



The Messenger

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2015/16 Gordon Larsen Business Achievement Award Winners

In January, the Village recognized three deserving businesses for their exceptional efforts through 2015 in the categories of Customer Service, Employer of Choice, and Community Service as a part of the Gordon Larsen Business Achievement Awards program. The Village received over 450 nominations for 22 different store-front and home-based Lake in the Hills businesses.

Bright Star Pet Services - Customer Service: Despite not having the foot traffic or volume of customers that store-front businesses have, Bright Star Pet Services received 16 nominations. This is the highest number of nominations a home-based business in the Village has ever received. Each of the nominations spoke to the above and beyond customer service provided by the business and cited personal examples in which the individuals received customized and professional care.

“One of our dogs is very shy and nervous around new people. Jessica was amazing at making him feel comfortable. She offered to come by daily, free of charge, for a few minutes at a time so that our dog could get to know her and not be scared...” - Sarah A.

Bright Star Pet Services offers pet sitting, walking, and training.

DLS Internet Services - Employer of Choice: DLS Internet Services received 9 nominations for Employer of Choice. Nominations highlighted the friendly work environment, flexibility, ongoing education, and high number of benefits offered to employees. Employees are uniquely encouraged to learn and advance skills

to propel their careers, leading to a high number of past employees who have been promoted away to become senior leaders at other companies.

“DLS offers a unique opportunity for high school/college students to acquire a wide range of technical skills in many areas of IT that is not commonly found this far into the Northwest Suburbs. There are seasonal parties and weekly free lunches paid by DLS which makes for a fun workplace. This company provides great benefits and creates a work environment that encourages success and fun.” - Ross C.

DLS Internet Services was established in the Village in 2001.

Lowe’s Home Improvement - Community Service: The majority of the nominations the Village received repeatedly acknowledged Lowe’s recent work to remodel the kitchen at the Turning Point Women’s Shelter in Woodstock, IL. In August 2015, Lowe’s had heard about Turning Point’s needs from their annual Radiothon at Sam’s Club in Crystal Lake to collect donations. Lowe’s reached out to Turning Point to see what else they could do to help. They donated time, labor, and materials to completely gut and renovate the kitchen and paint some of the hallways in the building.

“Lowe’s helps people love where they live. At Turning Point they provided supplies and service to renovate the kitchen and surrounding area (community shelter).” - John E.

For more information and nomination highlights on the winning businesses or to nominate a business for the 2016/17 year, please visit: www.lith.org/gordonlarsen.



Left: President Paul Mulcaby, Right: Jessica Frost, Owner



Left: President Paul Mulcaby, Right: Sam Rozenfeld, Owner



Left: President Mulcaby; Marco Zamorano, Turning Point Project Lead, Center: Don Richter, Store manager Right: Brad Omachel, Assistant Store Manager

Letter From the Village President



**Village President
Paul Mulcahy**
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This past December the Village Board of Trustees approved the Village Budget for 2016. I'm very pleased to tell you that our Village has long been, and remains in a very strong financial position. This year marks the 5th year in a row that we have reduced the Village's property tax levy, and we continue to live within our means by conservative spending. A copy of our budget is available online so please review it.

The current fiscal situation in the State of Illinois, however, is a real concern. At this time last year, Governor Rauner was proposing a reduction of 50% in the amount of State Income Tax dollars that

are returned to municipalities through the Local Government Distributive Fund. The Village currently receives approximately \$3.1 million dollars from this revenue source. I recently traveled to Springfield with a delegation of elected and appointed leaders from the McHenry County Council of Governments to address this and several other concerns with our State Legislators.

During this visit we were fortunate to spend a rather generous amount of time with the Governor. The Governor seems engaged to address the financial problems here in Illinois and I hope he is successful in orchestrating a compromise with the other state leaders. But I

do have one concern. When asked about the municipal portion of the Income Tax, he said that he no longer thinks a reduction will be necessary, but qualified that by saying that the State needs to start living within its means, and that he will do what is necessary to accomplish that.

I respectfully replied that most municipalities in this county, and particularly Lake in the Hills, have long been living within their means. I mentioned that we have either reduced or held steady our property tax levy, reduced our spending, minimized staffing levels, and increased efficiencies in the way we do business. We have done this while maintaining the high levels of services that our residents deserve. I told the Governor that I fully support and understand the need for his efforts to fix the problems in State government, but to do that at the expense of communities like ours is the wrong approach. State mandated cuts in local budgets will cause cuts in essential services like police protection, snow removal, and park maintenance and programming. I find that unacceptable. The greatest, most direct benefit taxpayers receive from income tax is at the local level, and returning some of that money to local government is the correct and proper thing to do.

Paul Mulcahy
Village President



Veterans Memorial Update

In August of 2013, plans were unveiled at a Committee of the Whole meeting and elected officials gave their full support to build a Veterans Memorial at Village Hall. On Veterans Day in November of 2014, the Veterans Memorial Committee held a groundbreaking ceremony at the site of the memorial to initiate the construction to begin in 2015. Throughout the year, concrete was poured, flag poles installed, the brick plaza was created, and the granite slabs representing each branch of the military were mounted in the concrete.

On Veterans Day, 2015, the Committee held a dedication ceremony for the work completed to date. In the spring of 2016, benches will be added for seating, a wall will be erected between the granite slabs and commemorative bricks will continue to be added to the plaza.

The Committee would like to thank all who donated to help make this venture a reality and also all who have been able to be present at the ground breaking and/or dedication ceremonies.

Donations are still being collected to continue to build the Veterans Memorial at Village Hall to honor and give thanks to all the veterans and servicemen that have given of themselves to protect our Country. Additionally, you can still purchase a commemorative brick to be used as a part of the Veterans Memorial plaza. This is a unique and special way to honor a friend, family member, or organization in a lasting and memorable way. Standard 4x8" bricks cost \$75.00 and a large 8x8" brick costs \$150. For more information or to order a brick online, please visit www.lith.org.



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 “Traffic Safety News”. 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.

The banners include the Village of Lake in the Hills logo and the following titles: *Lake in The Hills Resident Insider Update*, *Lake in The Hills Business Insider Update*, **CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATE**, *Lake in the Hills 3CK Airport Update*, and **TRAFFIC SAFETY NEWS**.

Public Works Open House

The annual Public Works Open House will be held on Saturday, May 14, 2016. This annual event offers our residents the opportunity to meet our Public Works staff and be able to see the equipment utilized to maintain the Village infrastructure. If you haven’t attended in the past, you should plan on it this year.

The open house runs from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and will include tours of an adjacent water treatment facility. Visitors can take part in demonstrations as well as receive relative information from our Water, Street, and Public Properties Divisions. Trucks, skidsteers, 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. So please 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. Call Public Works at 847-960-7500 for more information.



Online Public Portal

The Public Portal located on the Village’s website allows residents, contractors and businesses to apply for certain building permits (air conditioner, furnace, roof, siding, water heater and water softener), check the status of their permit, apply for a contractor’s or business license, request an inspection, and report a code violation.

The link to the Public Portal is available at www.lith.org/cd/page/public-portal. Users need to create an account to access these services. This service allows a more efficient and convenient way for residents and contractors to obtain building permits and licenses and have their projects approved by the Village.



2016 Resident Satisfaction Survey

Beginning March 21, the Village will again 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 15.

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 Resident Satisfaction Survey Response

Following the 2015 Resident Satisfaction Survey, resident responses were reviewed in full to identify any 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 2015 year. Departments that had responses to the survey that required action are summarized below:

PUBLIC WORKS - A major area of concern expressed by residents was traffic in certain areas. The Village is currently working with McHenry County on improvements to Randall Road. Preliminary designs are complete for the section from Harnish Road to Acorn Lane and Polaris Drive. These plans include the conventional intersection at Randall and Algonquin Roads. Construction is tentatively planned to begin in 2017. Additionally, Village staff has also worked with McHenry County to improve the timing of the left turn signal from Randall Road onto Miller Road, future improvements to the Pyott Road and Oak Street intersection, and a possible traffic signal at Miller and Lakewood Roads.

Other concerns included Emerald Ash Borer damage and water quality south of Woods Creek Lake. Public Works is focusing their efforts on removing the dead and dying trees, which is expected to take until the end of 2017. After all infected trees have been removed, they will be able to replant trees where they were lost. Improvements have also been made at the Oakleaf Road Water Tower to improve water quality and have helped to eliminate problems with taste and odor.

POLICE DEPARTMENT - Residents expressed concerns regarding traffic enforcement, ordinance enforcement, and police visibility in retail areas. In response, the department introduced several actions to increase efforts in these areas. Directed patrols have been started in all retail shopping areas through the Village, specifically targeting Friday-Sunday during high volume shopping times. The department also designed a "Summer Slowdown" traffic enforcement campaign. The campaign was designed to improve public safety, educate the public, and strictly enforce violations of speed on residential streets.



This sustained effort resulted in 8,318 vehicles observed by officers during the 782 directed patrols on each residential street in the Village.

To address ordinance violation concerns, the department modified the part-time community service position to full-time, increasing the patrol division to two full-time community services officers. The increase in staffing saw a growth in ordinance enforcement by approximately 47% in 2015.

PARKS AND RECREATION - Survey results indicated that residents wanted to see more activities and improvements to certain facilities, beaches, parks, etc. The department has applied for a grant for 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.

Beach, fishing and boating improvements will focus on Indian Trail Beach where additional boat slips and a small pier will be constructed and the existing shelter will be refinished. Stonybrook Park will receive updated playground equipment in 2016, installed in-house by the Parks Department to reduce expenses. The LaBahn Hain House will also receive minor interior cosmetic improvements to better serve rental groups.

Additionally, the department supported the People for Parks Foundation to add the first Pub in the Park event in October 2015,

which is set to reoccur annually. Residents can expect to see an increased number of family and community-based events held throughout the Village in the upcoming Parks and Recreation Department summer brochure.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - Residents voiced concerns over effective code enforcement, code comprehension, and economic development. A second full-time building inspector will be hired to assist in code enforcement, permit reviews, and inspections. Code enforcement efficiency and effectiveness has been improved by simplifying inspector coverage areas, improving filing and permit software systems, increasing coordination with the Public Works and Police Departments, increasing education to residents on Village codes, and providing resources to residents to assist homeowners in rectifying code enforcement issues.

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. The percentage of applicants obtaining a building permit using the Public Portal increased from 17% in October to 30% in December. Additionally, the Comprehensive Land Use Plan, Subdivision and Zoning Ordinances are in place to ensure orderly economic development. New commercial developments are coming on board in the Village and economic development focus groups were held in late February to invite community participation in the economic development processes of the Village. It is anticipated that the former Dominick's will be occupied by a retailer in 2016.

For more information on the 2015 Resident Satisfaction Survey results and action taken, please visit www.lith.org or contact the Administration Department at 847-960-7410.

Teen Job & Opportunity Fair

The Village of Lake in the Hills Parks and Recreation Department will be hosting a Teen Job & Opportunity Fair on Monday, April 4. The event will take place in the Village Hall Multi-Purpose Room (lower-level) from 5:30-7:30 p.m. This event is open to applicants ages 16 to 24 who are invited to come learn about positions available at the Village and also to meet with area businesses representatives to learn more about their companies and employment opportunities. Admission is FREE.

Businesses participation in the event is also free. Opportunities are first-come, first-serve, with 14 available openings. Businesses that are interested in participating may contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 847-960-7463 for more information or email Kristi Brewer at kbrewer@lith.org for a business application.



Tax Scam Awareness

Tax time is here and as incidents of an aggressive telephone scam continue across the country, the Internal Revenue Service unveiled a new YouTube video with a renewed warning to taxpayers not to be fooled by impostors posing as tax agency representatives.

These callers may demand money or may say you have a refund due and try to trick you into sharing private information. These con artists can sound convincing when they call. They may know a lot about you, and they usually alter the caller ID to make it look like the IRS is calling. They use fake names and bogus IRS identification badge numbers. If you don't answer, they often leave an "urgent" callback request.

The IRS reminds people that they can know pretty easily when a supposed IRS caller is a fake. Here are five things the scammers often do but the IRS will not do. Any one of these five things is a tell-tale sign of a scam. The IRS will never:

1. Call to demand immediate payment, nor will the agency call about taxes owed without first having mailed you a bill.
2. Demand that you pay taxes without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe.
3. Require you to use a specific payment method for your taxes, such as a prepaid debit card.
4. Ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.
5. Threaten to bring in local police or other law-enforcement groups to have you arrested for not paying.

If you get a phone call from someone claiming to be from the IRS and asking for money, here's what you should do:

- If you know you owe taxes or think you might owe, call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040. The IRS workers can help you with a payment issue.
- If you know you don't owe taxes or have no reason to believe that you do, report the incident to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) at 1-800-366-4484 or at www.tigta.gov.
- If you've been targeted by this scam, also contact the Federal Trade Commission and use their "FTC Complaint Assistant" at www.ftc.gov. Please add "IRS Telephone Scam" to the comments of your complaint.

Remember, too, the IRS does not use email, text messages or any social media to discuss your personal tax issue. For more information on reporting tax scams, go to www.irs.gov and type "scam" in the search box.

The IRS offers this Tax Scams video which describes some basic tips to help protect taxpayers from tax scams. Additional information about tax scams is available on IRS social media sites, including YouTube www.youtube.com/irsvideos.

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2016 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 may be submitted on the Village website by completing the entry form and uploading a photo online. Entrants must be the sole author and owner of the photo. Limit 5 submissions per entrant, one entry form per submission. 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 submitted by May 27, 2016 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. The contest is open to both residents and non-residents. For more information, please visit www.lith.org or contact the Administration Department at 847-960-7410.

"Whispering Sunset"
2015 Winning Photo by Joanne Gard

Sidewalk Maintenance and Cost Sharing Sidewalk Replacement Program

The Village of Lake in the Hills 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 and/or replacements are prioritized based on the degree of damage observed.

The Cost Sharing Sidewalk Replacement Program is a program between the Village of Lake in the Hills and property owners. Property owners who wish to make improvements to the sidewalk adjacent to their property that are non-hazardous or for aesthetic conditions can 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.

Questions regarding the Cost Sharing Sidewalk Replacement Program should be directed to Streets Superintendent, Guy Fehrman, at 847-960-7507.

Shred Day

Safe disposal of personal documents helps to reduce the risk of becoming a victim of identity theft. The Village of Lake in the Hills will be hosting a shredding day for Lake in the Hills Residents only on Saturday, May 21, 2016 and on 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 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.

2016 National Night Out Against Crime

National Night Out is a program designed to get the Village's neighborhoods involved in a "stand against crime" in their community. The Community Cookout will be held on Saturday, August 6 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Safety Education Center where free hot dogs and pop will be provided. Attendees will get the opportunity to tour the Police Department, take part in simulations, watch a canine demonstration, and much more! Police officers and Village officials will be in attendance.





Easter Events

Kids, bring your baskets to fill up with eggs at the annual Easter Egg Hunt event! Plastic eggs will be filled with candy, toys, and some will have special tickets for prizes/baskets! This FREE event takes place rain or shine on Saturday, March 19 at 10:00 a.m. and will be held outside at Village Hall. Groups are divided from ages 0-2, 3-4, 5-7, and 8-10. Each child can find up to 12 eggs - and, of course, the Easter Bunny will be there too!

The fun doesn't have to end with the egg hunt, though. Sign up for our Bunny Pancake Breakfast that will take place inside Village Hall right after the egg hunt. In addition to breakfast, there will be games, crafts, and photo opportunities with the bunny. The cost is \$5 per child, ages 4-15 and \$10 for adults. Children 3 and under are free. Pre-registration is required for the breakfast.



Run thru the Hills - Sunday, April 10

5K- 10K - Fun Run - 5K Ruck

Since 1999, participants have enjoyed this popular, challenging course in the rolling terrain and streets that surround Woods Creek Lake. Participants can choose 10K, 5K or 5K Ruck Run. In celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Lake in the Hills Parks and Recreation Department a complimentary post-race breakfast is included for all participants. Awards presentations will take place during breakfast. For full race details, rules and registration, and volunteer information, go to www.raceentry.com.



Wheels and Deals

Looking for a good used bike, trike, skateboard or stroller? Let's wheel & deal! On Saturday, April 16, 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.

Mom and Son Superhero Night

Super-sons will escort their Super-moms for a fabulous night of fun at Village Hall! On Saturday, May 7, from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m., boys and their moms (grandmas, aunts, etc.) will get to enjoy dinner and activities while meeting their favorite superheroes. Each child will receive a treat bag, and there will be plenty of great photo ops, so don't forget your camera!



Preschool Academy

The Lake in the Hills Preschool Academy offers a variety of classes for ages 2-5. New for the 2016-2017 School Year is the Mom/Tot program for 2 year olds. In this class, Mom, Dad, or other caregiver attend the first half of the year with the child, and then the second half of the year, only the child attends. This offers a great transition into Preschool.

The Academy also offers 2, 3 and 4 day classes for ages 2.5 - 5. Our Spanish Enrichment classes are a popular choice as well. While the program includes learning through play, our curriculum also has a strong emphasis on academics. This allows our students to be fully prepared to enter Kindergarten. For a tour of our classrooms, contact Lisa Knoepfel, Preschool Supervisor, at 847-960-7470.

Fantasticamp

Before we know it, summer will be here! Sign your kids up for a summer of adventure with our many options for camp. The Village offers 2, 3, and 4 day options through Flexicamp, and a full week with Funtasticamp. These camps service children in Kindergarten through 6th grade.

New this year is a Counselor in Training program for 7th and 8th graders. No matter which option you choose, know that your children are safe and having fun while under the supervision of our carefully selected and highly trained staff. Watch for the 2016 camp brochure online late March and in the Summer Brochure. Early bird registration will take place in April.

Safety Town Program

Safety Town is an interactive program that teaches children ages 4-6 about various safety issues. Topics will include household safety, poisons, fire safety, traffic safety, animal safety, railroad safety, water safety and various others. The program will be taught by Police & Fire personnel along with volunteer assistance from teens. There is no charge for participants. The program runs from June 13-24 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Safety Education Center.



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 Programs and Events

The Parks and Recreation Department offers many opportunities for Seniors within the community to meet people and enjoy stress-free trips across Chicagoland. Some of the upcoming trips are Hollywood Casino, Anderson Japanese Gardens, and White Fence Farm.

Additionally, the Spring Fling Senior Spaghetti Dinner will be held at Village Hall on April 29. For a small fee of \$7 you will receive dinner and entertainment by the band "Fast Eddie and the Corvettes." For more information, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 847-960-7460. Registration deadline is April 22.



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 7 – 10, 2016. There will once again be a first class line-up of ribbers and entertainment. Please visit www.lithribfest.com for more

information and a full list of food vendors, entertainers, updated schedules, information or to volunteer. The Lake in the Hills Rotary Ribfest Committee looks forward to seeing you.

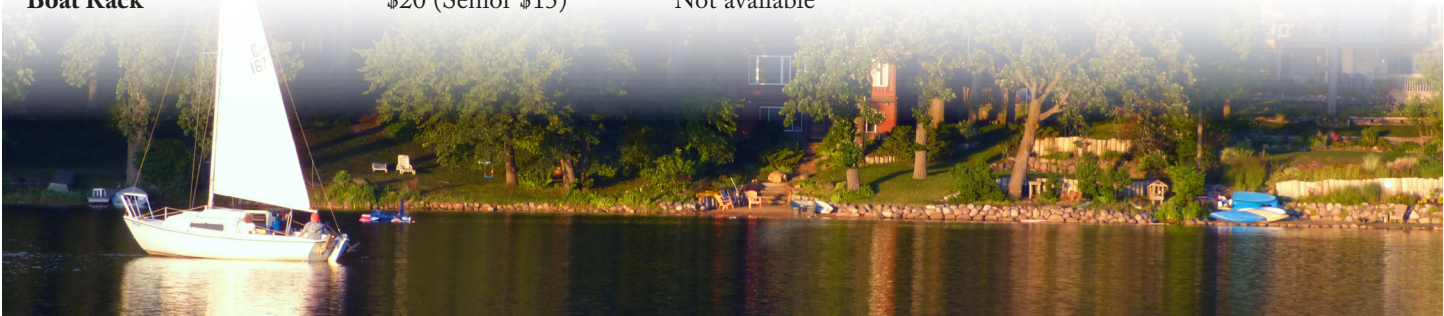


Lake Use Permits, Boat Permits and Beach Admission Fees

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 Village Hall beginning 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 at the Police Department.

	Residents	Non-Residents
Lake Use Permit	\$40 (Senior \$30)	\$60
Beach Daily Admissions	\$2.00	\$5.00
Boat Permit *	10 (Senior \$7)	Not available
Boat Rack	\$20 (Senior \$15)	Not available

*All boat users are required to pay a daily fee or purchase a Boat Permit and Lake Use Permit to utilize Woods Creek Lake. For the safety of the environment and other beach and lake patrons, only trolling motors are allowed on the lake.



Young Eagles 2016

Young Eagles is a free program put on by the Experimental Aircraft Association that introduces children ages 8 to 17 to aviation and the thrill of flying. As of January 2016, Young Eagles programs throughout the nation have collectively flown 1,967,255 children. EAA Chapter 790 based at Lake in the Hills Airport is a volunteer organization made up of local pilots that offers these flights to kids. Pilots donate not only their time but also their aircraft and fuel for the events. All events run from 8:30 a.m. until noon unless



otherwise noted and will be held at the Airport office located on 8407 Pyott Road. A signed waiver from a parent or guardian must be filled out prior to flying. For more information call the airport office at 815-479-7960 or visit the Young Eagles website at www.young eagles.com.

Adults interested in a flight also have the opportunity to go up but they must first register through the EAA's website. The first Young Eagles rally is scheduled for Saturday, May 7. Subsequent rallies are as follows:

June 4, July 2, August 6, September 3, October 1

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.

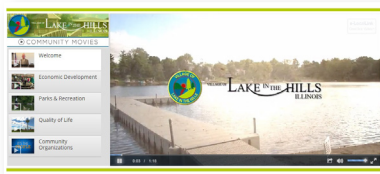
Airport Pancake Breakfast

The Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Chapter 790 based at Lake in the Hills Airport is hosting a pancake breakfast at the Airport on Sunday, June 26 from 8:00 a.m. to noon. 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.

This will mark the second year using a one-of-a-kind, custom -built industrial pancake griddle graciously donated to the Chapter by Airport tenant Karl Singer. Proceeds benefit EAA Chapter 790 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.eaachatper.org.

Community Videos

The Village is excited to introduce a community video series for the promotion of our programs and services to residents, businesses, visitors, investors, and all other stakeholders. The Village partnered with CGI Communications to produce the videos at no cost to Lake in the Hills. The project began in the summer of 2015 with on-site shooting of parks, facilities, businesses, and other area attractions. Production was complete in December 2015. The videos highlight



the quality of life in Lake in the Hills, Parks & Recreation programs and services, and economic development. To view the videos, visit www.lith.org and click the green Community Videos button.

Airport Taxiway Relocation

Originally scheduled for 2015, the final phase of taxiway construction went out to bid in January of this year and is on track to be completed this summer. This is part of the continuing effort to improve safety at the airport. The current taxiway lies within what is known as the runway safety area and thus does not meet current FAA design standards for airport construction. The project will require several hangars to be relocated and the existing airport office building will be torn down. The Airport office will relocate to a nearby hangar with office space on the airfield.

Work began in 2010 to bring the full length taxiway into compliance with design standards. The project was broken up into three phases. This final phase is anticipated to cost \$2.175 million and is being funded by a 90% Federal grant and 5% State grant. The remainder of the cost comes from revenue generated at the airport. Crawford, Murphy and Tilly, Inc. is providing construction and design engineering for the project. Questions about the airport can be answered by Mike Peranich, Airport Manager, at 815-479-7960.

Arbor Day

Lake in the Hills will be celebrating Arbor Day on Friday April 29, at 1:00 p.m. at Village Hall. We will celebrate the many benefits trees provide to the environment by planting a ceremonial tree. In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees. Arbor Day was first observed with the planting of more than one million trees in Nebraska. 2016 is the 144th anniversary of the holiday and Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world.



Trees are vital to our society since they can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide a habitat for wildlife.

They are also a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires, and they beautify our community. 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 us and some of the students from Lincoln Prairie Elementary School for the celebration.



High Grass and Weeds

Village Ordinances makes 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.

Yard Waste Collection

Yard Waste collection is offered beginning April 4 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. Please call Republic Services at 847-429-7370 if you have any further questions on this program.



"In-Season" Boats, Trailers and RVs

During the "in-season," from April 1 to November 30, a boat, trailer, or recreational vehicle may be parked anywhere on residential properties in the Village, however they must be placed on a prepared hard surface such as concrete, asphalt or paver blocks.

Home Improvement Projects

Thinking about completing a home improvement project this spring or summer? You may need a building permit. Permits are required for building additions and any remodeling that changes a building's structure, plumbing, electrical, or heating systems. Please apply for a building permit in advance for any of the following types of projects listed below. This list may not be all inclusive, so please call with any questions about a permit being needed.

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| • Basement Remodel | • Deck | • Furnace & Air Conditioner | • Hot Water Heater | • Room Addition/Remodel |
| • Boat Dock | • Decorative Pond | • Gazebo & Pergola | • Kitchen and Bath Remodeling | • Shed |
| • Concrete or Paver Patio (Includes Walkways and Stoops) | • Demolition | • Generator | • Lawn Sprinkler | • Siding/Roof |
| | • Detached Garage | • Hot Tub | • Retaining Wall | • Swimming Pool |
| | • Driveway | | | • Water Softener |
| | • Fence | | | |

The building permit is a tool to ensure established construction standards and ordinances are followed by anyone doing construction within the community.

Building permit applications and project information sheets are available online at the Village's Community Development webpage. For your convenience, the online Public Portal can be used to apply for the following permits: air conditioner, furnace, roof/siding, water heater, and water softener. All this information can be accessed on the Community Development webpage at www.lith.org/cd/page/building-permits-licensing. If you have any questions, please visit or call the Community Development Department at 847-960-7440.

Community Rating System (CRS)

Did you know that Lake in the Hills is rated in the top 2% of the over 22,000 communities nation-wide participating in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) as demonstrated through FEMA's Community Rating System (CRS)? The CRS is a voluntary, incentive based program that rewards property owners when local governments undertake selective activities that reduce flood damage to existing buildings, manage development in areas not mapped by the NFIP, protect new buildings beyond minimum NFIP protection level, help insurance agents obtain flood data, and help people obtain flood insurance. This results in discounts to flood insurance premium rates on flood insurance policies within the community.

Of the ten classes in the CRS, the Village of Lake in the Hills is currently rated Class 6. There are only 113 communities nation-wide with a better rating. This translates to a 20% reduction in flood insurance rates for local residents and businesses that purchase flood insurance. If you purchase flood insurance, make sure your agent gets you the proper discount. For questions about flood risks in the Village, please contact Streets Superintendent, Guy Fehrman, at 847-960-7500.

Overnight Parking Requests

The Lake in the Hills Municipal Code 41.05 (A) states:

When signs are erected at entrances of highways into the Village giving notice thereof, no person, firm or cooperation shall allow any vehicle to be parked or remain standing on any paved portion of the street that is used by the public for the purposes of vehicular travel for a period of more than 30 minutes between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. on any day, unless specifically authorized by the Chief of Police.

Violators of this municipal code will be ticketed. If you need to park your vehicle or a guest's vehicle overnight, you must contact the Police Department at 847-658-5676 or submit your request 15 minutes prior to 2:00 a.m. online: www.lith.org/police/webform/overnight-parking-requests

If you are parking on the street after 2:00 a.m., you must make your request over the phone. Overnight parking is limited to five requests within a calendar month and will not be granted when there is one inch or more of snow fall. No parking is permitted over the sidewalk at any time. If you have any questions, please call the Police Department at 847-658-5676.

Parks Recycling

We can do just as much to help protect the environment at our local parks as we can at home. Recycling is a great way to help. The Village is successfully using blue recycling containers at the following parks: Sunset Park, Leroy Guy, Ryder, Indian Trail Beach, Jaycee, Ken Carpenter, Taylor Skate and Lynn Dillow. During the high use months of April through October, the parks staff visits all 33 parks weekly for grounds cleanup and trash removal. The three athletic field complexes at Ryder Park, Sunset Park, and Leroy Guy Park athletic fields are visited three times weekly while baseball programs are active.



All of the recycling totes are wheeled out for pick-up by Republic Services and are returned the next day. Please help by doing your part to put trash and recycling in their appropriate containers to keep our parks looking beautiful. If you have any questions about trash collection or recycling in the parks, please contact Scott Parchutz, Public Properties Superintendent, at 847-960-7516.

Recycling and Trash 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 would like a bigger container or don't want to supply a container, Republic Services



offers to residents the option to rent solid waste or recyclable carts. The cart rental is in addition to the base collection cost of \$16.84 per month. The rates to rent carts vary by size:

- 95 gallon refuse or recycling cart
\$3.00 per month
- 65 gallon refuse or recycling cart
\$2.75 per month
- 35 gallon refuse or recycling cart
\$2.50 per month

Renting the carts from Republic Services means that they are responsible for repairs if the cart wears out or is damaged. For further information about cart rental, call Republic Services at 847- 429-7370.

Economic Development

Strong interest from a big box retailer for the former Dominick's store remains promising and hopefully a decision will be made on a tenant this spring. Community Development Department staff has been working with the brokers and retailer on the property by gathering information, coordinating visits, and communicating the Village's opportunity for incentives.

Staff continues to follow up on a list of expanding retailers obtained at past retail events by sending out cover letters and marketing information about the Village. We have developed a list of about 160 contacts. Our goal has been to create enough interest to facilitate further awareness of real estate opportunities in our community.

In late February, the Community Development Department conducted focus group discussions with Lake in the Hills residents and other stakeholders, asking them to share their feelings about the area's retail choices, restaurants, availability of good hotels, and automotive retail choices. From the discussions, we will have a better understanding of what our residents want for a better retail experience. The focus group data will also be relayed to retailers who are looking for the preferences that local shoppers have in their retail choices.



New Commercial Updates



U-Stor-It - The Village is in the process of reviewing the zoning and plans for a proposed U-Stor-It self-storage facility planned for the Lake Pointe Center Subdivision at the northeast quadrant of Lakewood and Algonquin Roads, adjacent to the CVS Pharmacy. The 2-story, 105,740 sq. ft. facility includes all indoor storage and will also contain about 4,200 sq. ft. of retail space on the first floor.



Children's Medical Group - The 5,200 sq. ft. Children's Medical Group building located just north of the former Dominick's along Randall Road was completed in late January. The facility is the first of three medical buildings planned for the site.



Lake Pointe Professional Center - The first building in the Lake Pointe Professional Center along Lakewood Road was completed earlier this year. The 12,000 sq. ft. building is the first of two medical office buildings planned for the site.

Bear Paddle Swim School - In October, 2015 the Village Board approved the zoning and plans for a 10,150 sq. ft. swim school to be called Bear Paddle Swim School. The facility will be located on a portion of the lot just north of the former Dominick's along Randall Road and will be constructed in 2016.

Safe Home Coalition of McHenry County

We often associate the spring season with cleaning. For most, spring cleaning offers a fresh new start, a sense of relief, freedom, and a shedding of the old to make room for the new. For many, however, this brings up feelings of anxiety, depression, and a sense of failure. Although the issue of hoarding is not new, increasing awareness through television shows, social media, and the problems associated with this concept have been brought to the forefront of public attention. Lake in the Hills is not unique in that we have individuals and families in the community struggling with the emotional, psychological, financial, and even physical consequences of living with hoarding.

In September of 2014, the Safe Home Coalition of McHenry County was founded. The mission of the Safe Home Coalition of McHenry County is to work together to educate, inform, and unite community resources to resolve neglect, abuse, and unsafe living conditions. The coalition's six members provide educational seminars to Police, Fire, Building and Code Officials, Elder Care Services, Animal Control, and Village/City Attorneys. Two of the six founding members include Village employees Krista Conrad, Property Maintenance Officer, and Sue Blechschmidt, Social Services Coordinator. Both women were inspired by their work with the Village to launch this much needed program.

The coalition, in conjunction with Senior Services Associates, Inc., has sponsored three educational seminars. Topics have included: "Identification of Behaviors That Contribute to Hoarding and Unsafe Living Conditions," "Asset Mapping, Finding and Connecting Community Resources," and "IL Animal Protection Laws and Identification of Behaviors that contribute to Animal Hoarding."

Together, a team works to address issues that are brought to their attention by community members or family. The process involves identifying the problem, assessment of treatment options for the individual (cognitive, behavioral, emotional, spiritual, and physical), assessment of the environment, interventions, and aftercare services. One of the goals is to get every city and municipality to follow a comprehensive process in addressing these concerns. Lake in the Hills is leading the way in McHenry County with getting a "Hazardous Home Site Manual" established.

Krista and Sue, with the help of other Village Employees and Community Members, have been successful in addressing not only the clean-up of several homes in town, but the connection of these families with much needed resources to keep their minds and homes clear of clutter. For more information, please contact Sue Blechschmidt at 847-658-5676.

Fraud and Identity Theft Safety Tips

Identity theft is one of the fastest-growing crimes in America. While no one wants to become a victim of fraud or identity theft, the fact is that many people don't take the proper precautions to help ensure that their personal information remains secure.

Impostors obtain your social security number, your date of birth, and other identifying information such as your address and phone number. With this information they can apply for a fake driver's license giving them access to instant credit or credit through the mail, posing as you. They often claim they have moved and provide their own address for billing. Once the first account is opened, the impostor can continue to add to their credibility.

You can take steps to protect yourself from identity theft. Protect your information at home by limiting the number of credit cards you have and cancel inactive accounts immediately. Regularly reconcile your check and credit card statements in a timely fashion. Keep a list of all your credit accounts and bank accounts in a secure place so you can call the issuers in a timely manner to inform them about missing or stolen cards. Include account numbers and expiration dates. Do not discard pre-approved credit offers in your trash without first tearing them into small pieces or shredding them and always do the same with other sensitive information like credit card receipts and phone bills.

Under the FACT Act amendments to the Fair Credit Reporting Act, you are entitled to one free credit report from each of the three main credit reporting companies in a 12-month period. Check your credit report a least once a year by calling 1-877-322-8228, by mail at Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281 Atlanta, GA 30348-5281, and through the internet at www.annualcreditreport.com.

Additionally, you can limit what information thieves can get by simply memorizing your passwords and personal identification

numbers (PINs) so you do not have to write them down. You can safeguard your credit, debit and ATM card receipts by shredding them before discarding and never tossing them in a public trash container. Never leave your purse or wallet unattended.

If your identity has been stolen, there may be a number of different indicators. For example, there may be accounts, payment histories, Social Security Numbers, addresses, employers or inquiries on your credit reports that you don't recognize. One of your creditors may inform you that they have received an application for credit with your name and Social Security Number. You may receive calls or letters stating that you have been approved or denied by a creditor to which you never applied. You receive a credit card, utility, or telephone statement in your name and address for which you never applied. You no longer receive your credit card statements, or you notice that not all of your mail is delivered to you. Your credit card statement includes purchases that you don't recognize. A collection agency advises you they are collecting for a defaulted account established with your information, but you never opened the account.

If you feel you have become a victim of fraud and/or your identity was stolen, ask the consumer reporting agencies to place "fraud alerts" in your file.

Equifax: 1-800-525-6285; www.equifax.com

Experian: 1-888-397-3742; www.experian.com

TransUnion: 1-800-680-7289; www.transunion.com

In addition, contact the local law enforcement agency that has jurisdiction over your actual residence and request a police report on the matter.

Cited: * Transunion

Smart Fertilizing

We all take pride in having a well maintained lawn around our homes. Grass that receives appropriate levels of fertilizer produces a dense root and shoot system which is also capable of filtering out impurities in runoff. A properly fertilized lawn absorbs pollutants, helps stabilize soil, reduces ambient air temperatures, and promotes a healthy ecosystem of its own. Since it grows more vigorously, a properly fertilized lawn might also require fewer cultural or chemical controls for weeds, insects, or diseases. Over-fertilizing can aggravate pest problems, stimulate excessive growth, and require frequent watering. It can also be washed off by rainfall directly into surface water or via stormwater systems. The way you fertilize your lawn influences how much fertilizer is taken up by grass and how much might be lost to leaching or runoff. Below are some smart fertilizing tips you can implement.

Lawns Don't Need Phosphorus - With the exception of newly seeded lawns, established lawns rarely need additional phosphorus to grow. While it's an essential nutrient, it's not a limiting factor to growth and it is typically replenished naturally, particularly if lawn clippings are left to decompose after mowing.

Test Soil before You Fertilize - Test your soil for its nutrient content, pH, and organic matter composition. For a good sample, mix about a pint of soil, total, from four or five different areas of the lawn by digging a few inches down to where the roots feed. Contact a local landscape nursery to see if they offer soil testing.

Fertilize at the right time of year - If soil tests indicate fertilizing is necessary, you still need to fertilize at the right time of year. In the northern third of the country, where grasses endure cold winters, fertilize in fall; energy stored in roots will provide everything grass needs in spring.

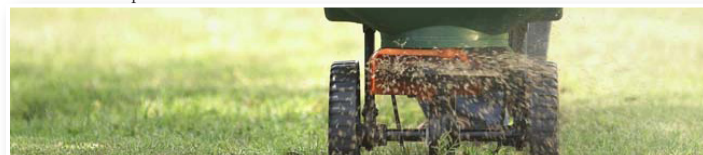
Avoid High-Nitrogen Fertilizers - Tests have shown that two-thirds of high-nitrogen products run off or vaporize without affecting the grass, which is a waste of money in addition to being an environmental hazard. Plus, it's easy to burn your lawn with high-nitrogen fertilizers.

Time Fertilization with the Weather - Fertilizer applied in a drought is more likely to burn a lawn than to help it grow. Fertilizer and water are both necessary for photosynthesis, so without rain, fertilizer won't work properly. Check the weather, and fertilize only before the forecast calls for a steady light rain. Also, avoid fertilizing if the forecast calls for a strong thunderstorm, since your fertilizer will just run off into a local lake or river.

Spread Compost Anytime - Unlike commercial fertilizers (including organic fertilizers), compost can be applied at any time. Incidentally, compost is probably all most lawns need to grow well.

Mow Properly to Get the Most Out of Fertilization - Keep blades sharp, cut only one-third off the grass and don't mow in extremely hot weather. If you must mow during dry spells, trim only the smallest amount off the top.

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MFT Resurfacing

A significant part of the Village's management of the road system is the annual resurfacing project. Money from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund pays for the pavement improvements. About 3 miles of roads are resurfaced each year. The Village maintains a computerized inventory of the roadway pavements and inspects each segment on a four-year cycle. Segments selected for resurfacing are based on their condition, not just their age.

The streets designated for resurfacing this year include:

South Annandale Drive (Crossview to Glenrose)

Sugar Creek Court

Windgate Way

Noelle Bend (Provence to Taralon)

Normandy Lane (Wright to Reed)

Wright Drive (Normandy to Ellis)

Newbury Court

Banbury Lane (Chadwick to Hayward)

Chadwick Court

Crofton Circle (Crofton Ct to Brisbane)

Crofton Court

Danbury Court

Glascow Court

Amberleigh Court

Annandale Court

Glenrose Lane

Rochelle Court

McKinley Street (Clayton Marsh – Jefferson)

Monroe Street (McKinley to Roosevelt)

Adams Street (McKinley to Roosevelt)

Jefferson Street (McKinley to Roosevelt)

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.

You can also sign up for the email updates from the Village's website at www.lith.org/publicworks/page/construction-projects. Public Works will send periodic updates directly to your e-mail account to help keep you informed about the progress of the project.

Discontinuing the Use of Domestic Water Softeners

Have you contemplated discontinuing use of your domestic water softener or have already stopped using it? It is highly recommended that the appliance be physically bypassed when active use is discontinued. It has been found that many homeowners do not bypass the softener, and instead turn it off or unplug it. Doing so successfully terminates active softening of water, but does not stop water from flowing through the appliance.

The Public Works Department has received numerous inquiries from residents pertaining to domestic water softener problems over the years. In most cases, the homeowner is not aware that the softener is the source of the problem. Inquiries received typically relate to a significant or total loss of water pressure in the home. In approximately ninety percent of those instances, a domestic water softener malfunction has been the cause. Over time, the softening resin inside the appliance can break loose and clog the effluent of the softener; reducing or blocking the flow of water. In some cases, the resin can actually travel through the interior plumbing and clog faucet screen aerators as well. There are a number of factors that can contribute to this type of malfunction, but improper discontinuation of a water softener is the most frequent.

Another problem resulting from allowing water to flow through an inactive water softener is potential bacteriological contamination. When softeners are active, they frequently go through a regeneration process which uses fresh water to clean the resin and recharge it with sodium ions. If the appliance is turned off, this regeneration process ceases and resin can become fouled and riddled with bacteria. When the softener is off but not bypassed, water will travel through this fouled resin prior to use. This can result in discoloration, an unfavorable odor in the water, and acute illness could occur as well. Questions about water quality can be answered by the Water Division at 847-960-7520.

Water Main Replacement

This spring and summer, the annual Water Main Replacement Project will replace obsolete water main pipes, fire hydrants, and isolation valves. The purpose of this project is to improve water quality, increase maximum fire flow volume, and improve the reliability of the water infrastructure. The Water Main Replacement program has replaced the oldest portions of Village's water distribution infrastructure since 2000. This year's project includes Linden Street, Meadow Lane, Locust Drive, and Woodland Road; plus portions of Elm Street, Spruce Street, Acorn Lane, and Oakleaf Road.

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. Specific questions about the project should be directed to Ryan McDillon, Water Superintendent, at 847-960-7520. Residents living in the project area are encouraged to take advantage of the Village's email newsletter 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.

Emerald Ash Borer Update

Native to Asia, the Emerald Ash Borer is an exotic beetle that was unknown in North America until June 2002 when it was discovered as the cause for the decline of many ash trees in southeast Michigan and neighboring Windsor, Ontario, Canada. Since then it has spread with devastating effect throughout the Midwest.

Despite efforts to save the ash trees, the need to remove declining or dead trees has grown exponentially. There are approximately 1074 untreated dead or declining ash trees remaining in the Village. The Village is dedicated to replacing all trees removed from the parkway. Due to the large number of declining or dead ash trees still standing throughout the Village, staff will concentrate all efforts to remove the remaining ash trees before continuing to replace removed trees. This will allow the Village to mitigate the risk to the public from falling limbs and dead trees as quickly as possible.

Once all ash trees have been removed, then the Village will return to the tree replacement program to proactively replace all removed ash and other species of trees. 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 the Village webpage at www.lith.org/publicworks/page/emerald-ash-borer. If you are interested in planting a tree in your parkway and donating it to the Village, please contact Public Works.

Water Main / Hydrant Flushing

Beginning in early April, the Public Works Department will once again be conducting Village-wide water main and 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. As the flushing is in progress, the water can become cloudy with the potential to stain clothes. Because of that, the Village recommends that 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 on barricades to be placed in the immediate area of flushing at least one day prior to any actual flushing taking place. Any questions should be directed to Ryan McDillon, Water Superintendent, at 847-960-7520.



Community Calendar

April

- 7 Parks and Recreation Board Meeting, Village Hall, 6:30pm
- 8 Lunch with a Cop, Safety Education Center, 11:00am
- 10 Run thru the Hills, 6:00am
- 12 Committee of the Whole Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 14 Board of Trustees Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 16 Wheels and Deals Sale, Village Hall 7:30am
Police Pension, Village Hall, 9:00am
- 18 Planning and Zoning Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30am
- 22 Arbor Day, Village Hall, 1:00pm
- 26 Committee of the Whole Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 28 Board of Trustees Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm

May

- 3 Police Commission, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 5 Parks and Recreation Board Meeting, Village Hall, 6:30pm
- 7 Mom/Son Superhero Night, Village Hall, 5:30pm
- 10 Committee of the Whole Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 12 Board of Trustees Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 14 Public Works Open House, Public Works, Dept., 11:00am
- 16 Planning and Zoning Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30am
- 24 Committee of the Whole Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 26 Board of Trustees Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 30 Village Hall & Public Works Closed, Memorial Day

June

- 2 Parks and Recreation Board Meeting, Village Hall, 6:30pm
- 4 Young Eagles, Lake in the Hills Airport, 8:00am
- 7 Committee of the Whole Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 9 Board of Trustees Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 13 Planning and Zoning Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30am
- 21 Committee of the Whole Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 23 Board of Trustees Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 26 EAA Pancake Breakfast, Lake in the Hills Airport, 8:00am

July

- 2 Young Eagles, Lake in the Hills Airport, 8:00am
- 4 Village Hall & Public Works Closed, Independence Day
- 7 Parks and Recreation Board Meeting, Village Hall, 6:30pm
Rockin' Rotary Rib Fest Starts
- 10 Rockin' Rotary Rib Fest Ends
- 12 Committee of the Whole Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 14 Board of Trustees Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 16 Police Pension Meeting, Village Hall, 9:00am
- 18 Planning and Zoning Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30am
- 26 Committee of the Whole Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
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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.



