2014/15 Gordon Larsen Business Achievement Award Winners

In January, the Village recognized three deserving businesses for their exceptional efforts through 2014 in the categories of Community Service, Employer of Choice, and Customer Service as a part of the Gordon Larsen Business Achievement Awards program. The Village received over 200 nominations for 14 different store-front and homebased Lake in the Hills businesses.

Castle Bank - Community Service: Castle Bank was awarded for the Community Service category. One nomination read: "Castle Bank is a part of my family. Pam, Dawn, Michael, and all the rest of these awesome people - they are so truly interested in my family and how we are at every visit. We love them!" - Beth B.

The Committee took into consideration the strong community presence Castle Bank has shown in both Lake in the Hills and in McHenry County through 2014 and in year's past. Castle Bank has had two locations in Lake in the Hills since 2007 and currently employs 14 individuals.

Lowe's - Employer of Choice:

Lowe's Home Improvement was recognized for the Employer of Choice category. A significant majority of the testimonials the Village received spoke to the high standards of their employee benefits and quality work environment. "Lowes is growing and staying current by providing opportunities and benefits to their employees." -Pete M.

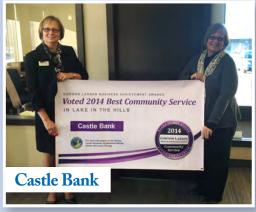
Lowe's was established in the Village in 2004 and currently employs 111 individuals.

Park N Shop - Customer Service: Park N Shop was recognized for the Customer Service category. A number of the nominations made on behalf of Park N Shop were unique accounts that attested to their above-and-beyond customer care. "Amazing place with super friendly owner. He makes a point to remember his customers and make small talk every time you go in. He goes above and beyond to make his customers happy." - Paul P.

Park N Shop was established in the Village in 2009 and currently employs 2 individuals.

The Village will be distributing 2015/16 application and nomination materials to businesses in the Fall. Residents are still encouraged to nominate businesses for the 2015 Gordon Larsen Business Achievement Awards through the year on the Village website.

For more information and nomination highlights on the winning businesses or to nominate a business for the 2015/16 year, please visit: www.lith.org/gordonlarsen.



Castle Bank: Director, Branch Banking Brenda Bono (left) and Anne Manzella, Personal Banker



Lowe's: Assistant Store Manager Joe Lewis (left), Store Manager Don Richter (Center), and Village President Paul Mulcaby (right)



Park N Shop: Store Manager Chirag Patel

Letter From the Village President



Village President
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I am pleased to report that our Village is in excellent financial condition. Despite not raising any taxes in 2014, the Village ended the year with a surplus in the General Fund of approximately \$300,000.

This past December, the Village Board of Trustees approved the 2015 annual budget. The 2015 budget follows past practices of not raising any taxes. This is now the fifth year in a row that the Village has decreased the tax levy (the actual dollars received from the taxpayers) while maintaining the quality services and infrastructure repairs the village is known for.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you can read about some of the projects that will be completed this year. The Village's efforts over the last two decades to live within our means have allowed us to accumulate the funds necessary to maintain our infrastructure in the future. The Village weathered the recession of 2007-09 through years of cutting back and living within our means, not by raising taxes. As long as I am the Village President, I intend to carry this financially conservative philosophy forward so that this Village always remains on a sound financial footing.

I am very optimistic about 2015 and the long range future of the Village. The recent favorable decision by the county board to build a conventional intersection at Randall and Algonquin Roads has renewed interest in development in that corridor. There are several entities looking at the old Dominick's building, a new restaurant moving into the former Applebee's, an approved proposal for medical offices on the vacant property south of AMC Theaters, a new Speedway gas station recently approved at Algonquin and Harvest Gate, and interest from several hotels in locating along Randall.

One issue of concern is that the State of Illinois has deep financial issues. Governor Rauner and the legislature are looking for any means possible to solve the state's financial problems. One option that is being considered is to reduce the amount of income tax that is shared with municipalities. Currently the Village receives approximately \$2.8 million dollars that is used to help fund our operating expenses. If half of these monies are taken away from us to pay the underfunded state employee pensions, as the Governor is proposing, we will be faced with some tough decisions to make. It is important that you reach out to your elected state office holders with your objections to reducing any funding to local government.

Paul Mulcahy Village President

Veterans Memorial Brick Campaign

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

The Veterans Memorial is being constructed at Village Hall to honor and give thanks to all the veterans and servicemen that have given of themselves to protect our country. In 2013, plans were unveiled at a Committee of the Whole meeting and elected officials gave their full support to the plan. Initial designs for the memorial feature a granite wall with five (5) slabs, one for each branch of the military. It will also feature the Illinois state flag, POW/MIA, and military branch flags to the right and left of a centralized American flag.

If you are interested in purchasing a commemorative brick, please visit http://www.lith.org/community/page/veteransmemorial to purchase your brick online or to download the brick order form to purchase in-person at Village Hall. For more information, please contact the Administration Department at 847-960-7410 or Committee Chairman Russ Ruzanski at 224-241-6642.





New Software for Finance Department

With the growing complexity of Village operations and financial management in general, the needs of the Village have outgrown the current system. Thus, in 2014 the Village advertised for, and selected a new vendor to provide a more robust, yet packaged financial software solution.

In December the Village Board approved a budget of \$583,300 for the acquisition of the new system over two years. In January of this year the Village began work with New World Systems to replace the old financial system. The software being implemented is a turn-key solution that requires minimal support from the Village and its IT contractors. This added efficiency will reduce the time spent processing financial transactions/reporting and increase time for customer support.

Goals for implementing a new ERP system include streamlining manual processes through system integration and electronic workflows. This will enhance the ability of Village staff to process information, query the system for historical data more effectively, and respond to resident requests more efficiently. In addition, this will help improve internal communication.

As an example, the utility billing program and billing process will be more streamlined by processing transactions in real time which are then immediately available for inquiry and direct posting to the accounting system. The system will also utilize new reporting tools to generate reports quickly to meet needs. In another example, the complexity of the Village budget requires this annual process to extend over half the year. The new system will help facilitate a more responsive budget development process by providing greater data compilation abilities and transparency as budgets are being developed thus reducing the amount of staff time required.

The new financial management project is planned to progress in stages as each module of the application is designed, engineered, tested and brought online. The first element to be launched will be the budget module in June to facilitate creation of the 2016 budget. Following that, core elements will be developed in the second half of 2015 with a "go-live" date of January 1, 2016. This later stage will include development of a new human resources module to help manage elements related to the Village workforce.

Following these components, the new utility billing module will be launched. Select Village staff will be involved with New World System technicians and consultants to help design the system and receive training on each component as they are developed. Final phases of the project will be completed in the first half of 2016 with recurring follow up and support from New World Systems after that.

The Village Finance Department is especially excited about this project and the added financial management capabilities it will provide. The ultimate benefit is that all Village staff will spend less time inputting and processing data, and have more time available to support the residents of the Village.

Public Works Open House

The annual Public Works Open House will be held on Saturday, May 16, 2015. All Village residents are invited to meet the Public Works staff and see the equipment used to maintain the Village's infrastructure. The open house runs from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and will include tours of the adjacent water treatment facility.

Airport, Water, Streets, and Public Properties Divisions will all be available to answer your questions and demonstrate some of the work they perform. Trucks, skid steers, tractors, loaders, mowers, and other vehicles used by the Department will be on display for everyone to see and sit on.

The Village will also provide a hot-off-the-grill complimentary lunch. Mark your calendars and bring the whole family for a fun day as our guest.

The Public Works facility is located at 9010 Haligus Road. It is one block south of the intersection of Haligus Road and Miller Road. For more information, please call 847-960-7500.





2015 Photo Contest

The Village of Lake in the Hills is holding its annual photo contest to find an image that best captures life in Lake in the Hills. Photos must be submitted as an 8x10 print with accompanying entry form, as well as submitted digitally as a high-resolution (300 DPI) JPG on a CD or emailed to todonnell@lith.org. An entry form must accompany each submission and can be downloaded from the Village's website.

Entrants must be the sole author and owner of the photo. Limit 5 submissions per entrant. Submissions of subjects/locations must be in the 60156 zip code. All submissions become the property of the Village of Lake in the Hills.

All entries must be postmarked by May 29, 2015 to be eligible. Winners will be notified via e-mail as soon as the judging is complete. Select photographs will be featured on the Lake in the Hills website, Village calendar, on the Village's Facebook page, and in a variety of Village publications. This year's contest is open to both residents and non-residents. For more information, please visit the Village website or contact the Administration Department at 847-960-7410.

"Spring Splendor" 2014 Winning Photo by Brian Keller



Lake in the Hills Resident Satisfaction Survey

Beginning March 23, the Village will be conducting a Resident Satisfaction Survey to gauge how successfully the Village is meeting the expectations of its residents. Lake in the Hills residents will have the opportunity to rate a variety of the Village's programs, services, and communications. Residents will also be able to write in comments in each section to further elaborate on the Village's performance.

The Village will use the responses to determine the level of satisfaction residents have with the programs and services currently offered. The responses will also assist the Village in understanding the residents' perceptions about key quality of life indicators. Finally, the Village will use responses to evaluate if improvements are needed in the areas outlined in the survey.

The resident satisfaction survey will be conducted online and a URL to access the survey will be published when it becomes available. It will be posted on the Village website, social media, and the Resident Insider Newsletter.

Residents are highly encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to share their thoughts. This is an excellent tool to provide open, honest, and anonymous feedback to your local government. The survey will remain open to residents through Friday, April 17.

The Village of Lake in the Hills strives to protect the health, safety, welfare, and economic vitality of its citizens through the provision of high quality services and programs. For more information, please contact the Administration Department at 847-960-7410.

2015 National Night Out Events

The Lake in the Hills Police Department would like to invite all of its residents to come out and join the Police Department in taking a stand against crime by joining us in our National Night Out Celebration. National Night Out is a program designed to get the village's neighborhoods involved in a "stand against crime in their community." The Police Department will hold a Community Cook Out at the Safety Education Center. Attendees will get the opportunity to tour the police station, a simulated firing range, Fatal Vision Driving Course, a K- 9 demonstration, and much more. Free hot dogs and drinks will be provided!

COMMUNITY COOK OUT

Saturday, August 8 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Safety Education Center 1109 Crystal Lake Road







Lake in the Hills Messenger

Spring/Summer 2015

Run thru the Hills - Sunday, April 12

5K-10K-Fun Run - Walk - Molehill (kids) Races

Join us for the annual Run thru the Hills! This popular and challenging course will give participants a taste of the rolling terrain that surrounds Woods Creek Lake in the mature section of town. Bring the whole family! We have walk, run, and stroller distances for all ages.



The 10K & 5K start at 8:00 a.m. Registration forms are available at Village Hall, or you can pre-register online at www. signmeupsports.com or lith.org.

All 5K/10K participants will receive a long-sleeve technical shirt. Fees: Early bird by April 6, 5K/10K - \$28 Late: after April 7, 5K/10K - \$35. Location: AMC Lake in the Hills Theater, 311 Randall Road.

To volunteer for the event contact Kristi Brewer, 847-960-7460 or kbrewer@lith.org.









Rockin' Rotary Ribfest

With the warmer weather comes the smell of BBQ's and Ribs. This year's Rockin' Rotary Ribfest will be held July 9 – 12, 2015. We will once again have a first class line-up of ribbers and entertainment. Please



visit www.lithribfest.com for more information and a full list of food vendors and entertainers.

Please join us this year for our Annual Car Show, Saturday, July 11, 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Car Show will highlight our areas finest restored, classic, exotic, antique and special interest cars. Visit www.lithribfest.com for updated schedules, information or to volunteer. The Lake in the Hills Rotary Ribfest Committee looks forward to seeing you.

High Grass and Weeds

Village Ordinances make it unlawful for any person to permit any grass or weeds to grow over 8 inches. If you are cited for having grass or weeds over this height you

will be given 3 days to bring your yard into compliance. Failure to cut your grass or weeds within this time frame will result in the Village hiring a contractor to cut your grass, which will be charged back to the



owner and can be as high as \$250. In addition, a fine would be issued to the owner. Please also remember that nuisance bushes and trees are required to be removed from lots. The Village appreciates your cooperation.

"In Season" Boats, Trailers, and Recreational Vehicles

During the "in-season" from April 1 to November 30 a boat, trailer or recreational vehicle may be parked on a residential lot in the Village, however they cannot be placed in the public right-of-way and must be placed on a prepared hard surface such as concrete, asphalt or paver blocks. In addition, the approved hard surface shall not be less than 9' by 18' in dimension. If you need to prepare or create a hard surface, permits may be required. Please contact the Community Development Department at 847-960-7440 for more information.



Building Safety Month

May is Building Safety Month and is sponsored by the International Code Council Foundation. First observed in

1980, Building Safety Month raises the public's awareness about the importance of safety in the work environment.

Building code regulations help to ensure that homes, workplaces, schools and other buildings are as safe as possible. For the seventh year, the Community Development Department will be visiting one of the local elementary schools to educate students about safety throughout the home. We will have other educational information for the community during Building Safety Month.

Free informational brochures can be downloaded from the International Code Council's web site at www.iccsafe.org. In addition, the Department will be providing educational information regarding the benefits of building safety and property maintenance at the Public Works Open House in May, the Seniors Group at Village Hall, and during the Police Department's National Night Out program.

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.

EATALY!

Join us for a trip downtown on Thursday, April 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to Eataly, Chicago's premier dining experience. With multiple floors of restaurants, bakeries, shops, and everything in between, you're sure to get the feel of Italy without having to cross an ocean! With a deep passion for food, Eataly will fully immerse you in a brand new culinary experience that you will not want to miss! Fee only covers registration. You will need to bring spending money. Cost is \$7 resident/\$9 non-resident. For more information contact the Parks & Recreation Department at 847-960-7460.

Rosemont Outlet Mall

The fashion Outlets of Chicago is an unparalleled shopping environment where fashion meets art and fine dining. Take a trip with us on Thursday, May 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to visit the new outlet mall in Rosemont. Cost is \$7 resident/\$9 non-resident. For more information contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 847-960-7460.





FASHION OUTLETS

Easter Egg Hunt

Kids, bring your baskets to fill up with plastic eggs. It's time for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt! This event is for children ages 0-8 and is FREE! The new location for this event is Village Hall, 600 Harvest Gate. The egg hunt takes place rain or shine on Saturday, March 28 at 8:00 a.m.

Bunny Breakfast by the Lake

This **NEW** event will be held on Wednesday, April 1 at 9:00 a.m. Held at the beautiful historic LaBahn-Hain House, this intimate bunny breakfast includes a craft, photo with the bunny, and family fun! Cost is \$35 resident/\$42 non-resident, additional child is \$20/\$24. Pre-registration is required.

Wheels and Deals

Looking for a good used bike, trike, skateboard or stroller? Let's wheel & deal! On Saturday, April 18, sellers may drop off items from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at Village Hall. You determine the selling price, we co-



op the sale, and you receive 80% of the price on items sold. To ensure we offer satisfactory items, we reserve the right to refuse any items that do not meet our specifications. Registration is free. All sales are final. Payments will be mailed to sellers in 2-4 weeks. Buyers may attend the sale from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. All sales are cash or check only. For more information, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 847-960-7460.



Arbor Day

Lake in the Hills will be celebrating Arbor Day on Friday, April 24, 1:00 p.m.at Village Hall. We will celebrate the many benefits trees provide to the environment by planting a ceremonial tree. The Arbor Day celebration is part of the Village's Tree City USA program. Over the last several years, the grounds surrounding the Village Hall have been the site for planting a wide variety of trees. Come join the students from Lincoln Prairie Elementary School for the celebration.

Adult Athletic Leagues

Men's flag football and softball leagues begin in April. This is a great opportunity to play the sports you loved in high school in a competitive yet fun environment. The number of teams is limited, so register early. For more information, contact Alex Zewde in the Parks and Recreation Department at 847-960-7460 or azewde@lith.org.

Young Eagles 2015

Young Eagles is a program put on by the Experimental Aircraft Association that introduces children ages 8 to 17 to aviation and the thrill of flying. The EAA Chapter 790 based at Lake in the Hills Airport gathers local pilots to offer free, short flights in the area to all interested children. Pilots donate their time, fuel, and aircraft for the events.

The Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) is an international aviation membership association founded in 1953.



They are most recognized for the yearly airshow located in Oshkosh, WI. Adults interested in a flight are encouraged to check the EAA website for information on a similar program offered exclusively for ages 17 and up. The

first rally is scheduled for Saturday, May 9.

Subsequent rallies are planned for June 6, August 22, and September 12. A signed waiver from a parent or guardian is required prior to flying. For more information call the airport office at 815-479-7960 or visit the Young Eagles website at www.youngeagles.com.



Summer Camp

Come and see for yourself why kids and parents LOVE our summer camp! Each week campers are treated to a fun-filled field trip, a pool outing, and a day at the beach. Their on-site time is spent creating art, playing games, hanging with friends and camp counselors, and more! Our highly qualified staff makes each day at camp an adventure and parents can be stress free knowing that their children are being well cared for.

We are also offering a Flexi-Camp again this summer. This is an option for those that don't need camp every day, but still want the fun-filled camp experience. This will enable campers to come 2, 3, or 4 days per week. Our flexible camp will include

one weekly outing to the splash pad, beach, fen, or a local park. Campers will also enjoy plenty of large and small group games, art projects, and other themed activities.



Information will be available and registration will begin at

the end of March. An early bird discount of 10% is applied for registrations received and paid for by April 30. Weekly registration is also available.

Lake Use Permits, Boat Permits and Beach Admission Fees

Take advantage of beautiful Woods Creek Lake by splashing around at our beaches, fishing, or enjoying the water by boat. The lake provides a variety of recreational opportunities for you and your family. To participate in these activities on the lake (boating, fishing, swimming), you need to have a Lake Use Permit or have paid a daily use fee. Lake Use Permits, Boat Permits, and boat racks may be purchased at the Village Hall on May 1. Boats which are currently registered will be contacted to receive further information on the renewal process. Daily use fees are also available at the beaches (in-season) and Police Department.

	Residents	Non-Residents	*All boat users are required to pay a daily				
Lake Use Permit	\$40 (Senior \$30)	\$60	fee or purchase a Boat Permit and Lake Use				
Beach Daily Admissions	\$2.00	\$5.00	Permit to utilize Woods Creek Lake. For the safety of the environment and other beach and				
Boat Permit*	10 (Senior \$7)	Not available	lake patrons, only trolling motors are allowed				
Boat Rack	\$20 (Senior \$15)	Not available	on the lake.				
Our Web Address is <u>www.lith.org</u>							

Preschool Academy

Preschool registration for the 2015-2016 school year has begun! We offer a variety of classes for ages 2 ½ -5 years. Classes include traditional preschool and dual language Spanish/English classes.

To register, bring your completed registration form, fee, birth certificate, and immunization

records to Village Hall. To set up a tour contact our Preschool Supervisor at 847-960-7470.



Airport Pancake Breakfast

Chapter 790 of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) is co-sponsoring a pancake breakfast at the Lake in the Hills Airport on Sunday, June 28 from 8:00 a.m.



to 12:00 p.m. The event is open to the public. The menu will feature pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee, and juice. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children. Kids under the age of 5 are free.

Come check out the one-of-a-kind custom-built industrial pancake maker. Proceeds benefit EAA Chapter 790 based at Lake in the Hills Airport which puts on Young Eagles rallies in the summer and offers a scholarship for a high school senior interested in learning to fly. For more information, visit www.790.eaachapter.org.

Taxiway Relocation

This summer the Lake in the Hills Airport is planning to begin construction on the final phase of a taxiway relocation project. This is part of the continuing effort to improve



the safety of the airport. The original taxiway was too close to the runway and did not meet design standards set by the Federal Aviation Administration.

As part of this project, several hangars will be relocated and the old airport office building will be torn down. Airport staff will relocate their office to a nearby building on the airfield.

Work began in 2010 to bring the taxiway into compliance with standards. The project was broken up into three phases with a total price tag of \$7.1 million. This final phase is anticipated to cost \$2.1 million and is being funded by a 90% Federal grant and a State grant of 5%. The remaining cost comes from revenue generated at the airport. Crawford, Murphy, and Tilly, Inc. is providing engineering for the project.

Upcoming Elections

The Consolidated General Election will take place on April 7, 2015. Early voting will be available at Lake in the Hills Village Hall, 600 Harvest Gate, starting March 23, 2015 through April 4, 2015. Residents will be able to vote for up to three (3) Village Trustees. Following are the dates and times:

Monday, March 23 - Thursday, March 26, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Friday, March 27, 8:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 28, 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Monday, March 30 - Thursday, April 2, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Friday, April 3, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Saturday, April 4, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Polling places are determined by the McHenry County Clerk's Office. Visit their website for the most recent information at: https://www.co.mchenry.il.us/county-government/departments-a-i/county-clerk/elections.

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

The Community Development Department is going into its second year with a new software system for permits, licensing, inspections and code enforcement. A Public Portal was added to the Village's website last August and allows residents and contractors to submit for some building permits, track the status of their permits, request an inspection, apply for a contractor or business license, and to also report a property maintenance violation.

The Department has started to require the use of the Public Portal for the following permits: air conditioner, furnace, roof, siding, water heater, and water softener. In addition, all contractors' licenses and business licenses are required to be applied for through the Public Portal. If you have any questions regarding the use of the Public Portal, please the Community Development Department at 847-960-7440.

Auto Dealer Study

In the budget for 2015, the Community Development Department has reserved \$4,300 for an auto dealer study. Auto dealers have the potential to generate substantial sales tax, which would



be used to help fund services provided by the Village. The study will help identify and quantify the need for auto dealers in the area and provide a format for marketing Lake in the Hills sites.

The study will also include an analysis of the need for large truck sales and service facilities. The Village conducted a Hospitality Study last year with intent of identify the need for hotels and banquet facilities. The study and its findings provided a strong tool in attracting interest in hospitality uses to the Village and has been highly successful.

Economic Development

New Restaurant – Woods Creek Tavern: The former Applebee's site along Randall Road was sold late last year and the new owner plans to open a restaurant in the building to be called Woods Creek Tavern. They are planning an April/May opening and the new owner wanted to tie in the restaurant name with the community, so they came up with the name after our largest lake in the Village. The new restaurant will be a gastropub concept and will serve high-end craft beer and food. Village Staff had worked closely with the prior owner and the new owner to help market the site for a restaurant.

Speedway Gas Station: In February, the Village Board approved the zoning and plans for a Speedway Gas Station for the northwest corner of Algonquin Road and Harvest Gate. The 4,600 sq. ft. facility will have 10 islands with 20 fuel dispensers and is anticipating to be completed in early 2016.

Randall Road Corridor: Staff has continued to get the word out on the positive outcome from our efforts to safeguard and promote improved access to key commercial sites along the Randall Road corridor. This is in relation to the decision by McHenry County last year to construct a conventional intersection at Algonquin and Randall Roads instead of a Continuous Flow Intersection (CFI). Moving forward, we have assessed growth trends, sales and new store projections for the top 100 retailers with site criteria that fit the available space profile along the corridor. The Village is recruiting retailers that will serve both local and regional customers and have recently revisited several retailers that we had contacted before including ones in the grocery, furniture, restaurant, sport equipment and home improvement categories. The Village also continues to work closely with the new buyers

of the 5 acres north of the former Dominick's to promote job-creating commercial uses that could include a hotel and restaurant. A new 5,200 sq. ft. medical office building will be constructed this year on a portion of the 5 acres, and will help spur additional development on the rest of the property.

Hospitality Study: Last fall, the Village initiated a study to identify and quantify the need for hospitality uses and provide a format for marketing Lake in the Hills sites. The study found that we could support a mid-priced, limited service hotel with a banquet facility and identified three areas in the Village that would be ideal for such a use. Since the time the study was completed, the Community Development Department has made contact with over 40 hotel groups, investors and hotel brands regarding the study findings and available sites in the Village. We have also provided information on the study to other agencies and groups and are attending events to promote hospitality uses in the Village. Strong interest from several hotel groups has emerged and some have begun discussions with the owners of the prime sites identified in the study.

Business Retention and Job Creation: In the effort to help reach our goals for job creation, the Community Development Department continues to meet with business owners and conduct site visits with the McHenry County Economic Development Corporation on business development, job creation and retention needs. Some of the businesses we have visited have expansion plans and we continue to work with them on assisting them and creating solutions so jobs stay in the Village.

Construction Updates



Grove Mart – Car Wash – The Grove Mart Car Wash located along Algonquin Road is anticipating an opening in early spring. The facility will complement the adjacent Grove Mart Gas Station, which opened last summer.



The Villas of Lake in the Hills Apartments - The 60-unit apartment complex under construction along the south side of Harvest Gate is nearing completion. The developer is planning to have the four buildings closest to Harvest Gate along with the community building completed in early spring.



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 is planned to be finished in early spring.

Outside Water Use Restrictions

Water consumption Village-wide peaks during the summer months. Customarily, the high volume of water used during this time is used to care for lawns and gardens. This increased rate of consumption presents the largest and a significant threat to our water supply. The Village's entire water supply is drawn from underground aquifers. Employing conservation practices helps ensure the viability of these aquifers far into the future.

The Village of Lake in the Hills enforces an outside water usage ordinance to help conserve these aquifers. Under normal circumstances, we are in the green condition. This allows odd numbered addresses to use outside water only on the odd days of the month, while the even numbered addresses are allowed outside usage only on the even days. In extreme circumstances, the water restrictions can change.

If critical water system equipment or extreme weather occurs, the restrictions can go from green to yellow or to red. Yellow conditions maintain the even/odd restriction but limit outside water use to 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Red conditions prohibit all outside water use. This is only used in emergency conditions.

Signs are installed



at the entrance to every major subdivision in the Village, allowing for an optimal level of visibility and communication. The placard within the sign will be changed when the conditions change. The placards are color coded to make it easier to identify changes in conditions. If you have any questions about the Village's water supply system, feel free to contact Public Works at 847-960-7500.

Cross Connection Control / Backflow Prevention

If you have a lawn irrigation or fire protection sprinkler system installed in your home or business, you also have a cross connection device, more commonly referred to as a backflow prevention device or reduced pressure zone (RPZ). This device is designed to prevent the backflow of water from your sprinkler system into the drinking water supply in the





event of a low-pressure situation, such as a water main break. Fertilizers and other harmful chemicals are commonly applied to lawns and gardens, which pose a potential health risk to the community if allowed to enter the water supply.

To manage this risk, Illinois State Law mandates that all cross connection control devices be inspected for serviceability at least once annually. It is important that you schedule your cross connection device inspection every year and submit a copy of the inspection report to the Village of Lake in the Hills prior to the expiration date. If you have any questions pertaining to the inspection requirements for cross connection devices, contact the Public Works Department at 847-960-7500.

Water Main / Hydrant Flushing

Beginning in early to mid-April, the Public Works Department will once again be conducting Village-wide water main / hydrant flushing. The flushing procedure purposely displaces sedimentation in the water main pipes so that it can be removed, which improves the quality of the water you receive once the flushing is completed. While the flushing is in progress, the water can become cloudy with the potential to stain clothes. Because of that, the Village recommends residents refrain from doing laundry when flushing is underway in your neighborhood. The Village will provide advanced notification of the flushing through postings on Village marquees and the Resident & Business Insider email newsletters.

These newsletters are available from the Village website at www.lith.org/community/page/publications. Additionally, the Public Works Department will post notification signs in the

immediate area of flushing at least one day prior to any actual flushing taking place. Further questions should be directed to Public Works at 847-960-7500.





Water Main Replacement

This spring and summer, the annual Water Main Replacement Project will replace obsolete water main pipes, fire hydrants, and isolation valves in the northern portion of the Presidents Subdivision. The specific sections include all the homes between Roosevelt Street and McKinley Street.

The purpose of this project is to improve water quality, increase fire flow volume, and improve the reliability of the water infrastructure. The 2015 project will also move the water main pipes and shut off valves out of the back yards and establish them in the front yards. Performing this work will reduce the time required to make future repairs, reduce the disturbance of property, and minimize potential inconvenience to local residents.

While this project provides a great benefit to the local community, the Village understands that construction projects can be inconvenient. To minimize that inconvenience, the Village will closely monitor the project and work with the contractor to keep the work site as clean and organized as possible during construction. For residents living in the project area, we encourage you to take advantage of the Village's email newsletters for periodic construction project updates. You can sign up for the email updates from the Village's website at www.lith.org/publicworks/page/construction-projects. If you would like more information on this project, please contact Public Works at 847-960-7500.

Shred Day

The Village of Lake in the Hills will be hosting a shredding day for Lake in the Hills Residents only on Saturday, May 9, 2015 and on October 3, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Village Hall, 600 Harvest Gate. Residents can bring any

paper documents that they would like shredded to Village Hall.

AMS Store and Shred will be on hand to take those paper documents, which will be put into 95 gallon totes and then locked. At the end of the day, AMS will take the locked totes back to their facility at 13 Prosper Court, Lake in the Hills and shred all the paper documents within the totes. There are no fees involved for residents.

MFT Resurfacing

A significant part of the Village's maintenance of the road system is the annual resurfacing project. Money from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund pays for the pavement improvements. A portion of the pavement restorations will follow the last year's water main replacement project. With the underground work and pavement cuts complete, this project will restore the appearance and pavement quality of the roadway.

The streets designated for resurfacing this year include:

Northlight Pass (Heartland Gate to Heartland Gate)

Starwood Pass (Sweetwater Ridge to Sweetwater Ridge)

Polaris Drive (Randall Road to Harvest Gate)

Briarcliff Lane (Albrecht Road to Melbourne Lane)

Brisbane Drive (Albrecht Road to Melbourne Lane)

Briarcliff Court

Industrial Drive (Pyott Road to Imhoff Drive)

Marion Court

Viewpoint Drive (Windstone Court to Grace Drive)

Viewpoint Drive (Pyott Road to Viewpoint Drive)

Brandt Drive (Mohican Trail to McPhee Drive)

Mohican Trail (Brandt Drive to McPhee Drive)

Tenneyson Court

Amberleigh Court

Annandale Court

Glenrose Lane

Greenfield Lane (Hazelwood Court to Miller Road)

Washington Street (Lincoln Street to McKinley Street)

Monroe Street (Lincoln Street to McKinley Street)

Jefferson Street (Lincoln Street to McKinley Street)

Adams Street (Lincoln Street to McKinley Street)

This project will create some limited inconveniences in the areas listed above. Keep your eyes open for signage to alert you to the upcoming work. If you have any questions, please contact the Public Works Department at 847-960-7500.



Electronics Recycling

Village residents are taking advantage of the electronics recycling program in mass, as more than 27,000 pounds of electronics have been dropped off in the last 12 months. If you would like to utilize this cost-free service, drop off your accepted electronic items at the Public Works Facility located at 9010 Haligus Road, Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



When dropping off items for recycling, please ensure that you are prepared to unload them at Public Works without staff assistance. The Village offers this service in conjunction with Computer Recycling Center, LLC in Crystal Lake, IL, who accepts the following electronic items:

Televisions and Monitors (Flat Panel)

Cellular Telephones

Servers, Computer Towers, and Laptops

Keyboards, Mice, and Cables

Digital Cameras

Printers, Scanners, and Fax Machines

CD Players, DVD Players, and VCRs

Game Systems and MP3 Players

Radio, Stereos, and Speakers

Hair Dryers

Vacuum Cleaners (Without Lint Bag)

Microwaves

Electronic items that cannot be accepted for recycling are: White appliances (refrigerators, stoves, ovens, washing machines, dryers, and A/C units), wooden cased or particleboard products, biohazard or medical waste products and rubber based items (tires, conveyor belts, etc.). Computer Recycling Center has also advised the Village that they plan to begin charging a fee to accept tube televisions and CRT monitors. To cooperate with that advisory and to help keep the service complimentary, the Village asks that these items not be dropped off for recycling if possible.

Additional information about recycling options can be found on the Village website at http://www.lith.org/publicworks/page/recycling-opportunities. If you have any questions about the electronic waste recycling program, please contact the Public Works Department by phone at 847-960-7500 or by email at pw@lith.org.

Cart Rental for Solid Waste and Recyclables

Republic Services, Inc. is the exclusive, licensed refuse collection and disposal contractor for the Village of Lake in the Hills. Republic is offering Village



residents the opportunity to rent solid waste or recyclable carts as a low cost supplement to their base monthly collection fee. There are three different size/capacity options to choose from with associated costs as follows:

- 35 gallon solid waste or recycling cart \$2.50 per month.
- 65 gallon solid waste or recycling cart \$2.75 per month.
- 95 gallon solid waste or recycling cart \$3.00 per month.

Using carts instead of standard garbage cans or recycling bins often results in cleaner neighborhoods, improved collection efficiency, decreased illegal dumping and helps encourage increased recycling. Additionally, wheeled carts can be rolled to the curb for collection very easily; minimizing the potential for back strain and other lifting-related injuries. If you are interested in renting a cart for solid waste or recycling, contact Republic Services, Inc. at 847- 429-7370. Additional information about garbage and recycling is also available on the Village website at: http://www.lith.org/publicworks/page/garbage-and-recycling.

Emerald Ash Borer Update

Despite all efforts to try to save our Ash trees, removal of infested, declining, or dead trees will be inevitable. The plan for 2015 and years



to come is to continue to remove and replace declining and dead Ash trees. There are approximately 1,900 remaining dead or diseased Ash trees on public property as of fall 2014. Public Works expects it may have to remove most of these trees by the end of 2016. Once the trees are cut down, the stumps will be removed and replacements will be scheduled. Last year, over 330 trees were planted. At a cost of around \$400 per tree, this process could take several years. Village staff currently replaces approximately 300-400 trees per year. At this rate, replacements will take around five years to be completed. The Village encourages you to check your Ash trees for any symptoms and notify Public Works at 847-960-7500 if you believe you have an infestation. For more information, please visit www.lith.org.

Sidewalk Maintenance and Cost Sharing Sidewalk Replacement Program

The Village of Lake in the Hills sidewalk maintenance program has been in place since 2007. The sidewalk maintenance program has progressed throughout the years. Staff performs yearly sidewalk inspections on a four-year cycle to ensure all Village sidewalks are inspected. The program consists of documenting and verifying sidewalk deficiencies and scheduling repairs to alleviate immediate hazards. Permanent repairs are prioritized based on the degree of damage observed and then scheduled for repairs.

The Cost Sharing Sidewalk Replacement Program allows property owners who wish to make improvements to the sidewalk adjacent to their property that are non-hazardous or for aesthetic conditions to do so while sharing the cost with the Village. The Cost Sharing Sidewalk Replacement Program allows residents to hire their own contractor to repair public sidewalks fronting their property and receive a rebate for repair costs up to a maximum amount of \$325. Rebate amounts are based on a flat rate of \$3.25 per square foot of sidewalk repaired. The program will be administered on a first-come, first-serve basis and is subject to limited



funding availability. Repairs made to sidewalks on private property are not eligible for funding.

If there is a question regarding whether a sidewalk may need to be repaired or replaced due to a trip hazard (which is a step separation greater than three-quarters of an inch), please contact Public Works at 847-960-7500. Public Works staff will inspect the sidewalk to determine if the sidewalk needs to be repaired or replaced. If a trip hazard exists, the Village will repair or replace the sidewalk. If a trip hazard does not exist, the resident may wish to consider replacing the sidewalk through the Replacement Program.

Powered by Propane

Fleet managers all around the United States are turning to liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) as an alternative fuel source. According to the Propane Education and Research Council, there are more than 143,000 on road propane vehicles in service in the United States, and the trend is growing. Worldwide, there are more than 15,000,000 on road propane vehicles in use. Propane autogas is a domestically produced greener fuel that is a cost effective alternative to gasoline. The use of propane autogas by the Village will provide significant long term cost savings. The Village is now poised to take full advantage of the benefits of propane autogas.

During the 2015 budget process, the Village budgeted \$59,650 to convert ten of the Police Department's Chevrolet Tahoe patrol squads to operate on propane autogas. The decision to make this large investment in propane conversion kits was made easier by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's Alternate Fuels Rebate Program. Through this program, the Village will be eligible to receive a rebate for 80 percent of the eligible costs of converting the vehicles. The projected rebate the Village will receive on this project is \$40,000.

Using the price of the most recent deliveries of unleaded fuel to the Village compared to the price of propane autogas for the same time frame, the Village would have saved approximately 37 percent on the fuel supply. This savings will be reduced slightly by an estimated 8 to 10 percent loss in fuel efficiency when using propane autogas. Saving 27 percent on fuel cost for a fleet of vehicles that travels approximately 250,000 miles yearly will add up quickly.



The Village is also hoping to take advantage of another extension of the Alternative Fuel Excise Tax Credit. This incentive originally expired on December 31, 2013, but was retroactively extended through December 31, 2014. The tax credit now has the possibility of being extended an additional three years through 2017.

If the tax credit is extended, the Village will be eligible to receive a tax credit in the amount of \$0.50 per gallon for propane autogas. The installation of the propane conversion kits is scheduled to start this month, and you will soon see propane-powered squads patrolling Village streets.



Traffic Safety News

The Lake in the Hills Police Department is excited to announce a new e-newsletter service. Traffic Safety News is a monthly e-newsletter providing information concerning traffic safety news and stats, current enforcement campaigns, and various other traffic safety related materials. In addition, subscribers can stay up-to-date on what the Lake in the Hills Police Department is doing to promote traffic safety in the community. If you would like to be added to the mailing list to begin receiving your electronic newsletter, please visit www.lith.org/community/page/publications to subscribe.

IL Secretary of State Emergency Contact Database

The Illinois Secretary of State makes it possible for you to input emergency contact information to be stored with your Illinois driver's license, instructional permit, or state identification card information.



In the event that you

become incapacitated for any reason, police officers can check your driver's license, permit, or state ID through the Secretary of State's computer database. Your emergency contacts will be retrieved so that your loved ones can be notified. This program is extremely helpful for children, young adults, disabled persons, and the elderly.

It is easy to participate in this free program. Simply visit the IL Secretary of State website at: www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/drivers/ECD/home.html.

The IL Secretary of State website states: "You may select one or two people as emergency contacts. Emergency contacts do not need to reside in Illinois. It is your responsibility to notify the individuals you have listed as emergency contacts."

Emergency contacts may be added, modified, or deleted at any time. Any changes or deletions will overwrite previously entered information. Previously entered information will not be displayed to ensure privacy. Emergency contact information may be printed for your records.

If you have questions regarding this program, the IL Secretary of State can be reached toll free at 800-252-8980, or you can contact the Lake in the Hills Police Department at 847-658-5676.

Water Quality Report

The Village of Lake in the Hills strives to provide safe and quality drinking water. Every year a Water Quality Report is posted on the Village's website.



This report summarizes the results of the compliance testing required

by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. The report for 2014 will be posted on the Villages website by July 1, 2015. The report can viewed online at www.lith.org/wq.pdf.

Join Our Mailing Lists



There are various mailing lists that residents can sign up for to receive information electronically from the

Village. Simply go to www.lith.org and click the green "Sign Up For Email Updates" button. You will be asked to provide your email address and to select the various publications, such as "Resident Insider Weekly Newsletter," "Shop Lake in the Hills," and "Now Hiring Alert". Simply click on the publications that you would like to start receiving!

You can also "like" us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter (@lith60156). If you have any questions, please call the Administration Department at 847-960-7410.



Community Calendar

April

- 1 Bunny Breakfast, LaBahn-Hain House, 9:00am
- 2 Parks and Recreation Board Meeting, Village Hall, 6:30pm
- 7 Election Day
 - Committee of the Whole Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 9 Board of Trustees Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 10 Lunch with a Cop, Safety Education Center, 11:00am
- 12 Run thru the Hills 10k/5k, 6:00am
- 13 Planning & Zoning Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- Wheels & Deals Sale, Village Hall
 Police Pension Board of Trustees, Village Hall, 9:00am
- 21 Committee of the Whole Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 23 Board of Trustees Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 24 Arbor Day, Village Hall, 1:00pm

May

- 5 Police Commission Meeting, Village Hall, 7:00pm
- 7 Parks and Recreation Board Meeting, Village Hall, 6:30pm
- 9 Shred Day, Village Hall, 9:00am
- 12 Committee of the Whole Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 14 Board of Trustees Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 16 Public Works Open House, Public Works Dept., 11:00am
- 18 Planning & Zoning Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 25 Village Hall Closed, Memorial Day
- 26 Committee of the Whole Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 28 Board of Trustees Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 29 Village Photo Contest Submissions Due

June

- 4 Parks and Recreation Board Meeting, Village Hall, 6:30pm
- 9 Committee of the Whole Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 11 Board of Trustees Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 15 Planning & Zoning Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 18 Sound Bites Summer Concert, Village Hall, 7:00pm
- 23 Committee of the Whole Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 25 Board of Trustees Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 26 Park Party, Family Game Show, Village Hall, 11:00am
- 28 EAA Pancake Breakfast, Lake in the Hills Airport, 8:00am

July

- 2 Parks and Recreation Board Meeting, Village Hall, 6:30pm
- 3 Village Hall closed, Independence Day
- 7 Committee of the Whole Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 9 Rockin' Rotary Rib Fest Begins, Sunset Park, 4:30pm Board of Trustees Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 12 Rockin' Rotary Rib Fest Ends, Sunset Park, 7:00pm
- 13 Planning & Zoning Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm

- 16 Sound Bites Summer Concert, Village Hall, 7:00pm
- 18 Police Pension Board of Trustees, Village Hall, 9:00am
- 21 Committee of the Whole Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 23 Board of Trustees Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 24 Park Party, Frog Lady, Village Hall, 11:00am
- 30 Bairfoot Hawaiian Beach Show, Indian Trail Beach, 6:00pm

August

- 4 Police Commission Meeting, Village Hall, 7:00pm
- 6 Parks and Recreation Board Meeting, Village Hall, 6:30pm
- 8 Community Cookout, Safety Education Center, 4:00pm
- 11 Committee of the Whole Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 13 Sound Bites Summer Concert, Village Hall, 7:00pm Board of Trustees Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 14 Park Party, Istvan & His Imaginary Band, Village Hall, 11:00am
- 17 Planning & Zoning Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 25 Committee of the Whole Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 27 Board of Trustees Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm

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



Support your local businesses by joining our Shop Lake in the Hills program! By subscribing to the program, you can receive special offers and discounts at Lake in the Hills Businesses directly in your email in-box. All you need to do is sign up for Shop Lake in the Hills on the Village website to start receiving periodic emails with discounts offered by a variety of participating businesses. For questions regarding the program, please contact the Administration Department at 847-960-7410.



A full list of participating businesses can be found in the Village's Business Directory on the Village website with "Shop Lake in the Hills" next to their business name.

Village of Lake in the Hills

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The Village Board of Trustees meet 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 pm. 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, www.lith.org.



Village President Paul Mulcahy



Trustee Stephen Harlfinger



Trustee Raymond Bogdanowski



Trustee Bob Huckins



Trustee Denise Barreto



Trustee Russ Ruzanski



Trustee Frank Covone



Village Clerk Denise Wasserman

Village Office Hours

7:30 a.m. to 3:30 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., providing limited services.)

Village Contact Information

Emergency Police, Fire & Paramedic Services	911
Non-Emergency Police, 1115 Crystal Road	658-5676
Village Hall, 600 Harvest Gate	960-7400
Administration Department	960-7410
Finance Department	960-7420
Water Billing	960-7430
Community Development	960-7440
Parks and Recreation	960-7460
Public Works Department, 9010 Haligus Road	960-7500
Village President: Paul Mulcahy	960-7401
Village Clerk: Denise Wasserman	960-7408
Trustees: Stephen Harlfinger	960-7403
Raymond Bogdanowski	960-7406
Bob Huckins	960-7404
Denise Barreto	960-7405
Russ Ruzanski	960-7407
Frank Covone	960-7402
Village Administrator: Gerald D. Sagona	960-7411
Village Website:	www.lith.org

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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