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Great Pumpkin Roll - NEW!

Join us on Saturday, November 7 at 11:30 a.m. for the first ever Great Pumpkin Roll and have your chance at becoming the first Lake in the Hills Champion Pumpkin Roller!

Experience the thrilling fun of rolling a pumpkin down the steep hill at Butch Hagele Beach to see how far it will roll or if it will smash!

Bring your own pumpkins from home and roll them for free or enter the contest to win a special prize for landing on the Lucky Pumpkin Spot. Fees are \$5 for ages 15 and up, \$4 ages 6-14, and \$2 ages 5 & under. The fee includes one pumpkin and one entry into the raffle. Pre-registration is preferred, but not required.

Aviation Expo

The Lake in the Hills Airport will be hosting its annual Aviation Expo on Saturday, September 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Expo highlights services provided to the community by the Airport. It is a free event open to the public.

Vendors representing various aspects of the aviation industry including aircraft sales, maintenance, repairs, aviation fuel, and insurance services will be on hand to answer questions and provide demonstrations of their products. A fixed wing flight school, hot air ballooning company, and helicopter flight school will also be present. Several aircrafts will be on display and food will be available for a small cost.



This is a great opportunity to get hands on with aviation at your local airport. Please come out and join us. If you have any questions, call the Airport at 815-479-7960.

Shred Day

State Senator McConnaughay and State Representative Tryon will be hosting a Shredding Event on Saturday, October 17, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Village Hall, 600 Harvest Gate. There is a limit of two paper boxes per person. For questions, please contact Senator McConnaughay's Office at 847-214-8245 or State Representative Tryon's Office at 815-459-6453. The event is open to both residents and non-residents.



Festival of Trees

On Friday, December 4, Santa and Mrs. Claus are coming to Lake in the Hills to light the trees at Village Hall! After the tree lighting, Santa will head into Village Hall for every child to share their wish list with him. Families will also enjoy festive activities and snacks. Santa arrives and the event begins promptly at 6:00 p.m. Families are asked to bring non-perishable food items to "vote" for their favorite decorated tree.

The fun doesn't end there! You can enhance your Festival of Trees experience by participating in the Merry & Bright Flashlight Night. Kids ages 2-10 can use flashlights to search for treats and reindeer feet! We will also decorate holiday bags, share stories and enjoy a snack and beverage. Bundle up and bring a flashlight. All children must be accompanied by an adult. The Merry & Bright Flashlight Night event cost is \$5 per child.



For more information on sponsoring or decorating a tree in advance of the festival, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 847-960-7460.

[Summer Sunset Fest Information ▶](#)

Letter From the Village President



Village President
Paul Mulcahy
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It is early August as I write this, and it seems the year is flying by. I hope you attended the Rockin' Rotary Ribfest this year. It was, as always, a fantastic event and a huge success. Kudos to the Lake in the Hills Rotary Club for all their hard work in planning and conducting the Ribfest. Speaking of festivals, the Summer Sunset Festival happens September 4, 5, and 6 this year. There will be food, music, a carnival, the parade, a wine tasting tent, and much, much more. It's always a great time, and I hope to see you there. Finally, the People for Parks Foundation of Lake in the Hills is doing their first "Pub in the Park" Craft Beer Festival on October 24 in Sunset Park.

Come out and enjoy great beers from over 40 breweries. There will also be food trucks and live music. Proceeds from the event allow the foundation to continue providing support and equipment to the Village's Parks and Recreation Department.

In late July, I met with PACE Bus officials and presented options to the agency to ask them to locate bus stop locations in the Village for the new fixed route 550 bus service planned on Randall Road from Crystal Lake to I-90. The route will eventually extend to O'Hare and Rosemont. I am pleased to report that the service will begin on

August 17th with stop locations in the vicinity of Randall and Acorn/Polaris. Please look for the PACE "posted stop" signs. Shelters will be provided in the future. Please visit the village's website for more information on the route.



By the time you read this, Woods Creek Tavern, the new restaurant in the former Applebee's building, will be open. It will be a gastro-pub concept serving great food with several craft beers on tap, and should be a wonderful addition to the other dining options on Randall Road.

In closing, I would like to say thanks and extend good wishes to Village Trustee Denise Barreto, who has moved out of the village. She served on the Board of Trustees for 6 years with distinction and dedication, and I wish her the best in all her future endeavors. On August 13th I appointed Frank Covone as a Village Trustee to fill the remainder of Denise's term. Frank was previously a member of the Village's Planning and Zoning Commission for 8 years, and a Village Trustee from May, 2013 to May, 2015. Frank's knowledge of the village and commitment to the community made the choice very easy for me.

Paul Mulcahy
 Village President

Join Our Mailing Lists

Visit www.lith.org and click the green "Sign Up For Email Updates" button to start receiving emails from the Village.

Don't Forget to Find Us Online

The Village regularly posts event information, news, announcements, and more on our social media pages. This is a great way to stay in touch with your community and keep up-to-date on local information. Social media can also be used as an alternate avenue for residents to get in touch with the Village instead of calls or emails. Additionally, both the Police Department and Airport have individual Facebook pages with information more relevant to their specific service areas and announcements.

For more information on the Village's social media pages, please contact the Administration Department at 847-960-7410.

- FACEBOOK:**
MAIN: www.facebook.com/LakeintheHillsIL
POLICE: www.facebook.com/LakeintheHillsPolice
AIRPORT: www.facebook.com/lithairport
- TWITTER:**
[@lith60156](https://twitter.com/lith60156)
- NIXLE** (Automatic Police Department Alerts):
www.local.nixle.com/lake-in-the-hills-police-department-illinois/
- MyPD** (Police Department App):
 Search for 'My PD' on iPhone or Android to download



2015 Summer Sunset Fest



The 15th Annual Summer Sunset Festival kicks off on Friday, September 4. This community-wide free event over Labor Day weekend celebrates the end of the summer season. All of the trademark attractions remain: Windy City Amusement carnival rides, Lauren Motors classic and custom car show, parade, Northwest Herald bags competition, McHenry County

College Got Talent? Competition, and the hugely popular and FREE Kids Korner. Enjoy FREE music all weekend long on the Woods Creek Tavern Main Stage! The festival begins on Friday with the Sunset 5k race, car show and wine tasting.

Can't make it to the wine tasting one evening? No worries, you will have all three nights to visit the Sunset Wine Tasting Event. For a \$10 entry fee per person, wine tasters will get a souvenir wine glass, wristband/hand stamp, and five (5) tasting tickets. Come out to taste and purchase some of Illinois' finest wines!

The entire weekend rocks with great music, food and drink! Just before the fun ends, sit under the stars to wrap up the weekend with your friends and neighbors during the explosive fireworks show!

Woods Creek Tavern Main Stage Lineup:

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 4, 2015

Ac Rock	4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
1976	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Hi Infidelity	9:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 5, 2015

Felix & Fingers	1:45 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.
Power Pop Machine	4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Pirates Over 40	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Modern Day Romeos	9:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 6, 2015

The Kool and The Funky Ones	3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Hillbilly Rockstarz	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
28 Days	8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

For more information and an up-to-date schedule, please visit WWW.SUMMERSUNSETFEST.COM.



2015 Photo Contest Winner

Voting for the 2015 photo contest closed on June 26, 2015. Congratulations to Joanne Gard for her “Whispering Sunset” submission, which was voted as the image that best captures life in Lake in the Hills! The sunset photo was taken near Exner Marsh off of Miller Road on a drive specifically taken to capture the sunset that Joanne had previously noticed many times on her trip home from work. The 18 submissions received in this year’s contest were on display at Village Hall from June 9 - June 26. Votes were accepted at Village Hall, on the Village website, and the Village’s Facebook page.

“Whispering Sunset” received a total of 140 of the 679 total votes collected. The second place photo, “Chiming Beauty” was taken by Robert Vanderbrugen. “Path Less Traveled,” taken by Corey Armstrong, took third place. The winning photo and other selected entries will be featured on the Lake in the Hills website, calendar, and in various Village publications. All entries can be viewed on the Village’s Facebook page in the photo contest album and online at www.lith.org.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year’s photo contest. The annual contest will be held again next year, so keep taking photos throughout 2015. Check back in early 2016 for information on next year’s contest.



“Whispering Sunset” - 2015 Winning Photo by Joanne Gard

Gordon Larsen Business Achievement Awards

The Gordon Larsen Business Achievement Awards returns for the 2015/2016 season. The Village is accepting applications and nominations for businesses that excel in one or more of three categories: Community Service, Employer of Choice, and Customer Service. Applications and nominations may be submitted by filling out the form on our website at www.lith.org/gordonlarsen by November 13, 2015.

Winners of each category will be honored at the first Village Board meeting in January 2016 and will also receive a variety of incentives to promote their businesses, including ad space in the 2016 Parks & Recreation summer brochure which is distributed to roughly 10,300 households (\$250 Value). Businesses may submit applications and are encouraged to ask their patrons and employees to submit nominations. Nominations are open to residents and non-residents.

The 2014/2015 winners were First National Bank, formerly Castle Bank (Community Service), Park N Shop (Customer Service), and Lowe’s Home Improvement (Employer of Choice). Information regarding these winners will be available online until the 2015/2016 winners are announced in January 2016.



As a resident, Gordon Larsen was influential in shaping the physical and civic landscape of Lake in the Hills. His many accomplishments and acts of generosity include the establishment of the Larsen Industrial Park, the donation of Dome Hill, his service as a charter member of the Algonquin/Lake in the Hills Rotary Club, his involvement in the Algonquin/Lake in the Hills Chamber of Commerce and his service on the Economic Development Commission.

Full program information is available on our website at www.lith.org/gordonlarsen. For any questions, please contact the Administration Department at 847-960-7410.

Water Quality Report

The Village of Lake in the Hills strives to provide safe and quality drinking water. Every year the Water Quality Report is posted on the Villages website. Please go to www.lith.org/wq.pdf to view your 2014 annual water quality report. If you would like a paper copy mailed to your home, please contact the Public Works Department at 847-960-7500. This report provides all the sample results and compliances that were required by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.



Veterans Memorial

The Veterans Memorial Committee has continued working to raise funds to build a Veterans Memorial at Village Hall to honor and give thanks to all the veterans and servicemen that have given of themselves to protect our Country.

In August of 2013, plans were unveiled at a Committee of the Whole meeting and elected officials gave their full support to the plan. Groundbreaking took place on Veterans Day, 2014 with a ceremony held by the Committee, along with the support of the American Legion Post #1231 and Lincoln Prairie Elementary School students, teachers, and staff. Designs for the memorial feature a granite wall with five slabs, one for each branch of the military. The memorial will also feature the Illinois State flag, POW/MIA, and military branch flags to the right and left of a centralized American flag. At this time, the committee has selected vendors for the granite monuments and ready-mix concrete. Efforts are continuing to select companies for the remaining portions of the project.

The Village has committed \$40,000 to this project and the remainder of the funding is needed through private donations, grants, and trade labor. Donations can still be made at Village Hall, 600 Harvest Gate, and at both Lake in the Hills First National Bank locations: 2100 W. Algonquin Road and 4520 W. Algonquin Road.

Additionally, it is not too late to purchase a commemorative brick 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 in a lasting and memorable way. Order forms are available on the Village's website.



Pending the finalization of vendors and suitable weather during the construction season, it is feasibly anticipated that the memorial will be at or near completion in time for a dedication ceremony on Veterans Day, Wednesday, November 11. For the most current information or if you have any questions, please call Committee Chairman Russ Ruzanski at 224-241-6642 or 847-960-7410.



Government Transparency

Beginning in the fall of 2014, the Village has been undertaking a project to increase government transparency to our residents and the public using a 10-point checklist created by the Illinois Policy Institute, an independent research and education organization, for local governments to use as a guide. The 10-point checklist categories are as follows:

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| 1. Contact information | 6. Expenditures |
| 2. Public meetings | 7. Compensation |
| 3. Public information | 8. Contracts |
| 4. Budgets | 9. Lobbying |
| 5. Audits | 10. Taxes |

While much of this information was already available online, the Village has consolidated the data and documents into one transparency location available under the Government section of the Village's website. This gives residents a centralized access point to commonly requested Village documents.

The project is ongoing; the posting of both new information and establishing archived information continues. The final goal of the transparency page is to establish and maintain a minimum of 5 years of data and documents in each applicable portion of the checklist.

Suggestions on records or information to include in addition to the 10-point checklist can be made to the Administration Department at 847-960-7410. If you are looking to personally obtain a specific record not already available online, you may also complete a Freedom of Information Request by using the Public Record Request form on our website.

Parks & Recreation Brochure



The Parks & Recreation 2015 fall brochure is now available. Copies of the brochures were sent to all active residential and business mailing addresses in the Village in early August. These brochures feature an age-specific, comprehensive listing of the programs and special events that will be available to both residents and non-residents alike during the fall.

Additional hard copies are available at Village Hall, or you can access a complete current edition on the Village's website at www.lith.org. For more information, contact the Parks & Recreation department at 847-960-7460.

Seniors

Senior Serenity Wednesdays

Join us at Village Hall every Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. to play cards, bingo, bunco and more! This is a great way to meet new people and learn more about trips and events. Registration is not required.

LITH Senior's Club

Held in the Village Hall Board room from 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month

Understanding Your Benefits

Held at Village Hall on the third Tuesday of each month, by appointment only. Available times are 1:00 p.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Call 847-960-7460 to schedule your appointment.

Senior's Thanksgiving Luncheon

A new Thanksgiving Luncheon event will be held at Village Hall on Wednesday, November 25 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Give thanks and spend time with friends while enjoying a Thanksgiving feast with all the trimmings. You will also enjoy entertainment provided by a local youth group. Bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the Algonquin-Lake in the Hills Interfaith Food Pantry to be entered into a raffle for great prizes! The event cost is \$10 for Residents and \$12 for Non-Residents. Registration is required by November 16.



Upcoming Senior Trips

09/08/15 - Anderson Japanese Gardens

10/15/15 – Rivers Casino

10/22/15 – Muse Art Painting Party

10/23/15 - Senior OctoberFeast Dinner

11/19/15 – Drury Lane “White Christmas”

12/15/15 – Woodfield Mall

People for Parks Foundation - Pub in the Park

On Saturday October 24, 2015 the People for Parks Foundation of Lake in the Hills will host the first annual Pub in the Park Craft Beer Festival at Sunset Park. The event is planned for 2000 beer lovers and guests to enjoy great beers from 40+ breweries, food trucks and live music all on site to make for a fantastic day! All of the proceeds raised directly benefit residents who use the Lake in the Hills Parks and Recreation Programs.

Pub in the Park Craft Beer Festival will run from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for VIP admission and from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for general admission. Last pour will be 7:15 p.m. Attendees receive an ID wristband, a Pub in the Park Fest souvenir tasting glass, and 15 tickets for samples of all the great beers available. A special designated driver ticket is available at a discounted price. No alcohol will be served to attendees wearing a DD wristband.

The People for Parks Foundation of Lake in the Hills, Inc. is a 501(c) 3 not for profit organization for the purpose of supporting the Lake in the Hills Parks and Recreation Department. The foundation provides equipment for parks and the Lake in the Hills Preschool Academy and also provides scholarship support to encourage participation in department programs for families in need.

For more information on becoming involved in the People for Parks Foundation of Lake in the Hills or making a donation, contact Parks and Recreation Director, Laura Barron, at 847-960-7460 or lbarron@lith.org.



Visit www.pubinthepark.org for more information and to purchase tickets online.

VIP Admission - \$75

Includes 1 Hour Early Admission, VIP Restroom, VIP Seating, \$5 in Food Coupons, Sampling Glass, VIP Shirt, & 15 Tickets for Beer tasting.

VIP Designated Driver - \$25

Includes 1 Hour Early Admission, VIP Restroom, VIP Seating Glass, VIP Shirt, and \$5 in Food Coupons.

General Admission - \$45

Includes Sampling Glass & 15 Tickets for Beer Tasting

Designated Driver - \$15

Includes Admission.



Youth Basketball League

Our new and improved basketball league is starting this Fall! The league will now accommodate children from Kindergarten through Fifth grade. Each age group will have practice and a game each week of the season that runs from October 3 through December 12. For more information or if you are interested in coaching, contact Recreation Supervisor, Alex Zewde, at 847-960-7469.

Holiday Market in the Hills

Celebrate the season and visit the indoor Holiday Market in the Hills in the Village Hall Multipurpose Room. Choose from many different vendors, specialty items, artists and crafters. This is a great opportunity to do your Holiday shopping or buy yourself a treat.

For only \$5 you can drop your child (ages 3+) off at the Kids Market play room while you shop. Admission is free. If you are interested in becoming a vendor, visit www.lith.org for the vendor registration form and details. This event is scheduled for Monday, November 30 from 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Preschool Academy

The Village of Lake in the Hills Preschool Academy offers a unique curriculum specifically designed to prepare your child to enter Kindergarten. Classes are offered for children ages 2.5 – 5 years old and 2, 3 or 4 days per week. The Preschool Academy also offers Spanish Enrichment classes for children ages 3 and 4. Registration is on-going, but space is limited. For details or to take of tour of our classrooms, contact Preschool Supervisor, Lisa Knoepfel at 847-960-7470 or lknoppel@lith.org.

School Break Camps

Need a fun, safe, activity filled place for your child to go when school is out? We have it! Our excellent camp staff will fill each day with games, crafts, sports and supervised free time, along with a scheduled local field trip each day. Break camp hours are 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. each day. Thanksgiving Break camp will be held November 23 - 25 and Winter Break Camp will be held December 21 - 23 and December 28 -30. The cost is \$36 per day for Residents.

Women's Safety Series

The Women's Safety Series is a three part program which addresses the threats and safety challenges that women face today. The series will focus on social/personal safety, social media safety, domestic & dating Violence, sexual assault & stalking, and defensive tactics. The Police Department has seen an evolution of the different risks that present themselves to women of all ages and through this series hope to educate and reduce potential victimization.

Audience: Females, 17 years and older please. (Sensitive material)

Dates: October 14, 21, and 28

Time: 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Location: Lake in the Hills Police Department Safety Education Center, 1109 Crystal Lake Rd.

The program limited to 20 participants. Please email mfrake@lith.org or sfeely@lith.org to reserve a seat. Any questions please contact the Community Relations Division at 847-658-5676.





Lunch with a Cop

On Friday, November 13 at 11:00 a.m. the Police Department will be hosting their free Lunch with a Cop program at the Police Department Safety Education Center. It includes a pizza lunch, a puppet show and safety tips. The Police Department also provides child identification cards to the kids. To make a reservation or to get more information on this program call the Community Relations/Crime Prevention Division at 847-658-5676.

CERT

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them for basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organizations, and disaster medical operations.



Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members are also encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking an active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community.

For more on the CERT program in Lake in the Hills, please feel free to contact the Crime Prevention/Community Relations Division at 847-658-5676.

Resident Satisfaction Survey

In March and April, the Village conducted a Resident Satisfaction Survey to gauge how successfully the Village has been meeting the expectations of its residents. Residents were able to complete the survey online to share open, honest, and anonymous feedback on the Village's programs, services, and communications. The survey covered five areas: quality of life, government operations & services, department services, customer service & communication, and transportation. The results of the survey were presented to the Village Board of Trustees on May 12, 2015.

The Village received 267 responses, which has been consistent with previous years. Responses offered a variety of suggestions for improvement and were overall generally positive:

- 90% of respondents rated life in Lake in the Hills as 'Good' or 'Excellent'
- 84% of residents rated the Village as a 'Good' or 'Excellent' place to raise children
- 70% of residents ranked the ease of contacting the Village as 'Excellent' or 'Good.'

Any comments that indicated the need for a response or action were distributed to the appropriate departments to do so. The Police Department received a number of write-in comments expressing concerns over speeding in residential areas. In response, the department established the Summer Slowdown Campaign to target neighborhood areas. Results of the campaign have been posted regularly on the Village's website. Overall, 67% of residents rated the Village as Good or Excellent for visibility of police in residential areas.

Another one of the most highly referenced subjects of the write-in comments was code enforcement. In response, Community Development has reassigned staff coverage areas for a "fresh eyes" approach and target patrols have been established for neighborhood areas specifically identified in the survey. Additionally, the department is working to develop training and education materials such as self-evaluations and volunteer resources to help with code enforcement.

For more information on survey and results, please contact the Administration Department at 847-960-7410.



Shop Lake in the Hills

Support your local businesses by joining our Shop Lake in the Hills program! Subscribe with your email online to receive special offers and discounts at Lake in the Hills Businesses directly in your in-box. Simply sign up for Shop Lake in the Hills on the Village's website home page. For questions regarding the program, please contact the Administration Department at 847-960-7410.



Off Season Boats, Trailers and Recreational Vehicles

During the “off season” from December 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016 boats, trailers or recreational vehicles shall be stored either indoors or 1) stored outdoors in the rear yard only on an approved 9' x 18' surface such as asphalt, concrete, brick pavers, or patio blocks or 2) stored outdoors in the side yard subject to the following: a) only on a prepared surface; b) the side yard and portion of the side yard facing a public street where the boat, trailer or recreational vehicle is stored must be screened with a board on board 6 foot high fence at a maximum of 30% open and c) no boat, trailer or recreational vehicle shall be over 6 foot in height if stored in the side yard. Storage is defined in our Municipal Code as the stationary placement of any boat, trailer or recreational vehicle for a continuous period in excess of 48 hours. If you have a boat, trailer or RV that you do not leave in place for more than 48 hours, then you are not required to meet the “off-season” storage requirements.

Snow Plowing

Winter is a challenging time for those living in the Midwest. When the winter weather hits, the Village of Lake in the Hills Public Works Department is ready to set their snow and ice removal operation plan into motion to have the streets cleared and you on your way as quickly and safely as possible.

Reminders and Tips:

- Keep children clear of the snowplows.
- When driving, stay back at least 100 feet from moving plows and do not pass moving plows.
- Remind children that when building snow forts they need to remain on private property and should not build on the parkway adjacent to streets. Constructing a snow fort next to the street can be dangerous.
- After a snowfall, make sure sidewalks are cleared of snow for the safety of pedestrians and children walking to school. The snow-covered sidewalks also impede access for emergency, fire, and home health services.
- Remove items from the parkway that overhang the curb especially portable basketball goals.

Snow on Sidewalks

This winter, please remember to remove snow and ice from your sidewalks. Per the Village’s Municipal Code Chapter 6, Section 6.13 residents shall remove the snow and ice accumulating on their abutting sidewalks within 24 hours after any snowfall has ceased. If snow or ice cannot be removed the surface shall be sanded or otherwise treated to lessen the hazard for pedestrians until the climate permits removal.

Property owners should shovel snow into the yard and avoid shoveling into the street. Putting snow on the street causes dangerously slippery conditions for both motorists and pedestrians. Village crews try to avoid putting large piles of snow in front of driveways; however, this is not always possible. To avoid having to shovel, twice, wait until after your street has been plowed to clear your driveway. Property owners are also asked to clear snow around fire hydrants to aid firefighters. As schools begin to re-open, please make sure sidewalks are clear so children and other pedestrians do not have to walk in the streets.

- When shoveling snow, please refrain from blowing or throwing snow into an already plowed street. This action can create a hazardous condition.
- If you must clear snow from your driveway to the street, shovel snow in the direction of traffic and downstream of plowing operations onto the parkway.
- Do not put snow removed from driveways near fire hydrants, 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.

Village crews clear main streets first to speed response time for emergency vehicles and then move to secondary and residential streets. If Village equipment has damaged the parkway area in front of your home, report it as soon as possible to the Police Department at 847-658-5676 or Public Works at 847-960-7500. Restoration repairs will be conducted in the spring. If you have any questions about the snowplowing program, please call Public Works at 847-960-7500.



Emerald Ash Borer Impact

The Emerald Ash Borer is having a devastating effect on trees throughout Illinois. Every community is riddled with dead trees soon to be removed or vacant spaces where trees were removed without replacement.



The most significant damage to a tree takes place when the insect is in its larval stage. In an infestation, larvae' boreholes essentially disrupt the flow of nutrients as they rise up the trunk from the roots to the crown via the tree's vascular structures just under the bark. This eventually results in the death of the tree. This can take place over a number of years, and the first noticeable sign is usually some die back in the crown of the tree. The tree will usually be dead by the following year or soon after.

Despite all efforts to save our ash trees, removal of infested, declining, or dead trees is inevitable. Public Works will continue to remove and replace the 1900 remaining declining and dead ash trees. Our goal is to have all of these trees removed by the end of 2018. Once the trees are cut down, the stumps will be removed and replacements will be scheduled. Last year over 330 trees were planted.

This process could take several years. Village staff currently replaces approximately 300-400 trees per year, which will require about five years to be complete. The Village encourages you to check your parkway trees for any symptoms and notify Public Works at 847-960-7500 if you believe you have an infestation. As crews work diligently to keep up with the work removing and replacing trees, we thank you for your patience and understanding of how immense and difficult this task has become.

Natural Disaster Planning

Making sure your family is prepared for any natural disaster is important. Below are some of the steps you can take to prepare your family and protect your home from natural



disasters. Your actions can ensure that no matter what Mother Nature brings, your family and your community will be resilient. Here are a few tips to follow from the Federal Alliance for Safe Homes, when preparing your family for any emergency.

- Develop a family disaster plan that includes a list of food and water supplies needed for each member of your family and supplies for your pets. Make copies of important documents like insurance policies, the deed to your home, and other personal papers, important phone numbers and a home inventory. Create a checklist of important things to do before, during and after a disaster.
- Review your evacuation route and emergency shelter locations with your family. Options for evacuation shelter would include staying with friends and relatives, seeking commercial lodging, or staying in a mass care facility operated by disaster relief groups in conjunction with local authorities.
- Taking shelter is critical in times of disaster. Sheltering in place is appropriate when conditions require that you seek protection in your home, place of employment, or other location where you are when disaster strikes.

Review your plan regularly. If you make changes that affect the information in your disaster plan, update it immediately.

On-line Public Portal for Permits, Licensing, Inspections and Code Enforcement

The Public Portal located on the Village's website allows residents, contractors and businesses to apply for certain building permits (air conditioner, furnace, roof, siding, water heater and water softener), check the status of their permit, apply for a contractor's or business license, request an inspection and report a code violation. The link to the Public Portal is available at www.lith.org/cd/page/public-portal. Users need to create an account with a username and password to access these services. This service allows a more efficient and convenient way for residents and contractors to obtain building permits and licenses and have their projects approved by the Village.



Economic Development

Construction Updates



Woods Creek Tavern - The former Applebee's site along Randall Road was sold late last year and the new owner has renovated the building and opened a new restaurant called Woods Creek Tavern. The new restaurant is a gastropub concept and serves high-end craft beer and food.



Dotty's - A new café and video gaming operation called Dotty's opened up at 144 N. Randall Road in late June. Dotty's includes a country kitchen with beer, wine and alcohol service and offers five video gaming terminals.



The Grove Mart Car Wash - The Grove Mart Car Wash located along Algonquin Road opened in late May. The facility complements the adjacent Grove Mart Gas Station, which opened in 2014.



The Villas of Lake in the Hills - The 60-unit apartment complex along the south side of Harvest Gate was completed this past June and has accepted their first residents.



The Learning Experience Day Care Center - The 10,000 sq. ft. day care center under construction on the west side of Crystal Lake Road, just north of Algonquin Road, was completed in early July and is accepting students for the fall.

Randall Road Corridor: Staff has continued working with property owners regarding the development of the last parcel along the Randall Road corridor. The 5 acres north of the former Dominick's will have a new 5,200 sq. ft. medical office building constructed on it this year. In addition, a Sketch Plan for an 85 room hotel was reviewed by the Village this past spring and received very favorable comments. Construction on the hotel would likely take place in 2016.

Market Feasibility Study: The Village of Lake in the Hills initiated a Retail Market Feasibility Study this past spring for the area along Illinois Rt. 31, south of Rakow Road. The study was conducted to determine the market potential for auto dealers and retail stores to locate along this corridor. Three sites were chosen along the Rt. 31 corridor that were designated by the Village as target areas for development. The study includes the type of retail development that the market will successfully support and specific retailers or auto dealers for which there is a market. The study builds on the Village's existing market data demographics and analysis but provides a more in depth examination in order to identify the market potential for auto dealerships and other retail users.

This information is very useful for market specialists when scouting locations for their clients and offers third party validation that there are viable sites along Rt. 31 that would support auto dealers and other retailers. The study concluded that the following retail categories would be supported along the Rt. 31 corridor: automotive and gasoline/filling stations, general merchandise, food, eating and drinking establishments, furniture, drug stores and miscellaneous retail. The staff has been in the process over the summer of distributing and discussing the study with property owners, developers, investors, auto dealers and other retailers who would benefit from the recommendations of the study.

Discontinuing the Use of Domestic Water Softeners

Have you contemplated discontinuing the use of your domestic water softener? If so, please be aware that the appliance should be physically bypassed when use is discontinued. While simply unplugging or turning the unit off does terminate the softening of water, it does not stop water from flowing through the appliance. Over a period of time, this can lead to other problems.



Public Works receives many calls for loss of domestic water pressure. Often, the cause is a malfunction of the domestic water softener. Over time, the softening resin inside the appliance can break loose from its chamber and clog the effluent of the softener, reducing or fully blocking the flow of water. In some cases, the resin can actually travel through the interior plumbing and clog faucet screen aerators as well.

Allowing water to flow through an inactive water softener can also potentially lead to bacteriological contamination. When softeners are in active operation, they use a regeneration process which cleans the resin and recharges it with sodium ions. If the appliance is unplugged or turned off, this regeneration process will not take place and the resin can become fouled and riddled with bacteria. Results can include discoloration, unfavorable odor in the water, and even acute illness.

In order to avoid these issues, always make sure your water softener has an adequate amount of salt for regeneration when in use, and is fully bypassed per the manufacturer's recommendations if you choose to discontinue its use. If you have any concerns or questions about the water at your home, please contact Public Works at 847-960-7520.

Parks Recycling

Recycling is one of the best ways we can have a positive impact on the world in which we live. Recycling is important to both the natural environment and us. The Village has expanded the ability to recycle to the parks system. The Village has recycling containers at the following high use parks;

SUNSET PARK	JAYCEE PARK
LEROY GUY PARK	KEN CARPENTER PARK
RYDER PARK	TAYLOR SKATE PARK
INDIAN TRAIL BEACH	LYNN DILLOW PARK

All you have to do is place any recyclable items in the blue recycling containers and the rest of the trash in the regular trash containers. Recyclable items include water and soda bottles, clean paper products, and metal cans. Although most of our fast food containers are paper products, the food contamination causes them to be removed from the recycling chain. Please do not place trash in the blue recycling containers. Your efforts to support the recycling program are greatly appreciated.

During the months of April through October, parks maintenance staff visit all thirty-three parks on a weekly basis for grounds cleanup and trash removal. The three athletic field complexes (Ryder, Sunset, and Leroy Guy) are visited three times per week during the months of May, June and July. All of the recycling totes are wheeled out to the curbside by our staff for pick-up by Allied Waste and are returned the next day. Questions about the recycling program should be direct to Public Works at 847-960-7500.

Local Drug Disposal Unit

In June 2015, the Police Department began accepting unused medications for disposal to ensure their safe and environmentally friendly disposal. Through a grant from CVS Safer Communities Program, the department received a secure drug collection unit where we can now collect medications every day throughout the year, 24-hours a day, located in the lower level lobby.

The Police Department recognizes that medications that languish in homes are highly susceptible to abuse and seek to combat this public health issue. Medications that will be accepted are pills, salves, liquid medicines in original containers or in other non-leaking containers. Labels on medications are not required.

Unaccepted medications are sharps, needles, IV Bags, thermometers, aerosol cans, inhalers and hydrogen peroxide. Medications brought from nursing homes, clinics, doctors office or other businesses which distribute medications will not be accepted.

We encourage residents to use this service in an effort to have a successful impact on reducing the negative consequences of prescription drugs.



Kids and Cars - Love Them, Protect Them

The Lake in the Hills Police Department wants to remind parents of the dangers of leaving children unattended in vehicles. On average, 38 children die in hot cars each year from heat-related deaths after being trapped inside vehicles. That's an average of one death every nine days. Even the best of parents or caregivers can accidentally leave a sleeping baby or toddler in a car.

In 2014 alone, there were 31 child vehicular heat stroke deaths. The highest number of fatalities for a one-year time period took place in 2010 at 41 deaths. So far in 2015 there has already been 11 heat stroke deaths reported as of July 27.

Vehicular heat stroke deaths and injuries are not limited to leaving a child in the car while shopping or running errands. There are several cases of these tragedies taking place at home when the child was left in the vehicle after returning home from outings, shopping, or from a child gaining access to a parked vehicle that is left unsecured.

New parents often suffer from exhaustion from lack of sleep, stress, and changes in their normal routine. Any of these can cause memory to fail you when least expected. New parents are not the only ones susceptible to leaving a child in a car unattended. There are several factors that contribute to children being inadvertently forgotten by caregivers. Paramount is the fact that our brains are not keeping up with the demands of our busy lives. The most common factors include a change in one's normal routine, lack of sleep, stress, fatigue, and other daily distractions. When these factors combine, the ability for the brain to multi-task is diminished.

Vehicular heat stroke is largely misunderstood by the general public. The majority of parents would like to believe that they

could never "forget" their child in a vehicle. The most dangerous mistake a parent or caregiver can make is thinking that it could never happen to them. In well over 50% of these cases, the person responsible for the child's death unknowingly left them in the vehicle. It can happen to anyone. Below are some tips on how to keep your child safe this year:

1. Put something in the backseat that requires you to open the rear door or go into the back of your vehicle such as a cell phone, work I.D., or handbag.
2. Keep a stuffed animal in your child's seat and put it in the front seat when your child is in the car to remind you that your child is with you.
3. Ask your babysitter or child care provider to call you if your child is not dropped off on schedule.
4. Make it a routine to open your back doors every time you exit your vehicle to check the interior to make sure no one has been left behind.
5. Try to avoid cell phone calls and use while driving to keep distractions to a minimum.
6. Secure vehicles when left unattended to limit a child's access to the interior.

Vehicular heat-related stroke and injuries are preventable if you take the time to remind yourself of what is really important. If you notice a child left unattended in the vehicle we urge you to try and locate the parent or driver of the vehicle and/or call the police department to help contact the owner. For more information please visit www.kidsandcars.org or text 'kidsandcars' to 46986 for the latest safety information and statistics.

Online Transaction Safe Zone

The Police Department now has a designated area for residents and business owners to conduct their online transactions. With the increased buying and selling over the Internet, a recommended safeguard is to conduct the transaction in a safe location. Providing your home address to unknown persons or completing transactions in an unfamiliar area is a safety concern to the Lake in the Hills Police Department.

The Police Department parking lot and lobby is monitored by staff and security cameras 24 hours a day and is well-lit in the evening. Meeting in this venue helps reduce any potential danger to both the seller and buyer. Furthermore, there is no need to provide any personal information, such as a home address. The headlines today have been filled

with tragic stories of how online transactions have been a method for criminal activity. By directing these to the Police Department we hope to stop anyone who has ill intentions.

Additional tips for conducting a transaction with an unknown buyer include only accepting cash or a cashier's check for sale., as personal checks carry some risk. Conduct sales during weekdays so banking or financial institutions can be contacted if there is a problem. Don't go alone and trust your instincts.





Credit & Debit Card Fraud

There has been a recent increase in credit and debit card fraud. While it has been the leading type of identity theft for some time now, 2015 has seen many more cases in the Chicago area. How does it happen? What can you do to protect yourself and what should you do if you become a victim?

Credit card fraud can happen in many ways. Someone can copy your card number off a statement or even off the card itself. Another way to get your card info is to use a skimmer. A skimmer is a device that attaches to a card reader at an ATM, a gas pump, or practically any public place that a card gets used. A skimmer looks like it is a part of the machine and your transaction takes place normally but the skimmer has copied your card info when you placed your card in it. The skimmer is later removed and all the card numbers used in the skimmer are extracted from it. Sometimes your number is used to make purchases where no card is needed (online) and other times a fraudulent card is created using your card number. Other types of card fraud come from skilled online hackers.

You can't always protect yourself 100% from credit card fraud but you can take steps to make it more difficult. You should check your statements as soon as they come in the mail or online as often as possible. Don't use common numbers for your PIN, such as an address or important date. When shopping online always use a secure website. Secure websites are identified by the first 5 letters of the web address beginning in 'https'. The 's' means secure. Regular websites only have the 'http'. There will also be a padlock symbol at the far right side of the web address bar. If providing your card number to someone over the phone, only do so if you contacted them and know them to be a reputable company. Never give your card number to someone who called you.

If you become a victim of credit or debit card fraud you should immediately call your bank or financial institution. They will have you review all recent purchases and sign an affidavit as to the fraudulent charges not being yours. Sometimes they will require that you file a police report. If you are the victim of identity theft you can go to www.identitytheft.gov to get assistance on recovering your identity. You can also get a free copy of your credit score at www.annualcreditreport.com.

Burglary from Motor Vehicles

Theft from parked cars is one of the most common complaints received by police in residential neighborhoods. According to the Illinois Crime Reporting statistics, these types of crimes make up about 35 percent of all thefts reported to the police.

Burglary from vehicles usually involves small dollar items in terms of the property stolen, but they use a considerable amount of police resources and increase the residents' fear of crime in the neighborhood. Car burglaries not only raise a resident's fear their safety and security, but they can also lower confidence in their police department.

Because suburban neighborhoods are generally safe and quiet, residents can become complacent about car security. Many leave car doors unlocked or leave the keys in the ignition. They often leave laptop computers, wallets, purses, GPS units, and music players sitting in plain view of their unlocked car. Residents often fail to turn on any exterior lighting or have poor lighting around their house at night. No lights or poorly illuminated car parking areas around the house provide thieves with cover and make it difficult for the police to see anyone loitering in the area. An entire neighborhood filled with unlocked cars and poorly lit homes is an inviting area for a thief.



Residents can reduce the number of burglaries from vehicles in their neighborhood by doing a few simple things.

- Always lock your vehicle and trunk.
- Park in your garage or in your driveway at home. Well lit areas, both in parking lots and at home helps deter crime.
- When parked at home and in the garage, always close the garage door when you are not in the immediate area.
- Make sure the garage door is closed before going to bed.
- Install a vehicle alarm and use it.
- Anything of value, large or small, should be taken with you, placed under the seats, or locked in the trunk.
- Cover CD players, cassette players and stereos with a towel or piece of clothing or remove these items, if possible, and place them in your locked trunk.
- Turn on exterior lighting to illuminate the driveway and your cars.
- Call the police if you see someone suspicious loitering around any parked cars in your neighborhood.

Community Calendar

September

- 3 Parks and Recreation Board Meeting, Village Hall, 6:30pm
- 4 Summer Sunset Fest, Sunset Park, 3:00pm
- 5 Summer Sunset Fest Parade, Miller Road, 10:00am
- 6 Summer Sunset Fest, Sunset Park, 11:00am
- 7 Village Hall Closed, Labor Day
- 8 Committee of the Whole Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 10 Board of Trustees Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 12 Aviation Expo, Lake in the Hills Airport, 9:00am
- 14 Planning & Zoning Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 22 Committee of the Whole Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 24 Board of Trustees Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 25 Community Rummage Sale, Village Hall, 9:00AM

October

- 1 Parks and Recreation Board Meeting, Village Hall, 6:30pm
- 6 Committee of the Whole Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 8 Board of Trustees Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 10 Disc Golf Tournament, Linda K. Fischer Park, 9:00am
- 12 Planning & Zoning Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 17 Shred Day, Village Hall, 9:00am. Police Pension Board of Trustees, Village Hall, 9:00am
- 20 Committee of the Whole Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 22 Board of Trustees Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 24 Pub in the Park Craft Beer Festival, Sunset Park, 4:00pm
- 31 Safety Town Trick Or Treat, Safety Education Center, 3:00pm

November

- 3 Police Commission Meeting, Village Hall, 7:00pm
- 5 Parks and Recreation Board Meeting, Village Hall, 6:30pm
- 7 Great Pumpkin Roll, Butch Hagele Beach, 11:30am
- 10 Committee of the Whole Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 11 Veterans Day, Village Hall Closed
- 12 Board of Trustees Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 13 Lunch with a Cop, Safety Education Center, 11:00am
- 16 Planning & Zoning Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 26 Village Hall closed, Thanksgiving Holiday
- 27 Village Hall closed, Thanksgiving Holiday
- 30 Holiday Market in the Hills, Village Hall, 9:00am

December

- 3 Parks and Recreation Board Meeting, Village Hall, 6:30pm
- 4 Festival of Trees and Santa Ride In, Village Hall, 6:00pm
- 8 Committee of the Whole Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 10 Board of Trustees Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 14 Planning & Zoning Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 17 Holiday Lights Decorating Contest Bus Tour, Village Hall, 6:00pm
- 24 Village Hall Closes at 12:30pm, Christmas Eve
- 25 Village Hall Closed, Christmas
- 31 Village Hall Closes at 12:30pm, New Year's Eve

For more Community Events, visit the Village of Lake in the Hills website at www.lith.org/calendar



FACILITY RENTALS

The Village of Lake in the Hills Parks & Recreation Department has a wide range of affordable facilities available to host your event. From family picnics to fancy parties, one of our facilities is sure to be the perfect place to gather. For more information call us at 847-960-7460 or stop by the Parks & Recreation department located in the Village Hall and pick up a copy of our Facility and Shelter Rental Guide. Visit www.lith.org for fee schedules, facility rules & regulations, facility & park use permit application, and facility availability.

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Village Office Hours

7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday....Public Works
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.....Village Hall
(The Finance and Parks & Recreation Departments have
extended hours on Thursdays, remaining open until 7:30 p.m.)

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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 provide your address so that we can respond to you directly.

Mail to: 600 Harvest Gate, Lake in the Hills, IL 60156. Also available on our website at www.lith.org.

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