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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 January 28, 2021.

Best Customer Service: Speedway

Best Community Service: Jersey Mike's Subs

Best New Business: Elle's Deli & Bagels

President's Pick: LNR Insurance Services

Winning businesses demonstrated exceptional care for their customers, often far exceeding their regular scope of work, to help community members throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Their compassion for others, willingness to adapt, and resilience in the face of challenges set them apart and contributed to the warm, neighborly atmosphere Lake in the Hills is known for.

Throughout 2020, the Village received 137 total nominations for 20 businesses. Heartfelt nominations thanked local businesses for supporting customers throughout moments of great uncertainty. Because the last year brought extraordinary challenges, the awards committee decided to include the President's Pick and Best New Business awards in the recognitions.

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A MESSAGE FROM VILLAGE PRESIDENT RUZANSKI

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Dear Residents,

What a winter we have seen! I'd like to start by thanking our dedicated Public Works Department for their tireless efforts to clear the roads and ensure safe travel for our residents. If you'd like to learn more about their operations, watch our website for the details of their Open House event planned for Saturday, May 15 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

As I write to you now, I am winding down my last year as your Village President after 16 years of service to the community. Through the years, I served as a committee member, trustee, and, for the past four years, as president. I dedicated a significant amount of time to the creation of the Veterans Memorial at Village Hall, one of my most cherished accomplishments. It is my hope that for years to come, members of our community will visit the memorial to appreciate the

selfless service veterans have given to our country and pause to reflect on the passing of those who paid the ultimate price for our freedom. Though we could not gather at the memorial last Veterans Day, I was touched when the community came together to help the Village build a video tribute.

I have been proud to be a Lake in the Hills resident throughout the COVID-19 pandemic because our community members have consistently supported our local businesses and showed up to help their neighbors throughout challenging times. I won't forget the uplifting actions of our Police Department driving past homes to commemorate birthdays and graduations, residents shopping for seniors and high-risk neighbors, and our Village staying strong while awaiting the arrival of the vaccine.

Building equity within the community continues to be a priority for the Village. While there is much work to be done, I am proud to have appointed two women to the Board of Trustees during my term. I encourage our residents to visit our website and learn about opportunities to serve on our Boards and Commissions and help us bring diverse voices to leadership roles.

If the COVID-19 mitigations allow us to safely gather over the summer, we look forward to the potential return of community events, including:

- **The McHenry County Century Ride** hosted by the Lake in the Hills People for Parks Foundation and True Blue Dogs on May 30 (held in lieu of Pub in the Park, which will return in 2022)

- **Rockin' Ribfest** hosted by the Lake in the Hills Rotary Club on July 8-10
- **Summer Sunset Festival** on Sept. 4-6

The airport staff tentatively plans to bring back another community favorite, the Airport Open House and Pancake Breakfast, held in partnership with the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) on Sunday, June 27 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Later in the summer, the Police Department hopes to host a National Night Out community event on August 7 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please visit our website for updates as we work to plan these and other events following COVID-19 mitigation guidelines.

Going forward, I look forward to joining you as a resident and neighbor at our wonderful community events. I offer my sincerest gratitude to the community, the Board of Trustees, Village staff, and Lake in the Hills residents.

These have been some of the most rewarding years of my life, and I have built many relationships which will provide fond memories over the years ahead. I thank the many fine people who have interacted with me in one way or another and, of course, I thank my wonderful wife of 52 years, Dorie, for her support, patience, and understanding throughout these times. We look forward to many happy moments in the years ahead.

Thanks to all,

Russ Ruzanski

COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATE

The McHenry County Department of Health (MCDH) is currently vaccinating McHenry County priority groups and residents following the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and CDC's recommendations.

The county distributed the first batches of the vaccines received to healthcare workers and those in long-term care facilities who qualified for Phase 1a of the distribution plan.

Residents and businesses seeking the vaccine who meet the criteria

established for Phase 1 vaccine administration may fill out an online enrollment form by visiting MCDH.info. Those who enroll will be contacted at a later date with appointment information when vaccine doses become available if they meet the Phase 1 criteria.

See the following phase descriptions (subject to change):

- Phase 1a: Healthcare personnel, long-term care facility residents, and other congregate care
- Phase 1b: Essential frontline workers, adults 65+, shelters/adult day care, and inmates

- Phase 1c: Adults with high-risk medical conditions and other essential workers
- Phase 2 (Pending ACIP Recommendations): Adults and teens 16+ not included in Phase 1

Keep up with the latest updates from MCDH at MCDH.info and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) at dph.illinois.gov.

The Village will continue to share updates at lith.org, on social media, and in the *Resident Insider* newsletter. Visit lith.org/publications to find links to our social media and subscribe to email newsletters.



RECREATION SPOTLIGHT CULTIVATING COMMUNITY

While our Recreation team is known for fun, there's a lot more to their mission. Throughout the past year, the team focused on supporting equity within our community. Since so many families faced financial strain due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the team hosted free and low-cost programs that brought people of all ages together to safely connect, establish friendships, and enjoy the parks and facilities the Village offers.

"Our team is looking forward to a year full of quality programs and events modified to fit our current conditions," said Recreation Superintendent Kim Buscemi. "We're committed to providing programming that brings us together and supports local families as we navigate today's unique challenges together."

When the Back-2-School Camp and Aftercare program concluded in January, staff had delivered daily care and remote assistance for over 50 campers. Throughout the program, staff provided over 5,000 hours of remote learning assistance and recreational activities and established a safe and positive atmosphere for children

throughout several phases of COVID-19 mitigations. Camp staff members rose to the challenges posed by the pandemic and tailored programming to meet parents' needs.

At the Winter Wonderfun Kickoff Party at Larsen Park in January, little ones painted snow, made bird feeders, played winter games, and roasted marshmallows. Education Program Coordinator Kim Compton from the McHenry County Conservation District attended to teach visitors about the types of tracks animals leave behind in the snow.

Woods Creek Lake saw its share of wintertime sports this year. The Recreation team hosted the 4-on-4 Pond Hockey Tournament on January 23, and competitors battled for the top spot on the bracket. Teens and adults relished the friendly competition, and some enjoyed a brand-new experience as they had never before played hockey on a lake.

Later, on January 30, anglers of all ages came out to the lake to cast their lines and reel in impressive catches at the 2021 Annual Ice Fishing Tournament.

In February, families gathered for a Lake in the Hills classic, the Daddy Daughter Date, at Village Hall. The team modified the event to allow for social distancing, so little ones could dance, play, laugh, and spend time with the special grown-ups in their lives.

Children engaged their imaginations and sharpened their reading skills as they walked through our pop-up StoryWalk® displays with their families. The Recreation team displayed *The Mitten* by Jan Brett at Leroy Guy Park in February and *Cat's Colors* by Airlie Anderson at Village Hall in March.

As we look forward to the warmth of spring, the Recreation team is ready to share exciting, socially distant spring-time activities. Community members can look forward to traditional favorites and new events that will bring joy, laughter, and memories. Mark your calendars for our free Bunny Trail event at Village Hall on April 3! Rain or shine, we'll come together to celebrate.

View our spring recreation brochure and register for programs at lith.org/register!

PROGRAM BROCHURES



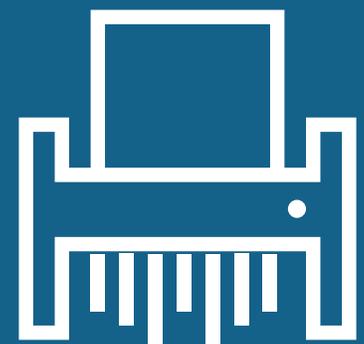
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ONLINE!

View our recreation brochures and register for programs at lith.org/register!

RESIDENT SHRED DAY

The next Shred Day will be on Saturday, May 15 at the Public Works facility, 9010 Haligus Road, from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Residents can bring two copy paper sized boxes of any documents to be shredded at no charge. Learn more about this free event at lith.org/events.

 VISIT LITH.ORG/EVENTS



ELECTION CENTRAL

The consolidated election will take place on April 6. Consolidated elections include the election of select County, Township, Municipal, Park District, Library District, School District, and Fire District officials. In 2021, the Lake in the Hills Village President, Village Clerk, and three Village Trustee seats are up for election, and each carry a four-year term.

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.

EARLY VOTING AT VILLAGE HALL

Early voting at Village Hall is available to all McHenry County registered voters.

**Monday, March 22
through Friday, March 26**
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 27
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Monday, March 29
through Friday, April 2**
9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 3
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 4
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Monday, April 5
9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

ELECTION DAY

Tuesday, April 6
Polls are open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Find polling locations on the County Clerk's website at mchenrycountyil.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)

DID YOU KNOW?

Service Information for Lake in the Hills Residents

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 that protect 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 the Public Works Department at 847-960-7500 with any questions they have about the CRS program or the flood insurance rate reduction.

ONLINE BUILDING PERMITS

You can easily apply for work permits before taking on projects around your home using the Public Portal on the Village website. Currently, 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

The Village continues to improve customer service with quick turnaround times on permit approval. 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 remember to 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.

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

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



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



WATER BILLING UPDATE

Pay-by-mail water billing payments should now be directed to the Village of Lake in the Hills, 600 Harvest Gate, Lake in the Hills, IL 60156-4803. The PO Box address, Illinois State Bank collection site, and Home State Bank collection site are no longer in use, but residents may still make payments at both Lake in the Hills First National Bank locations. Learn more at lith.org or call us at 847-960-7400 with any questions.

Gordon Larsen Business Achievement Awards



Speedway Store Lead Assistant Manager Beth Eichrel and President Ruzanski



Jersey Mike's Subs General Manager Brenon Steffensen and President Ruzanski



Elle's Deli & Bagels Owner Elle Fox and President Ruzanski



LNR Insurance Services Owner Mike Lange and President Ruzanski

BEST CUSTOMER SERVICE:

SPEEDWAY opened in 2017. The Village received 21 nominations that recognized Speedway for their extraordinary customer service.

While many gas stations may be just a grab-and-go stop for gas and convenience items, Speedway staff members go out of their way to help customers, brighten the daily commute, and exceed expectations to create a friendly and welcoming spot in the community. Beth Eichrel, Store Lead Assistant Manager, said,

"On behalf of our staff, we'd like to thank our customers. It's an honor to be recognized."

One nomination applauded staff for creating a clean and welcoming place to stop by for a quick pit stop or gather with friends. The nominator said:

"My friends, the employees, and I have shared many laughs and memories at Speedway, and I look forward to making more. Every employee at Speedway works very hard to keep their gas station clean and organized both inside and out."

Speedway is located at 2700 Algonquin Road. They can be found online at speedway.com.

BEST COMMUNITY SERVICE:

JERSEY MIKE'S has been part of the Lake in the Hills business community since 2010. Throughout this time, Jersey Mike's has been recognized as a service-minded and community-oriented business. In October 2020, the business raised over \$1,200 for Turning Point, a domestic violence shelter, by donating 25% of their sales during a fundraiser day. Each March, Jersey

Mike's hosts a month-long fundraiser to support local charities that culminates in a day of giving when 100% of sales are donated.

The owner also works to develop the next generation of entrepreneurs by visiting local high school business classes and sharing his knowledge and experience with students. The Village previously recognized Jersey Mike's during the 2012 and 2018 Gordon Larsen Award seasons for their significant charitable efforts and contributions to the Village.

Jersey Mike's is located at 285 N. Randall Road. They can be found online at jerseymikes.com/27009/lake-in-the-hills-il.

BEST NEW BUSINESS:

ELLE'S DELI & BAGELS opened in September 2020. Though the business has been open for less than a year, nominations commended the owner and her staff for their superior customer service, community engagement, and contributions to the character of the Village in such a short time. The business opened during the COVID-19 pandemic, but the challenges haven't stopped the team from consistently ensuring that customers have a positive experience whenever they come by.

Nominations highlighted regular donations to the Algonquin-Lake in the Hills Food Pantry and several occasions when the team's fantastic customer service impressed and delighted new customers. One nominator wrote:

"Elle's Deli & Bagels goes above and beyond to ensure customer satisfaction. I always feel like I am personally taken care of when I go in

and pick up an order. The employees are always extremely pleasant, and they truly care about making sure customers are satisfied."

Elle's Deli & Bagels is located at 9471 Ackman Road. They can be found online at ellesdeliandbagels.com.

PRESIDENT'S PICK:

LNR INSURANCE stands as one of the long-established businesses in Lake in the Hills. In operation since 1999, LNR selflessly provided exceptional care for their customers throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. The owner and staff helped their clients stock up on essentials and drove them to doctor's appointments when others could not. Their efforts to ensure the welfare of their customers exhibited such an impressive spirit of service and passion for our community that our selection committee decided to include the President's Pick award in this year's recognitions. A nominator wrote:

"With a large portion of his clientele being at risk for COVID-19, Mike has gone above and beyond to help his clients by making sure they are stocked up on essentials and taking time to drive clients to doctor's appointments, grocery stores, and the like. LNR has helped individuals, families, and businesses stay afloat during this crazy time."

LNR Insurance is located on 1126 W. Algonquin Road. They can be found online at lnrinsurance.com.

Nominate Lake in the Hills businesses for our 2021 Gordon Larsen Business Achievement Awards using the online nomination form at lith.org/gordonlarsen.

TREE PLANTING

As spring is fast approaching, Public Works has started preparing for its annual tree planting. This year, staff plans to plant 220 trees within the Village right-of-way. Of that total, 99 trees will replace those lost last year. The remainder will increase the size of the urban forest in open areas.

Staff seeks to maintain diversity among the tree species within our community to protect against pathogens that could potentially devastate our urban forest. Public Works chose 12 different types of trees to plant in the 2021 season. The species include American Hornbeam, Northern Catalpa, Eastern Redbud, Ginkgo, Tulip Tree, Blue Tupelo, Aspen, Swamp White and Red Oak, Greenspire Linden, New Horizon Elm, and White Pine.

Once planted, staff will create a ring around each trunk made with three inches of double-ground hardwood mulch to encourage moisture retention. Staff will also place a water bag at the base of each tree that staff will periodically fill throughout the growing season to support tree health.

Residents are welcome to fill the bags more frequently if they'd like to actively support the survival of each tree. The Public Works team will remove the bags at the end of the season when conditions begin to cool. Please contact the Village arborists within our Public Works Department at 847-960-7500 with any questions about the tree planting process.



2021 PARK RENOVATIONS



This year, the Village will replace the playground equipment at Ford School Park and the skate park equipment at Sunset 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. The equipment at both locations is 20 years old and due for replacement.

Our Public Works team is grateful for the feedback residents have provided about the features they'd like to see in recent surveys. The final replacement designs will be selected based on the feedback

collected in February and March, input from the Parks and Recreation Board, and staff presentations to the Village Board of Trustees. Construction will begin in late spring 2021.

Check the Village website and social media channels or subscribe to the Construction Updates email newsletter to find updates on the 2021 replacement projects. Visit lith.org/ publications to subscribe and find links to the Village social media profiles.

If you have questions about the projects, please contact the Public Works Department at 847-960-7500.

PUBLIC WORKS OPEN HOUSE



Public Works tentatively plans to host its Open House on Saturday May 15, 2021. This family-friendly event provides residents with an opportunity to meet Public Works staff and see the equipment utilized to maintain the Village's infrastructure.

The Open House has historically included tours of an adjacent water treatment facility and opportunities to take part in demonstrations and learn from staff members in our Water, Street, Public Properties, and Airport Divisions. Trucks, skid steers, tractors, loaders, and

other vehicles used by the department have also historically been on display.

Please save the date and visit our website in late April and early May for the latest information. Our staff will monitor the pandemic throughout the spring and plan the event in accordance with the COVID-19 mitigation measures at that time.

We hope to plan and provide a safe and fun day at our Public Works facility, located at 9010 Haligus Road, one block south of the intersection of Haligus Road and Miller Road.



PROJECT UPDATES

TURTLE ISLAND EXPANSION PROJECT

The Turtle Island expansion project is complete! Community members are invited to visit the park, located at 290 Indian Trail, and see the new features

Through the project, the Village sought to improve a quality fishing venue, demonstrate examples of green infrastructure, and create a scenic family gathering site. Contractors completed the renovation between June and October 2020.

New amenities include a pavilion, an ADA-compliant fishing pier, a butterfly garden, educational signage, walking paths, and a picnic area.

The project also encompassed landscape improvements, bank stabilization features, and sustainable infrastructure, including a green roof and rain barrels.

"The Turtle Island improvement project greatly enhanced a popular location for anglers, boaters, and visitors to Woods Creek Lake," said Public Works Director Tom Migatz.

An Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources covered half (\$199,304) of the project's cost, which totaled \$398,607. The Village was one of 89 agencies statewide that was awarded a portion of the \$29 million available in OSLAD grant funding in 2019.

"Village staff, the Parks and Recreation Board, and the Board of Trustees diligently pursued the Turtle Island expansion over several years, and we look forward to seeing the community enjoy the new amenities," said Village Administrator Fred Mullard. "The improvement would not have been possible without the persistence, vision, and resourcefulness of all of them."

If you have questions about the Turtle Island expansion project, please contact Public Works at 847-960-7500.

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.

As of March 2021, the overall construction progress is at 70%. Between January and June 2021, the McHenry County Division of Transportation will remove temporary pavement, complete the storm sewer, and construct permanent pavement and medians along Randall and Algonquin Road. Traffic signal installation will also be completed, along with lighting installation, pavement striping, and permanent landscaping.

Visit randallroad.info for more information from the county and to subscribe to receive email updates.



WOODS CREEK STREAMBANK IMPROVEMENTS

To reduce silt and sediment buildup along the Woods Creek streambank and improve the quality of both surface and groundwater, the Village completed the first portion of planned streambank improvements along

a location referred to as Reach 10. Efforts to improve the next section northeast of Reach 10, referred to as Reach 11, will begin this fall.

The program received 60% of the funding necessary to complete the project through an Illinois Environmental Protection Agency grant. The full restoration project will conclude in 2022. Please watch the Village website for updates regarding this and other streambank improvement projects.



SEASONAL REMINDERS

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 for fencing, sheds, and swimming pools.

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

Storm Drainage: Keep down-spouts and sump line discharge points a minimum of 6 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.

FOOD SCRAP COMPOSTING

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 \$2.25/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.

BOAT, TRAILER, AND RV STORAGE

During the "in-season" from April 1 to November 30, boats, trailers, and recreational vehicles may be parked on driveways, side yards, and/or rear yards on residential properties.

However, they must still be placed on a hard surface, such as concrete, asphalt, or continuous paver blocks.

DOG WASTE

Don't forget to pick up after your dog while you're enjoying the warmer weather. Municipal Code Chapter 14.11 requires that pet owners pick up after their dogs on all public and private property that they do not own.

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.





AIRPORT UPDATES

YOUNG EAGLES

The local Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Chapter is awaiting guidance from the IDPH before scheduling rallies in 2021.

The (EAA) chapter based at the Lake in the Hills Airport traditionally hosts the Young Eagles program, a national initiative that provides free flights to children between the ages of 8 and 17. EAA chapter members volunteer to take children on flights to introduce them to aviation and inspire future pilots.

Young Eagles events are held on the first Saturday of each month and run from 8:30 a.m. until noon. Participants meet at the airport, located at 8397 Pyott Road. A parent or guardian must complete a waiver prior to the participant flying. For more information, call the airport office at 815-479-7960 or visit the Young Eagles website at chapters.eaa.org/eaa790/young-eagles.

AIRPORT OPEN HOUSE & PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Lake in the Hills Airport, in conjunction with the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Chapter 790, tentatively plans to host the annual Airport Open House and Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, June 27 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. As mitigation measures may impact the event, the date and event style are tentative at this time.

Admission is free and breakfast tickets cost \$8 for adults and \$4 for children. The menu traditionally features all-you-can-eat pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee, and juice. Proceeds from the breakfast offset all costs associated with the summer Young Eagles rallies and provide scholarships for area youth interested in aviation. For the latest event information, visit lith.org/airport.

AIRPORT TOURS

The Lake in the Hills Airport offers free tours for school groups and non-profit organizations. COVID-19 mitigation measures permitting, airport staff plan to offer tours again in 2021.

Tours typically last no more than one hour, and the program is flexible based on the needs of the group.

Participants see and learn about the airport, the businesses based there, and the services they provide.

Students of all ages are welcome to attend. Past events have shown that groups limited to no more than 20 students provide the best experience.

To schedule a tour or ask questions, please contact Airport Manager Michael Peranich at 815-479-7960 Extension 2 or send an email request to mperanich@lith.org.

NEW BUSINESSES



BUBBLE PAWS

Bubble Paws is a pet groomer that recently opened at 2108 W. Algonquin Road. They tend to every pet's specific needs. Visit their social media accounts and website to learn more:

✉ riley@bubblepawsinc.com

📷 [@bubblepawsinc](https://www.instagram.com/bubblepawsinc)

📘 [@bubblepawsinc](https://www.facebook.com/bubblepawsinc)

🌐 bubblepawsinc.com



POKÉ BROS.

Poke Bros. recently opened at 277 Randall Road. They serve fast and casual healthy Hawaiian cuisine featuring poké, "sushi in a bowl." Visit their social media accounts and website to learn more:

📷 [@eatpokebros](https://www.instagram.com/eatpokebros)

📘 [@pokebroslakeinthehills](https://www.facebook.com/pokebroslakeinthehills)

🌐 eatpokebros.com



ROOTS AUTISM SOLUTIONS

Roots Autisms Solutions is a therapeutic academy and in-home therapy provider located at 970 East Oak Street. Staff support children through every transition and lay foundations for their success. Visit their website and Facebook page to learn more:

📷 [@rootsautismsolutions](https://www.facebook.com/rootsautismsolutions)

🌐 rootsautismsolutions.com

CHECK OUT THE NEW CITIZEN REPORTING SYSTEM

The Police Department has made reporting a crime easier and more convenient with a new online reporting system. To report non-emergency crimes, use the secure portal powered by Frontline Public Safety Solutions.

If the portal looks familiar, that's because it is the same system used for overnight parking, vacation house watch requests, and bicycle registration. The platform has been expanded to include citizen reporting.

Information reported using the portal is safely and securely transmitted to the Police Department. The portal is available for use 24 hours per day.

Crimes that can be reported online include:

- Lost property, excluding firearms
- Criminal damage to property (under \$300)
- Theft (under \$500)
- Credit card fraud

- Identity theft
- Gas drive-off
- Criminal defacement (under \$300)
- Report for insurance

Officers are ready to assist you and provide exceptional service each day,

whether you contact the department online, in-person, or via phone.

Visit www.lith.org/police to access the new online reporting system. Call the Police Department at their non-emergency number, 847-658-5676, with any questions.

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





UNEMPLOYMENT FRAUD WARNING

The Police Department continues to receive daily complaints of unemployment fraud. Many Illinoisans have reported that they received a KeyBank debit card and an unemployment letter from the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES) despite never having applied for unemployment. The IDES confirmed that these individuals could be the target of fraud. If you receive an IDES letter or debit card and you have not filed for unemployment benefits:

- Do not use the card or call the number.
- Call the Police Department non-emergency number, 847-658-5676, or use our new citizen reporting system at lith.org/police to make a report.
- Report the fraud to your employer, the IDES, and the Federal Trade Commission.
- Check your bank balances and credit report online.

After completing these steps, destroy the card by cutting or shredding it.

PROTECT YOUR VALUABLES

Multiple burglaries to motor vehicles and stolen vehicles have been reported across McHenry County.

Offentimes, these are crimes of opportunity as criminals take advantage of vulnerabilities when vehicles are left unlocked, sometimes with keys in them.

Follow these safety measures to prevent opportunities for criminals:

- Lock your vehicles 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 911 to report suspicious noises, people, or vehicles to the Lake in the Hills Police Department.

AVOID COVID-19 VACCINE SCAMS

As the COVID-19 vaccine distribution process is underway, be vigilant for these signs of potential scams:

- You are asked to pay out of pocket to get the vaccine
- You are asked to pay to put your name on a vaccine waiting list or to get early access
- You see advertisements for vaccines through social media platforms, emails, telephone calls, online ads, or other unsolicited or unknown sources
- You are contacted by marketers offering to sell or ship doses of the vaccine for payment

Protect yourself. Do not give out your personal information to unknown sources. If you believe you have been the victim of COVID-19 fraud, immediately report it to:

- HHS-OIG: 1-800-HHS-TIPS or tips.hhs.gov
- FBI: 1-800-CALL-FBI or ic3.gov
- CMS/Medicare Hotline: 1-800-medicare

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Stay in the know by subscribing to our email updates! We publish several newsletters, including the *Resident Insider*, the *Construction Project Update*, the *Lake in the Hills 3CK Airport Update*, and *Traffic Safety News*. Visit us online at lith.org/publications and select "Subscribe to e-newsletters" to sign up for the newsletters you'd like to receive.



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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!



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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

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Non-Emergency: 847-658-5676
Emergency: 911