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Great Pumpkin Roll

Join us for the 2nd Annual Great Pumpkin Roll and have your chance to earn Champion Pumpkin Roller bragging rights! 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. This event will be held on Saturday, November 5th at 11:30 a.m. Pre-registration is preferred, but not required. 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.



Festival of Trees

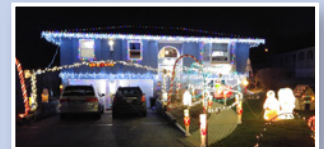
Travel down Tinsel Trail at Village Hall to view the trees that are beautifully decorated by local businesses and civic groups. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be inside for photos and visiting. Families will also enjoy festive activities and snacks. The event will begin at 6pm on Friday, December 2nd. Families are asked to bring non-perishable food items to "vote" for their favorite decorated tree. You will also have the opportunity to shop a variety of vendors at the Holiday Market in the Hills.

Shred Day

The Village of Lake in the Hills will be hosting a shredding day for Lake in the Hills Residents only October 22, 2016 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 accept paper documents into 95 gallon locked totes. At the end of the day, AMS will take the locked totes back to their facility at 13 Prosper Court, Lake in the Hills for shredding. There are no fees for shredding for residents. For questions, please contact the Administration Department at 847-960-7410.



House Decorating Contest and Holiday Lights Bus Tour

The winter holidays always seem to bring out the best in decorations, and we want you to be the judge! Call in your own creation or elect your neighbor's. Judging takes place on December 15 & 16 on our Holiday Lights Bus Tour. For more information please visit our website at www.lith.org or contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 847-960-7460.

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Letter From the Village President



Village President
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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 2, 3, and 4 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 second "Pub in the Park" Craft Beer Festival on October 15 at 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 closing, I would like to say thanks and extend good wishes to Village Trustee Frank Covone who has moved out of the village. He served on the Board of Trustees for 3 years with distinction and dedication, and I wish him the best in all his future endeavors. I recently appointed Doug Cummings as a Village Trustee to fill the remainder of Frank's term. Doug was previously the chairman of the Village's Police Commission for 3 years.

Paul Mulcahy
 Village President

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Stay Connected with the Village through our variety electronic newsletters. Visit www.lith.org and click the green "Sign Up For Email Updates" button on the home page 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.



Automatic Community Alerts through Nixle:
www.lith.org/police/page/nixle-community-emergency-updates



2016 Summer Sunset Fest



The 16th Annual Summer Sunset Festival kicks off on Friday, September 2. 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, classic and custom car show, parade, bags competition, Got Talent? Competition, and

the hugely popular and FREE Kids Korner. Enjoy FREE music all weekend long on the Main Stage! The festival begins on Friday with the Sunset 5k race, car show and People For Parks Foundation BINGO!

The Wine Tasting event is back this year at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. For a \$10 entry fee per person, wine tasters will get a souvenir wine glass, wristband/hand stamp, and five tasting tickets. Come out to taste and purchase some of Illinois' finest wines!

The entire weekend rocks with great music (including fan favorites 7th Heaven and Libido Funk Circus), food and drinks! Just before the fun ends, sit under the stars to wrap up the weekend with your friends and neighbors during the fantastic fireworks show!

Main Stage Lineup:

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 2, 2016

Mr. Myers	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Arra	9:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 3, 2016

HiFi Superstar Unplugged	1:45 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.
Not So Much	4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Infinity	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
7th Heaven	9:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 4, 2016

Landslide (Chicago)	3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
The Hat Guys	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Libido Funk Circus	8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Fireworks begin at 9:30 p.m.

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

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Our Web Address is www.lith.org



“Fire and Ice” - 2016 Winning Photo by Ross Nelson

2016 Photo Contest Winner

Voting for the 2016 photo contest closed on July 1, 2016. This year’s contest received 42 submissions - our highest amount of entries ever! Congratulations to Ross Nelson for his “Fire and Ice” submission, which was voted as the image that best captures life in Lake in the Hills! The sunset photo was taken at Woods Creek Lake near Hilltop Beach. The 42 submissions received in this year’s contest were on display at Village Hall and on the Village website and Facebook page from May 27 - July 1.

Veterans Memorial

Additions continue to be made at the Veterans Memorial located behind Village Hall. Four benches, a stone wall, and additional commemorative bricks were added to the memorial this past spring. Flags for each branch of the military and landscaping are still planned to be added behind the monuments.

The Village will continue to add commemorative bricks to the memorial plaza until the plaza is full. Commemorative bricks may be ordered through the Village’s website or at Village Hall. This is a unique and special way to honor a friend, family member, or organization in a lasting and memorable way.

For more information on the Veterans Memorial or to purchase a commemorative brick, please visit the Village website at www.lith.org.

“Fire and Ice” received a total of 98 of the 727 total votes collected. The second place photo, “Almost Got It, Mom” was taken by Charlene Lombardo. “Pet Rocks,” taken by Shanna Zalud, 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. Check back in early 2017 for information on next year’s contest.



2016 Budget Award

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) presented a Distinguished Budget Presentation Award to the Village of Lake in the Hills, Illinois for its annual budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2016. In order to receive this award, a governmental unit must publish a budget document that proficiently meets program criteria as a policy document, as an operations guide, as a financial plan, and as a communications device.



The Distinguished Budget Presentation Award is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting. Its attainment represents a significant achievement for the Village.

This is the 17th consecutive year that the Village has been presented this award!

Upcoming Elections

The next scheduled election is the 2016 General Election, which includes national and state races, is on Tuesday, November 8, 2016. Early voting will be available at Lake in the Hills Village Hall, 600 Harvest Gate. Early Voting for the 2016 General Primary will begin on Monday, October 24 through Sunday, November 6, 2016.



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

2017 Election Packets

The Consolidated General Election will take place on Tuesday, April 4, 2017. The Village of Lake in the Hills will be accepting petitions for Village President, Village Clerk and three Village Trustee seats. Election packets are available for pickup at Village Hall, 600 Harvest Gate, during regular business hours, starting September 20, 2016.

Petitions can be filed with the Village Clerk during regular business hours beginning Monday, December 12, 2016 through Monday, December 19, 2016. An Election Calendar and Candidate's Guide are available on the Illinois State Board of Elections website at www.elections.state.il.us. For additional information, contact the State Board of Elections at 217-782-4141.

Stoneybrook Park Playground Renovation

As part of the Village's continuing efforts to maintain the safety and quality of your parks and playgrounds, a major part of the Stoneybrook Park playground was replaced this spring. The playground located at the intersection of Anderson Drive and David Street was originally installed in 1996. The renovation project greatly improves this recreational facility for children and families in our community.

The Village Board approved the donation of the old equipment to the non-profit organization Kids Around the World (KIDS). Their team removed the original equipment from the site and will restore it. Once restored, the equipment will be reinstalled in a disadvantaged community sometime this year.

The Village closed the park for renovation on May 2. Public Works staff installed two separate play structures, one intended for children ages 2-5 and another for 5-12 year olds. The site, which has the disadvantage of sitting on top of a high water table, required the installation of an underground drainage system that now moves the water away from the site. A new walkway leading from the existing shelter to the new playground was installed to allow adult users quick access to the playground when watching young children. Residents and staff of Lake in the Hills were joined by community leaders for a ribbon-cutting ceremony and grand opening of the Stoneybrook Park playground held on July 14.

The Village is proud that Stoneybrook Park is one of the touchstones in this neighborhood and will be a popular destination for many years to come. If you have questions regarding the Stoneybrook Park renovation, please contact the Village of Lake in the Hills Public Works Department at 847-960-7500.



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 Thanksgiving Luncheon event will be held at Village Hall on Wednesday, November 23 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 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 14.



Upcoming Senior Trips and Events

09/08/16 - Hollywood Casino

10/06/16 - Rivers Casino

10/14/16 - OctoberFeast Dinner

11/09/16 - "Singing in the Rain" at Marriott Lincolnshire

11/23/16 - Thanksgiving Luncheon

11/30/16 - Drury Lane "Crazy For You"

Stay Informed Through Nixle



You can now receive live, up to date free public service messages direct from the Lake in the Hills Police Department. These emergency

messages can come to you via text* or email. They can help alert you to the most serious of situations that can affect the health and/or safety of you and your loved ones. You can also custom tailor your messages to receive advisory messages to traffic alerts and community messages to upcoming events in the area.

The service is free, easy to use and there is no cellphone app to download. Once registered, you will receive a confirmation text to your cell phone. You can also customize your alert settings by going to www.nixle.com and creating a user profile.

As a resident, there are several simple ways to register:

1. Text your zip code to 888777 from your mobile phone
2. Go to <http://www.lith.org/police/page/nixle-community-emergency-updates> and sign up via the Nixle Widget

Why should you sign up for Nixle?

As of June 30, 2016, the GeoCast Web Reverse Notification System (reverse 911 calling) was discontinued.

- You need to be informed in case of an emergency.
- You want to receive information that is accurate, that you can trust.
- You need to know if there is an emergency in your neighborhood.
- If you are a business owner, you want to ensure a safe environment for your employees and customers.
- Lake in the Hills will only use Nixle in case of an emergency to provide you with vital information on the situation.

The Lake in the Hills Police Department will also post vital information on the Facebook page to supplement Nixle messages. We strongly encourage community members to "like us" on Facebook. This will allow you to see posts on your feed relevant to Nixle messages, local issues/criminal activities, upcoming events, and more.

Please visit us at: <https://www.facebook.com/LakeintheHillsPolice>

We encourage you to sign up for both Nixle and Facebook today to keep up with all the happenings in Lake in the Hills.

*Text messaging fees may apply. Check your service provider for details.



Disc Golf Tournament

Register now for the 5th Annual Disc Golf Tournament on Saturday, October 8. Located at Linda K. Fischer Park this one day tournament will be played in pairs, and will be “best shot”. There are two divisions in this non-PDGA sanctioned event. The tournament will play 3 rounds of 9 holes. Trophies and prizes will be awarded to the top two team finishers in the beginner and advanced divisions. Fees are per team. Pre-registrations only. Registration deadline is October 3, 2016. Check in begins at 8:30 a.m., players meeting at 8:45 a.m., and a shotgun start at 9:00 a.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 3’s and 4’s. 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 lknoepfel@lith.org.



People for Parks Foundation - Pub in the Park

For the second year, the Foundation will host Pub in the Park, a craft beer and food truck festival. The event will take place Saturday, October 15th at Sunset Park. Don’t miss out on this exciting

event! Visit www.pubinthepark.org for details!

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.



Gordon Larsen Business Achievement Awards

The Gordon Larsen Business Achievement Awards returns for the 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 14, 2016.

Winners of each category will be honored at the first Village Board meeting in January 2017 and will also receive a variety of incentives to promote their businesses, including ad space in the 2017 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 2015 winners were Lowe's Home Improvement (Community Service), Bright Star Pet Services (Customer Service), and DLS Internet (Employer of Choice). Information regarding these winners will be available online until the 2016 winners are announced in January.

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.

Resident Satisfaction Survey

Following the 2016 Resident Satisfaction Survey, resident responses were reviewed in full to identify any patterns, comments or suggestions that indicated a need for change or improvement to any programs and services currently offered. The Administration Department then channeled responses out to the appropriate departments, allowing them to determine the best action to take regarding each itemized issue throughout the 2016 year. Departments that had responses to the survey that required action are summarized as follows:

PUBLIC WORKS - The department received a number of concerned comments on the emerald ash borer infestation, specifically on how many trees have been removed without being replaced. Staff responded to these inquiries by letting residents know the Village is utilizing resources to first remove hazard trees and then transition into replacement. Public Works will seek further direction from the Board of Trustees later this year.

The department also received a number of complaints on water quality. While many complaints were about the general taste of ground water, some concerns had to do with the boil order issued earlier this year. In response, the water department has updated the water system monitoring standard operating procedure as well as the process, including additional limit alarms to our SCADA system to ensure this does not happen again.

POLICE DEPARTMENT - In an effort to address resident's concerns about speeding autos the department has initiated a 3 tier approach to ensure that we are providing a visible and effective presence in problem areas. The department will first use traffic counters to identify data, and then follow with speed trailer deployment in an effort to gain voluntary compliance, and lastly a directed patrol if needed during problem times. The department further reached out to those residents who wished to be contacted and addressed their issues personally.

PARKS AND RECREATION - Survey results continue to indicate an interest in improvements to certain facilities and increased opportunities for outdoor programming. This past summer, the department renovated and installed new playground equipment in-house at Stoneybrook Park and also opened a Children's Garden in cooperation with the Algonquin/Lake in the Hills Interfaith Food Pantry to provide outdoor and environmental education opportunities, as well as to donate vegetables to the food pantry.

The department continues to support the People for Parks foundation and their Pub in the Park event.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - Community Development continues to encourage the use of the online Public Portal, which allows residents to apply for certain building permits, check permit status, request an inspection, or report a code violation. Additionally, in response to concerns about code enforcement, the Community Development department has reassigned inspectors' primary districts for a "fresh eyes" approach, increased ordinance signage, and distributed postcard reminders and other educational materials as needed.

For more information on the 2016 Resident Satisfaction Survey results and action taken, please visit www.lith.org or contact the Administration Department at 847-960-7410.

Boats, Trailers and Recreational Vehicles at Residences

During the “off season” from December 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017 boats, recreational vehicles and trailers shall be stored either indoors or:

- 1) Stored outdoors in the rear yard on an approved 9' x 18' surface such as asphalt, concrete, brick pavers, or continuous patio blocks.
- 2) Stored outdoors in the side yard on an approved surface and screened by a fence that is approved and installed through the building permit process.

Reminder: No boat, trailer or recreational vehicle shall be over 6 foot in height if stored in the side yard. Items are considered “stored” if they do not move off the site for a specific purpose every 48 hours. Snowmobiles and associated trailers ARE permitted to be kept on driveways during the winter months.

Snow on Sidewalks

This winter, please remember to remove snow and ice from your sidewalks and the public sidewalk adjacent to your property so that children walking to school bus stops and other pedestrians do not have to walk in the streets.

Per the Municipal Code, residents are required to shovel within 24 hours after snowfall has ceased. If accumulation is frozen hard to the surface, the area must be sanded or salted until the temperatures allow for removal. No shoveling into the street is permitted and property owners are asked to assist with keeping the area clear around fire hydrants.



Snow Removal

Winters are usually a challenge for just about everyone in the Midwest area. When the snow begins to fall or icy conditions are present, 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 & Tips:

- Children need to stay 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.

- When clearing snow from your driveway, shovel snow in the direction of traffic and downstream of plowing operations onto the parkway.
- When shoveling snow, please refrain from blowing or throwing snow into an already plowed street. This action can create a hazardous condition.
- 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.

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



Emerald Ash Borer Impact

The most significant challenges cities and villages across northern Illinois are facing is the impact of the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). The urban landscape is being devastated by this invasive beetle.



Five years ago, the Village had over 2900 Ash trees along our parkways. The Ash tree is a hardy species which grows quickly, which made it a good choice for parkways. Unfortunately, the EAB has no local predator to slow its spread which has virtually wiped out the Ash trees in the Village.

The Emerald Ash Borer larva bore holes which results in the death of the tree. 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. There are approximately 450 untreated dead or dying ash trees remaining in the Village. Public Works staff plans to have all remaining ash trees removed within the next year, thereby mitigating the risk from falling dead trees as quickly as possible. With the focus on safety, Public Works is removing the trees, but stumps may remain until all the dead trees have been removed. Once all ash trees have been removed, then the Village will return to the tree replacement program to replace the removed Ash trees with other species.

Outdoor Burning

As the cold weather and holiday season approaches, residents may continue to make use of outdoor fireplaces and burn rings for recreational purposes. Per the Municipal Code, all recreational burning must be contained in a commercially produced or constructed fireplace, portable fire pit maximum 3 feet in diameter, chiminea, or patio hearth that is used as directed by the manufacturer's safety instructions. All other recreational bonfires are subject to additional regulations and must have permit approval by the Police Department.

Yard Waste Information

Yard Waste collection is offered each year from April 1 through November 30. Yard Waste must be placed in either biodegradable paper bags or cans clearly labeled with a "Yard Waste Only" decal. These decals are available at the Village Hall or Public Works free of charge. Bags and cans must not exceed 34 gallons in size and 50 pounds in weight.

Branches and brush less than 4 inches in diameter that do not fit in a can or bag must be securely bundled with string or twine. Bundles must not exceed 4 feet in length and 50 pounds in weight. Branches and brush larger than 4 inches in diameter are treated as refuse. Natural Christmas trees will be collected during the month of January, beginning Monday January 4. All lights, ornaments, tinsel, and other decorations must be removed by residents prior to disposal.

Please call Republic Services at 847-429-7370 if you have any further questions on this program.

Solid Waste and Recycling Cart Rental

All refuse must be contained in cans or plastic bags not exceeding 34 gallons in size and 50 pounds in weight. If you don't want to provide your own containers, Republic Services offers the option to rent solid waste or recyclable carts. The cart rental is in addition to the base collection cost of \$17.01 per month. The carts are wheeled to make them easy to move and the lids are permanently attached so they don't blow away on windy days.

Another great feature is that Republic Services will repair or replace them if they are damaged due to wear and tear. The cost for carts is \$3.03 per month for 95-gallon, \$2.78 per month for 65-gallon or \$2.53 per month for 35-gallon refuse or recycling carts. Please call Republic Services at 847-429-7370 if you have any further questions on this program.

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 (AC, furnace, roofing, siding, water heater and softeners), apply for a contractor's license or business license, request a building permit inspection, or report a property maintenance issue. The link to the Public Portal is www.lith.org/cd/page/publicportal. Users must create an account with a username and password to access the portal the first time. The use of the portal is encouraged as a more efficient and convenient way to obtain a building permit or license for certain projects.



Economic Development

Construction Updates



Thorton's - The work for an interior and exterior face lift, new signage, and service pump upgrades was completed this summer. In addition to the remodeling, Thorton's has also expanded their food and beverage selections.



DM Burgers - Construction work on the new DM Burgers completed and the business opened in August 2016. The new restaurant offers USDA Prime burgers with steak fries and drink options at a reasonable price. They are located at 9441 Ackman Road.



Bear Paddle Swim School - Construction is proceeding for the swimming pool installation at Bear Paddle Swim School located at the lot off of Randall and Algonquin Road. They anticipate opening this fall/winter.



Butcher on the Block - Work continues for the Butcher on the Block expansion project. The business currently occupies 1,600 sq ft. but will utilize the space of the unit east of the shop to grow in size to 4,300 sq ft. Butcher on the Block, located at 4660 W Algonquin Road, also plans to expand its products and services offered.

International Council of Shopping Centers: In late May, the Lake in the Hills Community Development department represented the Village at the International Council of Shopping Center's Annual Convention in Las Vegas. This event, which is attended by retailers, real estate brokers, developers, and municipalities, is the largest convention of its kind in the world. Over 35,000 people attended this year. This type of face-to-face contact with the retail community allows us to share the many benefits of Lake in the Hills. 70% of all the retail deals are made at this event. Lake in the Hills will also attend the fall ICSC Midwest "Deal Makers" in October at Navy Pier.

Economic Development Focus Group Results: Early in 2016, the Community Development Department conducted three focus group discussions with Lake in the Hills residents asking them to share their thoughts about shopping and restaurant choices.

Four distinct areas of interest were agreed upon by participants: Upscale dining, a new full-service hotel, high-end automobile dealerships, and more personal, boutique type retail shops.

As a result of our focus group interaction, the Community Development Department was able to share valuable insight and data with restaurants, automobile dealers and hotels. This sharing of information has allowed a dialog to begin with several potential users of the above mentioned categories.

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.



Electronic Water Quality Report

The Water Quality Report for 2015 has been completed and uploaded to the Village website. The Water Quality Report is an Environmental Protection Agency mandated annual report delivered by community water systems to their customers. The report includes information on source water, the levels of detected contaminants, and compliance with drinking water rules. The Village is proud to report another year with no violations of drinking water standards.

The electronic process for delivering the Water Quality Report allows for significant savings on postage and printing costs while still delivering important and required information to our residents. Residents who are interested in learning more about water quality within the Village can access the report at <http://www.lith.org/wq.pdf>.

In an effort to ensure everyone has an opportunity to view the report, the Village utilizes several delivery methods to ensure the URL has been distributed to our residents. The address was posted and mailed on Village water bills, letters have been hand delivered to apartment complex owners, a press release was issued and information was posted on the message board at Village Hall. Paper copies are also available at the Village Hall and Public Works.



Hydrant Flushing

In October, the Public Works Department will once again be conducting Village-wide water main / hydrant flushing. This is necessary to ensure adequate pressure and operation of all Village hydrants. Flushing is also conducted to remove sediment from the water mains in order to maintain high water quality in the distribution system. As the flushing is in progress supplied water can become cloudy with the potential to stain clothes. To avoid possible damage to clothing, the Village recommends that residents refrain from running laundry cycles while flushing is underway in your neighborhood.

Advanced notification of flushing will be provided through postings on Village marquees and the Resident & Business Insider email newsletters. Sign-up for these newsletters is available from the Village website at www.lith.org/community/page/publications. Additionally, the Public Works Department will post notification signs on barricades to be placed in the immediate area of flushing at least one day prior to any actual flushing taking place. If you have any questions about the flushing program, please contact Public Works at 847-960-7500.



Taxiway Relocation

The Airport is nearing completion of its taxiway construction project. This is the last of three phases that started in 2010. When finished, this will improve traffic flow on the airport's parallel taxiway and eliminate obstacles that were too close to the existing runway according to current Federal Aviation Administration standards.

As part of the project, four hangars were relocated and the airport office building was torn down. The Airport's new office is just across the parking lot and offers much nicer accommodations to guests as well as amenities such as soda and snack vending machines with a great view of the runway.

The cost for this work is estimated at \$2.25 million. It is

funded by a 90% Federal Aviation Administration grant and 5% State grant with the remainder coming from revenue generated locally by the airport. Crawford, Murphy, and Tilly, Inc. is providing engineering for the project and Maneval Construction is handling the construction.



Water Conservation and Residential Leak Detection

On average, nearly 30% of all the drinking water produced by the Village in a calendar year is consumed in the three-months of summer. Customarily, the high volume of water used in this time period is used for caring for lawns and gardens. Drinking water professionals both in and outside of the Village are concerned about this rate of consumption and believe that it presents the largest and most immediate threat to our water supply.

The Village of Lake in the Hills enforces an outside water usage ordinance to help reduce this threat. The ordinance states that odd numbered addresses are allowed 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 of the month. The ordinance is designed to regulate water consumption and reduce unnecessary waste in an effort to safeguard our water supply against depletion.

In extreme circumstances, the water restrictions can change. If critical water system equipment is damaged or inoperative, or extreme weather occurs, restrictions can go from green to yellow or to red. Yellow conditions are even / odd with outside watering times of 7 am to 9 am and again from 7 pm to 9 pm. Red conditions require a complete halt of outside water usage.

Even if you are not using much water outside, leaks inside the home can still unnecessarily raise your water bill. Water leaks account for approximately 14% of all water use in the average American home, and the toilet is one of the most likely places to find them. Sometimes it is easy to tell that your toilet is leaking - you hear the sound of running water or a faint hissing or trickling. But many times water flows through the tank silently, which is why these leaks are often overlooked.

How to check your toilet for leaks

1. Remove the toilet tank lid.
2. Drop one dye tablet or 10 drops of food coloring into the tank. (Dye tablets are available for free at the Public Works Facility on Haligus Road or at the Finance Desk in Village Hall).
3. Put the lid back on. Do not flush.
4. Wait at least 10-15 minutes, and then look in the bowl. If you see colored water, you have a leak.

"Toilet Leaks." Regional Water Providers Consortium. <http://www.conserveh2o.org/water-lost-toilet-leaks>.

Park it Once, Park it Right



With the school year approaching fast it is important to remind our residents that illegally parked vehicles can play a role in the safety of our children walking to their bus stops and for pedestrians in general. The Illinois Vehicle code (625 ILCS 5/1303) prohibits the following regarding stopping, standing or parking a vehicle:

- Parking on a sidewalk
- Within an intersection
- On a crosswalk
- Parking within 15 feet of a fire hydrant
- Parking within 20 feet of a crosswalk at an intersection
- Within 30 feet of an approach to any flashing signal, stop sign, yield sign or traffic control signal.
- In front of a public or private driveway.

The Illinois vehicle code is very specific about who can and cannot park in a handicap space. Each year we respond to calls at our schools for possible violations. Please remember these parking areas are for persons with disabilities (625 ILCS 5/1301). Vehicles allowed to park in the handicap areas are:



- Any vehicle which has displayed a valid handicap placard and the authorized holder is present.
- Any vehicle which is bearing registration plates issued to a person with disabilities who is present.

Violations for Handicap Parking include:

- Any person displaying a handicap placard and the authorized holder is not present.
- Any vehicle which is bearing registration plates issued to a person with disabilities who is not present in the vehicle.
- Any vehicle not displaying a handicap parking decal or bearing registration plates issued for a person with disabilities.
- Any authorized holder of the disability license plate or parking decal or device who does not enter or exit the vehicle at the time the parking privileges are being used.

The Village of Lake in the Hills has adopted the Illinois Vehicle code under Chapter 41 of its local ordinance. Any violations can be ticketed at the discretion of the officers.

Report Suspicious Activity

The Police Department has 29 patrol officers watching the Village 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, but all members of the community play a role in keeping our Village safe. "If You See Something, Say Something™" is a national campaign run by the Department of Homeland Security** to raise public awareness of the indicators of terrorism-related crime, as well as the importance of reporting suspicious activity to state and local law enforcement. As a small community, this campaign goes beyond terrorism.

The Lake in the Hills Police Department is asking for your assistance in reporting suspicious activity. With 28,965 residents, and 9,885 households, five schools, 32 parks, and over 600 store front and home based business throughout the Village, there is much to monitor. Additionally, according to the McHenry County Department of Transportation*, every 24 hours, there are approximately 30,000 vehicles traveling on Randall Road, Rakow Road, and Algonquin Road and approximately 11,000 vehicles on Illinois Route 31, and approximately 14,000 on Lakewood Road and Miller Road.

There are several ways to notify the police department. If there is an emergency or a crime in progress, call 9-1-1. If it is a non-emergency and you wish to speak to an officer, you can call the police department at 847-658-5676. Anonymous tips may be submitted via the crime tip link on the Village website at <http://www.lith.org/police/webform/crime-tips>.

*Traffic Counts. McHenry County Illinois. <https://www.co.mchenry.il.us/county-government/departments-j-z/transportation/resources/traffic-counts>.

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Back To School Means School Buses!

The time honored tradition of sending the kids back to school is upon us and school buses are back on the roads! Nearly 25 million students nationwide begin and end their day on a school bus. School buses keep more than an estimated 17 million cars away from school parking lots every day and are the safest way to get to school and home again. They are 13 times safer than riding in a car and 10 times safer than walking (1).

Bus safety for children is important. Here are a few things to teach all of your children:

- Stay away from traffic while waiting for the bus.
- Wait for the bus to stop and open the doors before approaching the bus.
- Don't scream and yell while on the bus (it distracts the driver).
- Keep the aisle clear.
- Wait for the bus to stop before standing.



- Never walk behind the bus when you get off.
- If you have to cross the street, do it at least 10 feet in front of the bus.

In the hours before and after school, be watchful for school buses that are loading or unloading children that they have to transport. Watch out for children along bus routes and especially in loading areas.

If you are driving towards a stopped school bus that is loading or unloading passengers on a two-lane road you must come to a complete stop and wait until the stop arm (the stop sign that is attached to the driver's side of the bus) is retracted AND the flashing lights on the bus are turned off. The bus driver may also wave to you to allow you to pass. If you are on a 4 lane road and are driving in the opposite direction as the school bus, you do not have to stop but should slow down and drive cautiously (2).

Passing a school bus that is loading or unloading passengers is a violation of the Illinois Vehicle Code and your driver's license and/or your vehicle registration could be suspended for three months if you are convicted. Bus drivers are instructed to write down the license plate of any vehicle that passes them while loading or unloading and to call police immediately. Officers will investigate the complaints and issue tickets

For more ideas on bus safety for you and your children, please visit the websites listed below.

(1) National Safety Council. "School Bus Safety." <http://www.nsc.org/learn/safety-knowledge/Pages/news-and-resources-school-bus-safety-rules.aspx>.

(2) Illinois Secretary of State. "Cyber Drive Illinois." http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/publications/pdf_publications/dsd_a112.pdf.

Community Calendar

September

- 1 Parks and Recreation Board Meeting, Village Hall, 6:30pm
- 2 Summer Sunset Fest, Sunset Park, 3:00pm
- 3 Summer Sunset Fest Parade, Miller Road, 10:00am
- 4 Summer Sunset Fest, Sunset Park, 11:00am
- 5 Village Hall Closed, Labor Day
- 6 Committee of the Whole Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 8 Board of Trustees Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 12 Planning & Zoning Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 20 Committee of the Whole Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 22 Board of Trustees Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm

October

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

November

- 1 Police Commission Meeting, Village Hall, 7:00pm
- 3 Parks and Recreation Board Meeting, Village Hall, 6:30pm
- 5 Great Pumpkin Roll, Butch Hagele Beach, 11:30am
- 8 Committee of the Whole Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 10 Board of Trustees Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 11 Veterans Day, Village Hall Closed
- 14 Planning & Zoning Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 23 Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon, Village Hall, 11:00am
- 24 Village Hall closed, Thanksgiving Holiday
- 25 Village Hall closed, Thanksgiving Holiday

December

- 2 Festival of Trees and Santa Ride In, Village Hall, 6:00pm
- 6 Committee of the Whole Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 8 Board of Trustees Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 9 Holiday Spaghetti Dinner, Village Hall, 6:00pm
- 12 Planning & Zoning Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 24 Village Hall Closes at 12:30pm, Christmas Eve
- 25 Village Hall Closed, Christmas
- 31 Noon Year's Eve Party, Village Hall, 11:00am
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.

FACILITY AND SHELTER RESERVATIONS CAN ONLY BE MADE ONLINE OR IN PERSON.



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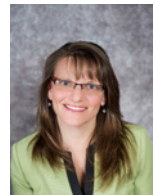
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Village Office Hours

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 Department has extended hours on Thursdays,
remaining open until 7:30 p.m.

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
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Parks and Recreation	960-7460
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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.

Name

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