of any documents to be shredded at no charge. AMS Store and Shred will shred the documents at their facility, located at 13 Prosper Court. Learn more at lith.org/events.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Regular property maintenance contributes to public health and safety and helps keep up a home's value. Be sure to avoid common maintenance issues by following these tips:

Structure Maintenance: Establish an ongoing home maintenance plan. Projects are easier to address when done regularly, including repairs to fencing, sheds, and swimming pools.

Trees and Bushes: Trim back trees and shrubs to limit damage to roofs and siding and ensure that address numbers are clearly visible. Maintain clear paths for pedestrians, bicycles, and motorists at roadway intersections.

Storm Drainage: Keep downspouts and sump line discharge points a minimum of six feet away from all property lines. Water must disperse adequately within the property in order to avoid run-off issues for nearby properties, sidewalks, and streets.

Tall Grass and Weeds: Make sure grass and weeds do not exceed 8" in height.

Debris: Take advantage of Flood Brothers Disposal bulk item services. Call Flood Brothers at 630-261-0578 to arrange the removal of larger items.

To schedule a courtesy visit from a member of our staff or find answers to property maintenance questions, call our Community Development Department at 847-960-7400. Find more property maintenance information online at lith.org.

ONLINE BUILDING PERMITS

Apply for select work permits before taking on projects around your home using the Village's Public Portal. Permit applications are available online for the following projects:

- Water heater/softener system repair and replacements
- Furnace and air conditioning system repair and replacements
- Roofing and siding repairs and new material installations
- Stormwater management

Customers may pay online after the permit has been processed, which typically occurs within one business day. Visitors can both request an inspection or report a violation using the Public Portal. To access the public portal, visit lith.org/public-portal.

Please schedule an inspection of the work once the project is completed. The inspection is included in the price of the permit. For more information, contact the Community Development Department at 847-960-7400.

Apply for permits for projects not listed above in person at Village Hall, 600 Harvest Gate.

<p>Request an Inspection</p> <p>Request an inspection for your permit filed in the Village.</p> 	<p>Report a Code Violation</p> <p>Report a code complaint in the Village.</p> 
<p>Business & Vending Licenses</p> <p>View available online license applications.</p> 	<p>Contractor Licensing</p> <p>Register or Renew your License with the Village.</p> 
<p>Apply for a Permit</p> <p>View available online permit applications.</p> 	<p>View My Cases</p> <p>Check the status of applications, code complaints, and inspection requests submitted to the Village.</p> 

Apply for a permit, request an inspection, or report a violation through the Public Portal!

RESERVE COMMUNITY GARDEN PLOTS



Reserve a plot in our Community Garden! The garden is located at the Public Works facility, 9010 Haligus Road. We plan to kick off the growing season during the first week of April, weather permitting. Learn more and reserve a plot at lith.org/register.



FLOOD INSURANCE DISCOUNT

The Village achieved a Class 5 rating under the National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating System (CRS) program, which enables residents and businesses to access a 25% rate reduction on flood insurance policies for properties within the Village.

Established in 1990, the Community Rating System (CRS) rewards communities that surpass the minimum NFIP requirements to help their residents prevent or reduce potential flood losses. The CRS program is a voluntary, incentive-based program. Property owners enjoy rate reductions when their local governments take preventative actions to reduce possible flood damage.

These actions include reducing risk to existing buildings, managing development in areas not mapped by the NFIP, protecting new buildings beyond the minimum NFIP protection level, helping insurance agents obtain flood data, and helping residents obtain flood insurance. Residents are encouraged to contact Public Works at 847-960-7500 with any questions.

PARTNERING WITH CODE OFFICIALS TO BUILD STRONGER, SAFER COMMUNITIES

Whether you are undertaking a minor or major construction project, code officials want your project to be a success!

Building safety professionals play a major role in keeping the public safe, and they can help property owners avoid potential problems that can cost time and money.

Before beginning any work that involves construction, please review the Community Development Department information available on our website at lith.org.

The Village provides guidance to help residents complete

projects, understand and follow building codes, and navigate the building permit process.

When projects adhere to building safety codes, issues with structural stability, fire safety, sanitation, zoning compliance, energy efficiency, flooding, and other hazards are avoided.

Our Community Development Department strives to ensure that homes, buildings, and neighborhoods are built and maintained to code standards that benefit the community.

Staff can assist you in person at Village Hall, 600 Harvest Gate, Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

GARBAGE CAN PLACEMENT AND STORAGE

Residents may place trash containers at the curb no earlier than 6:00 p.m. on the day preceding their scheduled pick-up day. Please use care and secure any loose items so light winds

do not carry those items through the neighborhood. When not at the curb, containers must be placed at the rear or side of the home or in a fully enclosed area.

FLOODWAY AND FLOODPLAIN INFORMATION

Residents may view information and maps that show the designated floodway and floodplain areas within Lake in the Hills, along with elevation certificates dating back to 2000. Any construction within these areas requires review by our staff prior to the start of any project.

Additional permits from other agencies may be required in addition to Village-issued permits. Homeowners within this area may be required to maintain flood insurance.

Please contact the Community Development Department by visiting Village Hall, located at 600 Harvest Gate, or calling 847-960-7400 for additional information and answers to questions about flood locations.

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)

Learn more at lith.org

TIPS TO AVOID GARAGE THEFT

Thieves often target garages since they provide easy access to a home. Garages tend to serve as a home's primary entrance and exit, and they are usually the most isolated entry. Follow these crime prevention tips to help secure your garage and protect it from theft.

Keep the garage door closed. Never leave valuables unattended, even "just for a minute." An open garage is almost like an invitation for burglars, especially when valuables are inside. Ensure that the garage door is closed and the doors and windows within the garage are closed and locked to help reduce the risk of break-ins. If your home has an attached garage, keep the door that connects the garage to the home locked.

Keep the garage well lit. Add exterior lighting outside your garage to help make it a less enticing target for thieves and provide extra security. If you have concerns about energy consumption, consider installing motion detecting lights that will only turn on when someone or something is nearby.

Cover garage windows. Even if your garage door is closed, intruders can still see what's within your garage by looking through the windows. Covering windows with simple curtains, blinds, or even sheets will reduce visibility and mitigate risk.

Install a reliable garage door. Older garage doors are much easier to break into, especially if they don't



close all the way. A few inches is all a burglar needs to pry the door open or slide under to reach your valuables.

You should have a garage door that serves as a strong, durable obstacle between the inside and outdoors. A stronger garage door with an opener that features modern technology will help reduce the risk of break-ins.

Install a security system. When it comes to home security, many options are available. On the simpler side, install a door sensor to act as a hindrance to potential thieves. Certain door sensors will send out an audible alarm when the garage door is open, so you will immediately know if someone is attempting to break in. In addition, many modern

garage door openers have built-in security features, like the ability to monitor when the door is opened or closed or a self-closing system.

If you want to take your garage security to the next level, consider adding motion sensor cameras. These cameras cut back on energy consumption and offer a high level of security. When cameras are present, burglars will be more hesitant to attempt a break-in.

Keep the garage remote and keys with you. When cars are parked in places other than your garage, especially when unlocked, intruders can easily gain the ability to open and close your garage door. Always keep your house keys and garage keys or remote with you instead of leaving them in the car.

REGISTER FOR THE TEEN SAFETY SERIES

This spring, the Lake in the Hills Police Department will present a free, three-week intensive program that addresses the obstacles and challenges teens face in today's society.

Topics include alcohol and drug effects, vaping, sexual assault, stalking, social media safety, dating violence, bullying, peer pressure, suicide prevention, and more.

The series is open to youth ages 12-16 years old. Sensitive material will be presented.

Space is limited; pre-registration is required. Priority registration will be given to Lake in the Hills residents; non-residents are also welcome.

Instruction will be provided in a hybrid format. Participants will have the option to decide whether to attend in person or virtually during registration.

Sessions will be held during the first three Wednesday evenings in April (4/6, 4/13, and 4/20) from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Irv Floress Safety Education Center, located at 1109 Crystal Lake Road.

Register for this free program online at lith.org/police.





POLICE UPDATES

Photo taken by Alex Vucha

VACATION SAFETY STARTS BEFORE YOU LEAVE

Are you busy planning your spring break trip or summer vacation? The Police Department wants to give you peace of mind so you can relax and have fun.

Before you leave, submit a vacation house watch request to the Police Department through the online portal at lith.org/police. The information you provide will be safely and securely transmitted to the Police Department. Please note, house watch requests that

extend beyond two weeks will only be checked once a week unless special circumstances exist and the request is approved by the Shift Commander.

Follow these additional safety tips:

Make copies of all of your credit cards, important identification information (driver's license, passport, etc.), and medical insurance cards. Take one copy with you (pack it separately from the cards themselves) and leave one copy at home.

Never put your home address on external luggage tags. Avoid listing your home address to reduce your chances of being targeted for a robbery while

you are away. Instead, write your full name, cell phone number, and email. Keep your social media privacy settings up-to-date so you know who will be able to view tagged photos (including geotags that disclose your location).

Have your mail held at the post office and your newspaper delivery put on hold or ask a family member, a trusted friend, or a neighbor to pick these items up for you.

Set automatic timers to turn your home's lights on and off. Make sure all of the doors and windows to your home are secured and locked. If your home has an alarm system, arm it when you leave for your vacation.

SIGN UP FOR NIXLE ALERTS AND TEXT-A-TIP

TEXT 60156 TO 888777
to receive Lake in the Hills text updates right on your phone.

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Receive alerts for

- Severe Weather
- Criminal Activities
- Traffic Alerts
- Missing Persons
- Local Events

Smartphone messages:
 888-777
 Fri, Oct 27, 1:21 PM
 LITH PD IL: Expect minor delays on Westbound Algonquin Rd at Cedar Ridge Dr due to a minor traffic crash with lane blockage. www.nixle.us/9NPLJR
 LITH PD IL: Traffic crash has been removed and normal traffic flow has been restored on Algonquin Rd. www.nixle.us/9NPL9
 Reply with a friend's # to forward

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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.

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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

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Police Department Facebook:	facebook.com/LakeintheHillsPolice
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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
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Non-Emergency: 847-658-5676
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