



# THE MESSENGER

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## GIRLS IN AVIATION DAY

View page 4 to learn about our second annual Girls in Aviation Day that will take place on September 24.



## VILLAGE ENTERS 2023 BUDGET SEASON

Beginning in late spring, the Village enters one of its most important projects: creating the next fiscal year's annual budget. The budget process lasts 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 for Tuesday, November 15 at Village Hall. The Budget Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, December 6 at Village Hall. Visit [lith.org/events](http://lith.org/events) as the dates approach to find meeting times.

In preparation for the annual budget, each department takes a critical look at operations and justifies a need for each requested dollar. Staff works together to evaluate everything from office supplies, staffing levels, and the effectiveness of current processes and programs. Each department must consider capital assets, personnel requests, revenue projections, and operating expenses.

Departments begin by evaluating capital asset needs in late summer. The Village considers capital assets to be items with an estimated useful lifespan of one year or more, exceeding specific dollar amounts.

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## A MESSAGE FROM VILLAGE PRESIDENT RAY BOGDANOWSKI

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Dear Residents,

What a wonderful summer we have shared here in Lake in the Hills. Together, we've been celebrating the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Village's incorporation, and we look forward to honoring the momentous milestone at the annual Summer Sunset Festival over Labor Day weekend. I can't wait to see you at Sunset Park between September 2-4 for the parade, live music, car show, craft fair and business expo, wine tent, carnival, Rec2U Kids'

Zone, and, of course, the incredible fireworks display on the last night of the fest. Check out the festival schedule here in this newsletter or online at [summersunsetfest.com](http://summersunsetfest.com).

So far, 2022 has been one of both celebration and success for the Village. I am pleased to share that in the biennial report issued by the Illinois Department of Insurance (IDOI), the Village's Police Pension Fund had an 82% funded ratio, which was the 10<sup>th</sup> best-funded Article 3 Police Pension Fund in the state based on the IDOI's actuarial methods and assumptions. Financial health is always at the forefront of our decision making, and we are pleased to know that this fund outperformed 97% of all Police Pension Funds in the biennial report, which included all other Police Pension Funds in McHenry County that ranked anywhere from 56<sup>th</sup> place to 321<sup>st</sup> place.

The Lake in the Hills Police Department looks forward to a new facility in the near future. The Village is pursuing the creation of a stand-alone police facility on the grounds of Village Hall at 600 Harvest Gate. At this time, construction is anticipated

to commence no later than 2025. The new building will replace the existing facility that is over thirty years old, provide adequate space and resources to support the department's operations, and allow for improved emergency response times due to the centralized location. Visit [lith.org/police](http://lith.org/police) to learn more about the project.

As we look toward the fall, please mark your calendars for Hero Week – A Celebration for our Veterans from November 7-11. Activities will include a Hero Wall, Police Department Luncheon, Veterans Day Pinning Ceremony, and more. Check out the Recreation Division's program and event guide online at [recreation.lith.org](http://recreation.lith.org) to learn more. Bookmark the link to stay up to date on upcoming festive favorites like movie night, Flurry Fest, and holiday lights tours that will bring people of all ages together for fun this season.

Sincerely,

Ray Bogdanowski, Village President

## SHRED DAY

The next shred day will be held on Saturday, October 1 at Village Hall, 600 Harvest Gate, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Residents may bring two copier paper sized boxes of any paper documents that they would like shredded. AMS Store and Shred will put the documents into 95-gallon totes that will be locked. AMS will take the locked totes back to their facility at 13 Prosper Court to shred the documents. No fees are involved for residents. Learn more at [lith.org](http://lith.org).

## PHOTO CONTEST

We have been accepting submissions for the 2022 Photo Contest throughout the summer. The deadline to enter is September 2, so stay tuned on our website at [lith.org/photocontest](http://lith.org/photocontest) and on our social media channels to participate in the voting process! Help us determine which photo best captures life in Lake in the Hills.

## ELECTION INFORMATION

Election Day is November 8, 2022. Early voting will be held in the Community Room at Village Hall, 600 Harvest Gate, on the following dates.

- Monday, October 24 to Saturday, October 29
- Monday, October 31 to Monday, November 7

All registered voters that live in McHenry County are eligible to vote at Village Hall during the early voting period. All ballot styles for Algonquin Township, Grafton Township, and Nunda Township will be available at all Early Voting Centers, and voters may choose to vote at the site most convenient for them.

Visit [lith.org/elections](http://lith.org/elections) to find updates on early voting times at Village Hall. Visit the McHenry County Clerk's website at [mchenrycountyil.gov](http://mchenrycountyil.gov) to find a complete listing of voting locations within McHenry County.

## POLICE PENSION FUNDING UPDATE

As of the most recent biennial report issued by the Illinois Department of Insurance (IDOI) based on 2020 financial data, the Lake in the Hills Police Pension Fund had an 82% funded ratio, which was the 10<sup>th</sup> best-funded Article 3 Police Pension Fund in the state based on IDOI's actuarial methods and assumptions.

The IDOI biennial report contained 351 separate downstate police pension plans with an average funded ratio of only 56%, which makes achieving an 82% funded ratio a significant accomplishment that outperformed 97% of all Police Pension Funds in the biennial report, including all other Police Pension Funds in McHenry County that ranked anywhere from 56<sup>th</sup> place to 321<sup>st</sup> place.

Contact our Finance Department at 847-960-7400 to learn more.



# 2022 SUMMER SUNSET FEST



The Summer Sunset Festival brings area residents of all ages together for a weekend full of fun at Sunset Park! Join us over Labor Day weekend from September 2-4 at 5200 Miller Road.

This year marks the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the incorporation of the Village of Lake in the Hills, and we're looking back on the many memories and stories that make the Village a special place to live, work, and own a business.

The Summer Sunset Festival Committee will host the carnival, wine tent, Rec2U Kids' Zone, food and drink vendors,

and live music throughout the celebration. Special events will include a car show, bags competition, craft fair and business expo, parade, and Sunday's finale fireworks.

Festival admission is free; attendees are welcome to purchase food, drinks, carnival wristbands, and items at Sunday's craft fair and business expo.

Find up-to-date information on the festival schedule, event details, and more at [summersunsetfest.com](http://summersunsetfest.com) and the festival's Facebook page, @LakeInTheHillsSummerSunsetFestival.

## Special thanks to our 2022 sponsors!



VIEW MORE SPONSORS AT [SUMMERSUNSETFEST.COM!](http://SUMMERSUNSETFEST.COM!)

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>

- 3:00 pm Festival Opens
- 3:00 pm - 10:30 pm Carnival
- 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm Unlimited Ride Wristbands
- 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm Classic/Custom Car Show
- 5:30 pm - 6:15 pm 🎵 THE EARLY BYRDS
- 6:00 pm - 10:30 pm Wine Tasting
- 7:30 pm - 10:30 pm 🎵 THAT'S WHAT SHE SAID

**SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**  
Vist [summersunsetfest.com](http://summersunsetfest.com).

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>

- 9:30 am Festival Opens
- 10:00 am Parade
- 11:30 am Doggie Derby Dash
- 12:00 pm - 10:30 pm Carnival
- 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm Unlimited Ride Wristbands
- 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Rec2U Kids' Zone
- 4:00 pm - 10:30 pm Wine Tasting
- 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm 🎵 BLOOZE BROTHERS
- 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm Unlimited Ride Wristbands
- 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm 🎵 THE RON BURGUNDY'S
- 9:00 pm - 10:30 pm 🎵 BELLA CAIN

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>

- 11:00 am Festival Opens
- 11:00 am - 5:00 pm Craft Fair/Business Expo
- 12:00 pm Bags Tournament
- 12:00 pm - 10:30 pm Carnival
- 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm Unlimited Ride Wristbands
- 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Rec2U Kids' Zone
- 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm 🎵 HEARTACHE TONIGHT
- 4:00 pm - 10:30 pm Wine Tasting
- 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm 🎵 GEN FUZE
- 6:30 pm Fireworks 5K
- 8:00 pm - 9:30 pm 🎵 HIFI SUPERSTAR
- 9:30 pm FIREWORKS

#SUMMERSUNSETFEST





# GIRLS IN AVIATION DAY

The Lake in the Hills 3CK Airport, in conjunction with Women in Aviation International (WAI) and Chicago's Leading Edge Chapter, will host its second annual Girls in Aviation Day on September 24, 2022.

The event coincides with WAI's national event and is meant to promote various

career paths and recreational pursuits within aviation to girls and young women through a variety of speakers, exhibits, and hands-on experiences.

Participants will learn from and be inspired by women pilots, mechanics, air traffic controllers, and more. Attendance will be limited to the first

100 attendees between the ages of 11 and 21. Lunch will be provided. The airport is located at 8397 Pyott Road.

Visit [lith.org/girlsinaviation](http://lith.org/girlsinaviation) for registration information and keep an eye on the Village's social media channels for event details.



## AIRPORT TOURS

The Lake in the Hills 3CK Airport offers free tours for school groups and non-profit organizations. A typical tour lasts roughly one hour, and the program can be tailored to meet the needs of the group. Tours educate participants on the services provided by the airport and surrounding businesses and the

value they bring to our community. Depending on availability, tours may involve some hands-on exploration with stationary aircraft. Group sizes are limited to no more than 20, and all students of all ages are welcome. To schedule a tour, please contact Airport Manager Michael Peranich at 815-479-7960, ext. 2 or email a request to [mperanich@lith.org](mailto:mperanich@lith.org).

## PRACTICE FIRE SAFETY AT HOME

According to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, a fire can become life-threatening in two minutes and engulf a residence in five minutes. Protect your family and your home by following fire safety practices.

### SMOKE ALARM TIPS

- Ensure that your home's smoke alarms are functioning properly and installed on each level of your home, including the basement.
- Unless your smoke alarms utilize 10-year lithium batteries, replace the batteries twice per year.

- Replace all smoke alarms every 10 years or according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- Never disable a smoke alarm while cooking.
- Audible alarms are available for those who are visually impaired, and smoke alarms with a vibrating pad or flashing lights are available for those who are hearing impaired.

### CREATE A FIRE ESCAPE PLAN

- Create a fire escape plan and practice it at least twice per year.
- Practice navigating to your home's exit by feeling your way out of the house in the dark or with your eyes closed to simulate smoke.

- Locate two exits per room to prepare to escape in the event that the primary exit is blocked.
- Make sure that windows are not stuck, screens can be taken out quickly, and security bars can be properly opened.
- Teach your children not to hide from firefighters and educate them about the critical role they play.
- If you or a member of your household uses a walker or wheelchair, check all exits to be sure you or the individual can get through the doorways.

Visit [ready.gov/home-fires](http://ready.gov/home-fires) to find more information on fire safety at home.

## SUBSCRIBE TO OUR E-NEWSLETTERS!



Stay in the know by subscribing to our email updates! We publish several newsletters, including the Resident Insider, the Business Insider, the Lake in the Hills 3CK Airport Update, and Traffic Safety News. Visit us at [lith.org/publications](http://lith.org/publications) and select "Subscribe to eNewsletters" to sign up for the newsletters you'd like to receive.

# REAL ESTATE TAX BILL INFORMATION

The Village's largest revenue source is the property tax. Property taxes are used to pay for employer pension contributions, payroll taxes, liability and workers' compensation insurance coverages, and portions of general operating and public safety costs. Last year, on behalf of our residents and businesses, the Village kept its portion of the total property tax levy flat or decreased for the 12<sup>th</sup> consecutive year.

However, in 2021, there was a change made from prior years' levies that was reflected on the tax bills payable in 2022. All components of the levy, except for the Corporate Levy, were shifted to a placeholder amount of \$1,000 by levying the majority in the Corporate Levy. This method provides the Village with the greatest flexibility in how these funds can be spent, since the Corporate Levy can be spent on any lawful purpose. The restricted levies for IMRF, Police Protection, Police Pension, Audit, Liability Insurance, Social Security, and Workers' Compensation can only be spent on each of those specific purposes. This results in no impact to the dollar amount, but eases restrictions on how tax levy proceeds can be utilized.

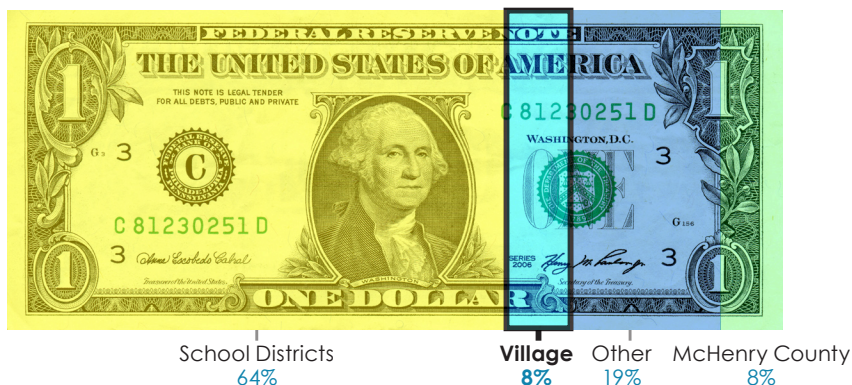
Here's an example of how this is reflected using an actual real estate tax bill. Notice how the Village pension tax last year was \$332.84; while this year, the pension tax is \$0.36. This is because those funds were shifted to the Corporate Levy, which now totals \$660.00. (Note: amounts will vary based on address.)

## EXAMPLE TAKEN FROM AN ACTUAL 2021 PROPERTY TAX BILL

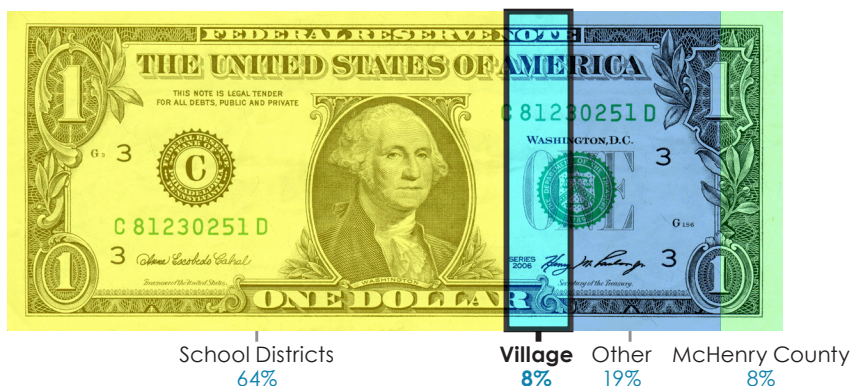
Taxing Body	Rate	Percent	Tax This Year	Tax Last Year
Lake in the Hills Village	0.698294	6.95	\$660.00	\$321.72
Lake in the Hills Village Pension	0.000381	0.00	\$0.36	\$332.84

The Village's 2021 levy accounted for 8% of the average property tax bill, while school districts made up 64%, and McHenry County made up 8%. The remaining 19% classified as "Other" is comprised of townships, fire protections districts, park districts, library districts, the Lake in the Hills Sanitary District, and the McHenry County Conservation District. It is notable that these percentages did not change from 2020.

### 2020 Levy Paid in 2021



### 2021 Levy Paid in 2022



# VILLAGE ENTERS 2023 BUDGET PLANNING

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These are often "big ticket" items and can include improvements to buildings, playgrounds, vehicles, software, equipment, roadway improvements, and more.

Once capital requests, personnel costs, and revenue projections are reviewed, the departments present their operating budgets to the Village Administrator, Assistant Village Administrator, and Finance Director. Meetings are held throughout the process to review 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 the public may ask questions, make suggestions, and request changes.

After the Budget Workshop, staff uses the next month to finalize any changes that result from the Budget Workshop before the Budget Hearing a month later. At the hearing, the public has an opportunity to share comments, and the Village Board votes whether or not to pass the budget at the following board meeting.

Residents are invited to review the proposed budget at [lith.org](http://lith.org) when it becomes available in November. You will also find Popular Annual Financial Reports, which provide a simplified look at the Village's finances, for previous fiscal years.

The Budget Workshop and Budget Hearing are both public meetings, and all are welcome to attend.

For more information, visit [lith.org](http://lith.org) or contact our Finance Department at 847-960-7400.



# Fall & Winter Seasonal Reminders

## STORM DRAINAGE SYSTEM

Storm grates direct stormwater from the street into the underground pipe system. Sometimes in the fall, leaves cover grates and cause 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.

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 grates 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 REMOVAL REMINDERS

When snow begins to fall or icy conditions are present, the Public Works Department is ready to set snow and ice removal operations into motion to clear the streets and help you get on your way as quickly and safely as possible. Remember:

- Children need to stay clear of snowplows.
- When driving, stay back at least 100 feet from moving plows and do not pass moving plows.
- Before children build snow forts, remind them to stay on private property and never build forts on the parkway next to streets, which can be dangerous.
- After a snowfall, clear sidewalks of snow and ice for the safety of pedestrians. Snow-covered sidewalks 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 the 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.
- Remove garbage cans from the curb when snowfall is predicted or when snowfall occurs. Garbage cans create unnecessary hazards for snowplow drivers and prevent the efficient removal of snow.

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



Photo by Christopher Winter

## YARD WASTE

Flood Brothers Disposal picks up landscape waste on your normal waste collection day from the first full week in April through the last full week of November. This includes grass, leaves, and branches less than 4" in diameter.

Landscape waste must be contained in either a 30-gallon biodegradable paper bag or a standard 35-gallon metal or plastic garbage container identified as "Yard Waste Only" that weighs less than 60 lbs. "Yard Waste Only" stickers are available free of charge at Village Hall, 600 Harvest Gate, or the Public Works Facility, 9010 Haligus Road.

Landscape waste, including brush and other branches four inches or less in diameter that are too bulky for placement into paper bags or cans may be securely tied with biodegradable string or twine in bundles not exceeding four feet in length and 60 pounds in weight.

Contact Flood Brothers at 630-261-0578 with any questions about yard waste.

## 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 by calling 847-960-7400 for additional information and answers to questions about flood locations.

## ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Flood Brothers Disposal, the Village's solid waste services provider, offers electronic waste recycling services to all Lake in the Hills residents at no additional cost. Electronic waste can be placed at the curb on the third week of every other month. Residents must call Flood Brothers at 630-261-0578 to confirm that their items are eligible for recycling and schedule a curbside pickup on their regularly scheduled pickup day. Electronics may be recycled during the following weeks:

- The week of October 17, 2022
- The week of December 19, 2022
- The week of February 20, 2023
- The week of April 17, 2023

Visit [lith.org](http://lith.org) to find more information.



### FOLLOW US ONLINE!

Visit [lith.org/publications](http://lith.org/publications) for links to all of the Village's social media accounts.

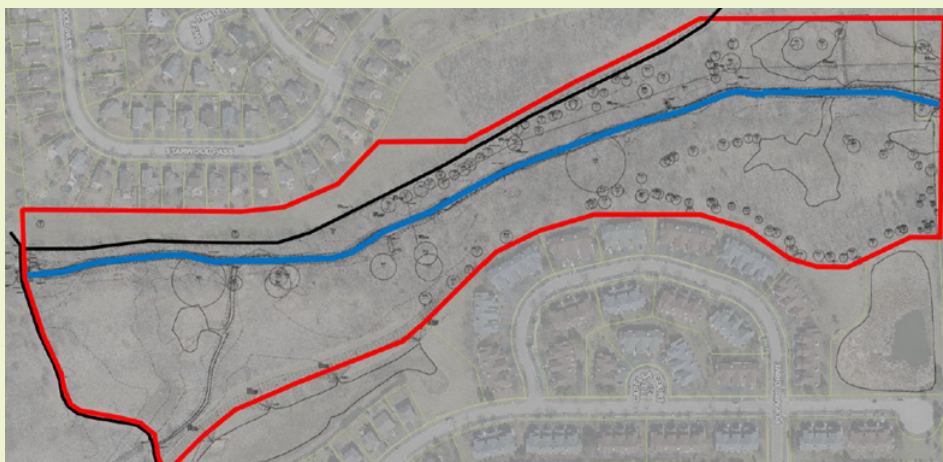
## WOODS CREEK REACH 11 RESTORATION

Woods Creek will receive restoration improvements this year. The intent of the Woods Creek Reach 11 Restoration Project is to stabilize 5,226 linear feet of streambank and restore adjacent wetlands to native conditions. Reach 11 is located behind

the residences along Starwood Pass, Polaris Drive, and Harvest Gate.

The project started in August 2022 with conclusion of earthwork and creek improvements expected by December 31, 2022. Full project completion is scheduled for May 31, 2023 with final

seeding and plant installation. The scope of work will include the removal of non-native vegetation, streambank restoration and stabilization, tree removal, and seeding of native vegetation. Find up-to-date project information at [lith.org/Reach11](http://lith.org/Reach11).





# RECREATION SPOTLIGHT

## 70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Save the date! The Village of Lake in the Hills will celebrate its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Tuesday, November 29. Join us for an open house at Village Hall at 9:00 a.m. Since the anniversary falls on "Giving Tuesday," a day that emphasizes the importance of giving back on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving, the Village will partner with local food pantries and community organizations to celebrate. Stay tuned for event details at lith.org and on our social media channels as the date approaches.

## WELCOME, TREVOR BOSACK!

Please welcome Trevor Bosack to his new role as the Director of Parks and Recreation. Trevor previously served as a Recreation Supervisor for the Village of Lake in the Hills from 2007-2014. He earned his Bachelor's Degree in Park, Recreation, and Tourism from Michigan State University in 2001. He also earned a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Northern Illinois University in 2015. Prior to joining the Village, Trevor served as Assistant to the Village Manager for the Village of Hinsdale and previously served in several leadership roles supporting local municipalities. Welcome back to the Village, Trevor!

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Embrace opportunities to develop new skills, connect with your community, and have fun. Volunteer with the Lake in the Hills Recreation Division to assist with event preparation and management or dress up as a mascot at one of our programs. Whether you're a student seeking volunteer hours or an adult looking to get involved, we have an opportunity for you. Contact us at recreation@lith.org or 847-960-7400 to discuss volunteer opportunities.

## SPONSOR FALL RECREATION

Connect with community members by sponsoring events hosted by the Lake in the Hills Recreation Division. Each season, the Village offers a multitude of family-friendly programs and special events to over 11,000 households and businesses and 29,500 residents in your market. Seasonal events, like Punkin Chunkin, the Veterans Day celebration, and Flurry Fest will bring people together for festive fall fun.

Make the most of your marketing budget by selecting one of our sponsorship packages or customizing a plan for your business. From on-site engagement to banners at local parks and social media recognition, our staff makes it easy to engage with your audience and offer your business exposure in positive, healthy environments.

Contact Recreation Superintendent Kim Buscemi at 847-960-7462 or kbuscemi@lith.org to learn more and start developing a sponsorship plan.



WE BRING THE FUN TO YOU!

## REGISTER FOR FALL PROGRAMS

Let's stay active and social this season! Join us for the Back-2-School Skate Jam, movie night, Punkin Chunkin, glow disc golf night, and more. Register for programs using the links in our interactive fall program and event guide at [recreation.lith.org](http://recreation.lith.org).





# BUSINESS NEWS

## NEW BUSINESSES JOIN THE VILLAGE

New businesses are opening their doors here in Lake in the Hills. Learn more about new additions to our community and remember to shop local!

**CULVER'S** opened at 251 N. Randall Road this spring. They offer their classic ButterBurger®, chicken, sandwiches, salads, fresh frozen custard, and more. Dine in or use their convenient drive-thru. Reach out to Culver's at 224-333-0571 or visit [culvers.com](http://culvers.com).

**DREAM Q MATTRESS** recently opened at 212 North Randall Road. They offer a variety of mattresses, including traditional coil, all foam, hybrids, and organic. Get in touch at 708-968-2297 or [dreamq@dreamqmattress.com](mailto:dreamq@dreamqmattress.com). Visit their website at [dreamqmattress.com](http://dreamqmattress.com).

**HEAVEN'S BEST CARPET CLEANING OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS** is a new full-service carpet, rug, upholstery, and floor cleaning company that specializes in low-moisture carpet cleaning. Call 815-333-6278 or learn more at [northernillinois.heavensbest.com](http://northernillinois.heavensbest.com).



**ANIMAL HOSPITAL OF RANDALL PLAZA** recently opened at 61 Polaris Drive #3. This clinic seeks to provide the highest level of veterinary medicine along with friendly, compassionate service. Get in touch with the team at 815-444-8560 or [ahrpvet@gmail.com](mailto:a hrpvet@gmail.com). Visit their website at [animalhospitalcrystallake.com](http://animalhospitalcrystallake.com).

**THE NORTHERN ILLINOIS FIRE MUSEUM** is now open at 9114 Virginia Road on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sundays from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Make a visit to learn about the history of fire service in our region. Call 224-333-0187 to learn more.

**THE PLACE FOR CHILDREN WITH AUTISM** is now open at 15 Crystal Lake Road. The business provides a comprehensive approach to autism treatment in a preschool-like environment for children ages 2-6. Call 224-436-0788 or visit their website at [theplaceforchildrenwithautism.com](http://theplaceforchildrenwithautism.com).

Contact the Community Development Department at 847-960-7400 or visit [lith.org](http://lith.org) to learn more about business and economic development in the Village of Lake in the Hills.



## GORDON LARSEN BUSINESS AWARDS



The season of the Gordon Larsen Business Achievement Awards has returned! Show appreciation for your favorite Lake in the Hills businesses 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.

Winners will be honored at a Village Board meeting in early 2023 and will receive a variety of incentives to promote their businesses.

Businesses may submit applications and encourage their patrons and employees to submit nominations. Both residents and non-residents are encouraged to nominate Lake in the Hills businesses.

Learn more about the awards and submit applications and nominations at [lith.org/gordonlarsen](http://lith.org/gordonlarsen) by December 2, 2022.

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

The Lake in the Hills Police Department will offer Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE) Training on Tuesday, September 13 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Irv Floress Safety Education Center located at 1109 Crystal Lake Road. Attendees will learn 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, considerations for conducting drills, how to control the body's physiological response to stressful situations, and more.

All attendees must be 18+ years of age to attend. Pre-registration

is required as space is limited. Visit [lith.org/police](http://lith.org/police) to register.

For more information, please contact the Community Relations Division at 847-658-5676 or by email at [communityrelations@lith.org](mailto:communityrelations@lith.org).



## SHOP WITH A COP

Every year, the McHenry County Police Charities brings members of local law enforcement agencies around the county together to volunteer their time for the Shop with a Cop Program.

A police officer from the local jurisdiction will pick up the youth participant at their residence and will drive them to Walmart to shop. Currently, each participant may purchase a coat, boots, hat, and gloves if needed. They can also spend up to \$150 on gifts for themselves and family members.

For more information, call the McHenry County Police Charities at 815-245-2239 or visit [lith.org/police](http://lith.org/police).

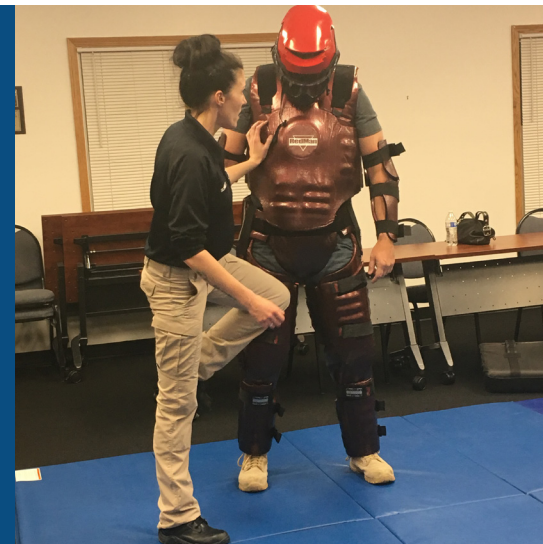
## REGISTER NOW FOR THE WOMEN'S SAFETY SERIES

Please join the Lake in the Hills Police Department for the Women's Safety Series, a free, three-week intensive program that addresses the threats and safety challenges women face in today's environments.

Topics include defensive tactics, social media safety, domestic and dating violence, sexual assault and stalking,

social and personal safety, suicide prevention and more.

In-person sessions will be held on the first three Wednesday evenings in October (10/5, 10/12, and 10/19) from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Irv Floress Safety Education Center, 1109 Crystal Lake Road. Learn more and register to attend at [lith.org/police](http://lith.org/police).





## SENIOR LUNCHEON

The Lake in the Hills Police Department is excited to host its annual Senior Luncheon on November 9 in partnership with the Lake in the Hills Recreation Division. Attendees will enjoy bingo, a free luncheon, and a senior citizen safety talk. Seats are limited, so be sure to register online at [lith.org/register](http://lith.org/register). For more information, contact the Community Relations Division at [communityrelations@lith.org](mailto:communityrelations@lith.org).

## SIGN UP FOR NIXLE ALERTS & TEXT-A-TIP

Have you subscribed to receive Nixle text updates? 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. Learn more at [lith.org/police](http://lith.org/police).

## FOLLOW THE POLICE DEPARTMENT ON SOCIAL MEDIA

 @LakeintheHillsPolice
  @LITHPolice
  Lake in the Hills Police Department

## TRICK-OR-TREAT AT SAFETY TOWN

Bring your children out for a memorable trick-or-treating experience at Safety Town! Join the Police Department on October 31 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at 1109 Crystal Lake Road.

Come out to see family-friendly monsters, ghosts, and ghouls, along with local officers, Police Explorers, and community volunteers. Let your little goblin stop at mini-buildings collecting candy while visiting with the

fun and friendly Halloween creatures that roam inside the fence! There is no charge for this event. It is open to ghosts and ghouls of all ages!

Are you interested in serving as a community volunteer? Contact the Community Relations Division at [communityrelations@lith.org](mailto:communityrelations@lith.org) or 847-658-5676 to sign up.

For more information, visit [lith.org/police](http://lith.org/police).





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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 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/waterbill and click the "Access My Account" button. Next, click "Create User Profile" to create an account. Please have your account number from your water bill ready.

## FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Visit lith.org/publications to view a complete list of Village newsletters and social media accounts.

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Village LinkedIn:	linkedin.com/company/village-of-lake-in-the-hills
Police Department Facebook:	facebook.com/LakeintheHillsPolice
Police Department Twitter:	@LITHPolice
Airport Facebook:	facebook.com/lithairport



## 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-F 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
**Non-Emergency: 847-658-5676**  
**Emergency: 911**