



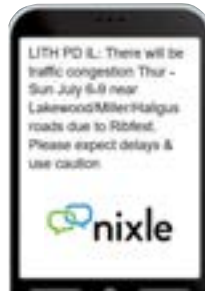
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2017 Popular Annual Financial Report

The Village is pleased to issue its first Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) for fiscal year 2016. The PAFR is specifically designed to be readily accessible and easily understandable for residents, elected officials, employees, the general public, and other interested parties without needing a background in public finance. The PAFR draws out highlights and important elements from the Village's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016.



The PAFR is not required by any regulatory body or state statute; it is entirely elective on the part of the Village. The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) encourages governments to publish PAFRs. However, only a small percentage of state and local governments choose to do so. By publishing a PAFR, the Village joins an exclusive group of progressive governments making an extra effort to communicate clear and concise financial information to its constituents. Visit www.lith.org to view the PAFR online.

Strategic Planning

The Village of Lake in the Hills is currently engaged in strategic planning. Strategic planning is a process that helps leaders examine the current state of the organization, determine a desired future state, establish priorities, and define a set of actions to achieve specific measured outcomes.

The last strategic planning process was conducted in 2013 and concluded in 2016. Throughout the process, staff and elected officials have been actively pursuing discussion on challenges that are currently being faced in our community and planning to ensure the Village is positioned for success in a changing environment.

The Village invites you to follow along with this process and actively participate by contributing your thoughts and ideas. Please visit www.lithplan.org to view the latest activity on this project and to weigh in with your views. We look forward to hearing from you!



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Letter From the Village President



**Village President
Russ Ruzanski**
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Dear Fellow Resident,

I would like to thank all residents for the opportunity to lead Lake in the Hills for the next four years.

You may have noticed that the Village Board has taken on a new look following the April 4, 2017 municipal election. Returning veteran Trustees Stephen Harlfinger, Robert Huckins, Ray Bogdanowski, and David McPhee are joined by newly elected Bill Dustin and Suzanne Artinghelli, who was appointed to fill the remaining two years of my term as Trustee. Trustee

Doug Cummings decided not to seek re-election. I thank Doug for his ongoing commitment and thoughtful insight to the important issues brought before the Board during his time of service.

Also, Denise Wasserman, who served as Village Clerk for 12+ years, decided against re-election in order to pursue other interests along with spending more time with her family. I cannot thank Denise enough for her unwavering dedication to this very important position. Crystal Ulen, a long-time resident, has been appointed to the position of Village Clerk and is doing a great job. She has been received well by all Village employees.

Many options for summer fun have been available and very successful over these last few months including, but not limited to, the Salute to the Troops Picnic and Concert, a drive-in movie, Senior De Mayo, Everybody's Birthday Party, and more.

The 12th annual Rockin' Rotary Ribfest, which is produced entirely through the efforts of the Lake in the Hills Rotary Club, took place in early July. All proceeds are divided up amongst the many charitable endeavors the Rotary supports. Please watch their website, lithribfest.com, for the many volunteer opportunities needed for this event in 2018.

The current owners of the Centre of Lake in the Hills (former Dominick's plaza) will hold an auction for this property at a date to be determined soon. They have received a letter of intent from Aldi Foods to fill 23% of the space after the auction produces a new owner.

A senior living facility, Melody Living, has been approved by the Village Board and, after permits are issued, will begin to be built on Harvest Gate, just north of the proposed Speedway gas station.

Also, the consolidation for the Lake in the Hills Sanitary District with the Village continues to be in the hands of the McHenry County Board under the leadership of chairman Jack Franks.

As I write this, the Summer Sunset Festival committee, co-chaired by Denise Wasserman and Ray Bogdanowski, is hard at work planning this year's event. Great entertainment, good food selections, carnival rides, and creative ideas for the children will be available throughout the fest's duration. And, as always, the very popular fireworks display will be presented, weather permitting, as the official closing of the fest. Many opportunities to volunteer are available on the website, summersunsetfest.com. Please consider accepting one of your choice. Special thanks to Denise and Ray for their ongoing commitment to this wonderful end-of-Summer festival.

In closing, I would like to thank long-time resident, public servant, and most recent president, Paul Mulcahy, for his many years of faithful service to this community and wish him well in all his future endeavors. I hope you find this newsletter informative and pleasant to read. Please feel free to call or email with any comments or ideas for future letters.

Sincerely,



Russ Ruzanski
Village President

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2017 Summer Sunset Fest



The 17th Annual Summer Sunset Festival kicks off on Friday, September 1. 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 Sunset Fun Zone. Enjoy FREE music all weekend long on the Woods Creek Tavern Main Stage! The festival begins on Friday with the Sunset 5k race, car show, and family 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 Modern Day Romeos 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 1, 2017

Second Hand Soul Band	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Infinity	9:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 2, 2017

Hi Fi Superstar Unplugged	4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Classical Blast	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Modern Day Romeos	9:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 3, 2017

DIVA	3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Semple	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Libido Funk Circus	8:00 p.m. - 9:30 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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National Citizen Survey

This past spring, the Village partnered with the National Research Center to conduct the National Citizen Survey (NCS). The NCS is a scientifically controlled survey that has been used by more than 364 communities. It was administered at random to 1,500 households beginning in April and responses were collected through May. A total of 446 responses were received for a rate of 30%, which is higher than the 25% that was estimated. The survey measured eight aspects of community livability including community engagement, education and enrichment, recreation and wellness, economy, built environment, natural environment, safety, and mobility. A quick snapshot of survey highlights is below:

- Overall, 93% of respondents rated the Village as an excellent or good place to live.
- About 9/10 residents would recommend living in Lake in the Hills.
- About 9/10 residents intend to remain in Lake in the Hills in the coming 5 years.
- Safety and the Economy were identified by residents as two focus priorities for the Village in the coming two years.

Survey results are being utilized by Village staff to inform decision making throughout the strategic planning process currently taking place. Additionally, individual departments will address areas of concern or input that warranted a direct response as needed and/or develop departmental goals, programs, and initiatives as a part of their unique business plans derived from the survey results and the strategic planning process.

The full survey results are available on the Village website. For more information, please visit www.lith.org or contact the Administration Department at 847-960-7410.

Great Pumpkin Roll

Join us on Saturday, November 4 at 11:30 a.m. for the 3rd Annual Great Pumpkin Roll and have the chance to become the area's next champion pumpkin roller! Experience the crazy fun of rolling a pumpkin down the hill at Butch Hagele Beach. Watch how far it will go or see if it will smash! Bring your own pumpkins from home and roll them for FREE, or enter the contest and win a special prize for landing on the lucky pumpkin spot. Pre-registration is preferred, but limited day of registration will be available. Fee includes one pumpkin and one raffle entry (\$8 resident, \$10 non-resident).



"Near Touch Down" - 2017 Winning Photo by Patty Hultquist

2017 Photo Contest Winner

Voting for the 2017 photo contest closed on June 30, 2017. This year's contest, sponsored by Woods Creek Tavern, received 31 submissions. Congratulations to Patty Hultquist for her submission, "Near Touch Down," which was voted as the image that best captures life in Lake in the Hills! The hot air balloon photo was taken from the deck of her home in Lake in the Hills. The submissions received in this year's contest were on display at Village Hall and on the Village website and Facebook page.

"Near Touch Down" received a total of 77 votes. The second place photo, "Painted Sky" was taken by Joanne Guthrie-Gard. "Say Cheese!" taken by Jordan Witkin, took third place. These 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 lith.org. Check back in early 2018 for information on next year's contest.

Veterans Day Runway 5k

The Lake in the Hills Airport will be hosting its first ever 5K run event on Saturday, November 11, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. The entire race will be held on airport property and participants will get the unique opportunity to run on the runway for a majority of the course.



This family-friendly event is still open and registration is available online only. All participants will receive an event shirt. Race day registration is from 6:00 a.m. until 7:45 a.m. A post-race celebration at the airport will include light snacks. The 5k Run is \$35.00 and the 2 mile walk is \$25.00. **Register online at www.raceentry.com/race-reviews/veterans-day-runway-5k.**

Parks Recycling

In the interest of promoting sustainability, the Village has placed recycling containers at the following high-use Parks:

- Sunset Park
- Leroy Guy
- Ryder
- Indian Trail Beach
- Jaycee
- Ken Carpenter
- Taylor Skate
- Lynn Dillow



During high-usage months (April thru October), staff visits all 33 parks on a weekly basis for grounds cleanup and trash removal. The three athletic field complexes (Ryder, Sunset, and Leroy Guy) are visited three times per week during the months of May, June, and July. All of the recycling totes are wheeled out to the curbside by our staff for pick-up by Flood Brothers and are returned the next day.

Yard Waste Pickup

Landscape waste (grass, leaves and branches less than 4 inches in diameter) is picked up on your normal waste collection day, from the first full week of April through the last full week of November.

Landscape waste must be placed in biodegradable paper bags, yard waste bags, or in standard 34-gallon waste containers. Sod is not accepted. Containers must be used for yard waste only and must clearly display a "YARD WASTE ONLY" decal. Decals are available at Village Hall and Public Works at no charge. Containers must not exceed 34 gallons.

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. For more information, please visit www.lith.org.



Flood Brothers Solid Waste Services

As of July 1, Flood Brothers is now the solid waste services provider for all of Lake in the Hills. The new service is largely the same as that provided by the previous provider, Republic Services, with the addition of wheeled garbage and recycle carts offered at no additional charge. Please remember to have these carts placed at the curb with the front of the carts facing the street and clear of any obstruction, such as a mailbox or tree, to allow for the automatic truck arm to dump the cart into the truck.

Flood Brothers also offers electronic waste recycling services to all Lake in the Hills residents at no additional charge. Electronic waste can be placed at the curb the third week of every other month. The next scheduled electronics recycling pickup will take place on your regular pickup day during the week of October 16, 2017. Simply place your electronic waste at the curb with your regular garbage. For questions, please contact Flood Brothers at 630-261-0578.

Shred Day

The Village will be hosting a shredding day for residents only on October 21, 2017 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 to have 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.

Sustainability Survey

Tell us how we can help you and the Village to be more environmentally friendly!

The Village of Lake in the Hills prides itself on its history of commitment to environmentally-friendly initiatives. Staff recently formed an internal committee of employees, known as the Village of Lake in the Hills Green Alliance. It is the goal of this committee to protect and preserve the environment as a valuable asset for the people of Lake in the Hills.

The committee would like to hear from residents regarding what green initiatives and sustainability efforts they would like to see offered or implemented within the Village. Please take a moment to visit www.lith.org/community/page/green-initiatives to take a brief survey.



Naughty and Nice Spaghetti Dinner

Red suit. Green suit. Jolly one. Mean one. Who's your fave? Santa or the Grinch? Come join the holiday fun featuring visits from Santa and the Grinch. You will deck the halls with spaghetti, meatballs, bread, salad, cookies, and drinks. Enjoy DJ music, table games, and fantastic photo ops. Registration deadline is December 1 and the event will take place Friday, December 8 at 6:00 p.m. Ages 4+ cost \$12 each, or families of 5 can register for \$40.

Flurry Fest

This exciting and NEW event will be held on Saturday, December 16th from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at Village Hall. Activities will include the Pack that Bus Food Drive, Santa Visit, Frosty's Candy Cane Hunt, and Family Craft Night. This is also a great night to check out the decorated deer outside Village Hall. Flurry Fest is FREE, so bring the whole family and enjoy some holiday cheer!

Deck the Deer

Crafty holiday decorators can sponsor and decorate a 4 foot or 6 foot reindeer according to the 2017 theme of Holiday Pajamas or their own inspiration! This is perfect for Boy Scout and Girl Scout Troops, 4-H Clubs, neighborhood associations and businesses, or teams! Reindeer will be available outside Village Hall for decoration beginning November 27. Decorations need to be completed by December 14.

Those attending Flurry Fest will vote for their favorite reindeer. Votes will be collected on social media too! Winners will receive a prize and bragging rights. For more information on this sponsorship opportunity, please visit lith.org or contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 847-960-7460.

Lunch with Goblins & Halloween Egg Haunt

Grab your costume and join us for an afternoon of friendly goblin fun at this NEW event! Come for the Halloween egg haunt and leave with boo-licious bites. Lunch will include a slice of cheese pizza, chips, and a drink. This can't miss Halloween fun will take place on Saturday, October 28 at 11:00 a.m. Fees are \$15 per person and pre-registration is required.

Noon Years Eve

On Sunday, December 31 at 11:00 a.m., your little ones can make party hats and noisemakers, dance to music, play games, and have some light snacks and cider. We will ring in the New Year with a balloon drop. The cost is \$8 per child and pre-registration is required by December 29th. Adults are free and all children must have an adult stay during the event.



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.



Ford School Grand Re-Opening, 1886-2017

In November 1886, a new one-room schoolhouse replaced the original school dating back to 1843. It was called Ford School after Hiram Ford, the farmer who owned the land. For 53 years, grades 1-8 were taught by a single teacher in the 20' x 30' classroom.

In 1939, Ford School closed when schools began to consolidate. In 1945, it was sold and moved up Algonquin Road. During the next 67 years, the schoolhouse served as a home and later, an office for Stonegate Nursery and Landscaping (now Clarendale Assisted Living).

In 2012, Ford School was donated to Lake in the Hills and with the Village's permission the Lake in the Hills Historical Society moved it back to the original location, Ford School Park.

The relocation and restoration project was made possible by Society members and individual and business donations or donated services. Residents are invited to come and see the school as it was in the 1920's on October 15, between 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. at Ford School Park, 304 Ramble Road (corner of Algonquin Rd and Lake Dr). Many artifacts, maps, and information about our Village's history and farming heritage will be on display.

For more information, contact Arden Spooner at 847-658-1066 or visit the Lake in the Hills historical society online at www.lithhistory.org.



People for Parks Foundation - Pub in the Park

For the third year, the People for Parks Foundation will host Pub in the Park, a craft beer and food truck festival. The event will take place Saturday, October

14th at Sunset Park. Don't miss out on this exciting event! Visit www.pubinthepark.org for details and ticket information!

The People for Parks Foundation of Lake in the Hills, Inc. is a 501(c) 3 not for profit organization with a purpose of supporting the Lake in the Hills Parks and Recreation Department. The foundation provides equipment for parks, supports 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 to make a donation, contact Parks and Recreation Director, Laura Barron, at 847-960-7460 or lbarron@lith.org.

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.

Senior's Octoberfeast Dinner

Join us on Friday, October 13 for this free dinner for adults age 62 and up. A fall evening out will include a free meal, fun, and friendship. RSVP by stopping at the Parks and Recreation Counter at Village Hall or call 847-960-7460. Call early as spots are limited.



Upcoming Senior Trips and Events

09/08/17- Lake Geneva

10/17/17- Rivers Casino/Outlet Mall

11/29/17 - "Elf" at the Paramount Theater

12/08/17 - Scrooge at White Pines

Discontinuing Use of Domestic Water Softeners

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

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

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

In order to avoid these issues, always make sure your water softener has an adequate amount of salt for regeneration when in use, and is fully bypassed per the manufacturer's recommendations if you choose to discontinue its use.



Veterans Memorial

Additions continue to be made at the Veterans Memorial located behind Village Hall. Arborvitae and landscaping were added to the memorial this past spring. A stone column with a memorial message is planned to be added to the pathway as well.

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.

Forestry Update

Between 2008 and 2014, the Public Works Forestry Division removed and replaced almost 2,500 ash trees affected by the Emerald Ash Borer beetle. In 2015, the rapid decline of the remaining 2,000 ash trees required the Village to reallocate most of its Forestry resources to tree removal while placing other key programs on hold, including tree replacement and block trimming.

This mass tree removal took place over a two year span and by the beginning of 2017, the Village had completed all parkway ash tree removals. What was left was almost 1,800 stumps to remove.

This past year, the Board of Trustees, in conjunction with staff, made the decision to have these stumps removed by contract, which allowed Forestry to resume their 5 year block trimming cycle that had been significantly delayed. The contractor completed all stump removal and restorations by mid-July. Tree replacements began in the spring of 2017. Staff anticipates that all replacement trees will be planted by the end of 2019.



In response to the devastating loss of trees that Lake in the Hills experienced from this pest, the Village now offers a cost share program for those residents who wish to have an immediate tree replacement. Further information on this program is on the Village website at www.lith.org.

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.
- 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.



Gordon Larsen Business Achievement Awards

The Gordon Larsen Business Achievement Awards returns for the 2017 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 lith.org/gordonlarsen by November 3, 2017.

Winners of each category will be honored at the first Village Board meeting in January 2018 and will also receive a variety of incentives to promote their businesses, including ad space in the 2018 Parks & Recreation summer brochure which is distributed to roughly 10,000 households (\$125 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 2016 winners were Lowe's Home Improvement (Community Service), Konrad's Bakery (Customer Service), and Advanced Flexible Composites (Employer of Choice). Information regarding these winners will be available online until the 2017 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 lith.org/gordonlarsen. For any questions, please contact the Community Department at 847-960-7447.



Top left: Advanced Flexible Composites

Top right: Konrad's Bakery

Bottom left: Lowe's Home Improvement

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.

Dam 1 Inspection / Lake Drawdown

The time of year has come when the Public Works Department will drawdown Woods Creek Lake for the annual dam inspection. The dam inspection consists of inspecting the body of the dam and the spillway for any defects and the siphon to make sure it operates properly. Also, drawing down the lake will give the residents that live around the lake the opportunity to make any repairs to their piers and shorelines.

The drawdown will be done at the end of October. If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact the Public Works Department at 847-960-7500.

Economic Development

At its heart, economic development is about building healthy economies in order to have healthy communities. Economic Development continues to be a priority for the Village of Lake in the Hills. These are a few new additions to the business community in Lake in the Hills:



Rock N Grill - Opened in May, Rock N Grill features Angus hamburgers, fresh-cut fries, and Angus hot dogs at reasonable prices. You can also enjoy homemade macaroni and cheese, chili, and fresh salads while listening to 80's music and watching videos. Rock N Grill is located at 335 N. Randall Road



Anytime Fitness - Now open at 9521 Ackman Road, Anytime Fitness offers every member a free, personalized Get Started Plan when you join. Staff is trained to help you along your fitness journey with a supportive community of people who are there to give you the personal training and the right tools for proper workouts.



Pampered Tails Grooming Salon - Pampered Tails, 61 Polaris Drive, was developed based on the belief that you and your pets' needs are of the utmost importance. Pampered Tails offers a variety of services to meet the needs of your pet including baths, brushing, nails, full-breed cut or full-body grooming and undercoat removal.



Ha's Taekwondo - Ha's programs teach optimized physical strength, stamina, flexibility, coordination and balance. Ha's is located at 421 N Randall Road and also offers Taekwondo Character Development (TCD) programs that can focus on children with special needs.

International Council of Shopping Centers

The Village has continued its membership in the ICSC (International Council of Shopping Centers) in 2017. This relationship is the best way for the Village to reach out to local, regional and national retail and associated retail entities. The ICSC conducts 2 trade shows in Chicago (The Retail Connection (August) and Dealmakers (October) which brings hundreds of important contacts to the Village. Lake in the Hills will participate at Dealmakers with a trade show booth highlighting reasons to locate to the Village.

Boats, Trailers and Recreational Vehicles at Residences

During the "off season" from December 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018 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.

DID YOU KNOW?

In the lower level lobby at the Police Department, 1115 Crystal Lake Road, you can safely dispose of medication such as pills, salves, and liquid medicine in non-leaking containers. Sharps, needles, and IV bags are not permitted.



Visit www.lith.org to learn more about accepted medications.

Leaves and Litter in the Storm Drainage System

Storm drain grates direct stormwater from the street into the underground pipe system. Leaves, litter, and other debris can easily clog up storm drains, leading to minor or even major flooding in streets. Below are preventative actions that you can take to help keep leaves and litter out of the storm drainage system.

- Take a moment to clean the storm drain grates in your neighborhood. Make sure they are free of leaves, litter, and other debris, particularly when rainy weather is headed your way. Please dispose of debris properly.
- Check ditches that lead to the drain grates. Make sure they are free of litter and/or other items that may inhibit proper drainage.
- Do not rake leaves or other organic refuse into the street or into a nearby ditch when doing yard work. This refuse only ends up blocking the drainage system. Furthermore, yard waste reduces oxygen in the water and adds nutrients that would not otherwise get into the water system.
- Do not clean walkways with a hose. Instead, sweep leaves, twigs, and grass clippings and place them in a compost pile or yard waste container. Otherwise, they may end up blocking the storm grate.
- Do not dump trash or pollutants into ditches or drain grates. Not only will these toxins clog the storm drain, they may severely damage local bodies of water.

For more information, please contact Public Works at 847-960-7500.

Water Main / 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 Insider email newsletter. Subscribe to this newsletter on 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.



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.



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www.facebook.com/lithairport



www.twitter.com/lith60156



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Noise in the Neighborhood

As summer comes to an end and fall approaches, there are still plenty of activities to do outside, even if it just a gathering of family, friends and neighbors. As some of these gatherings can go late into the evening hours and your neighbors may not want to be up as late as you, this could result in a visit by one of the friendly officers from the Lake in the Hills Police Department. Generally, the initial visit from an officer is to advise you a complaint was passed onto us and we will simply ask that you turn down the music or lower your voices. We may even recommend that you go inside so that you do not further disturb your neighbors.

Not only are we trying to maintain the peace we are also enforcing the Municipal Code, or the local ordinance, on noise. The specific Lake in the Hills Municipal Code is Chapter 43, section 9, "Noise," which states:

It shall be unlawful for any person within the Village to make, continue, or cause to be made or continued, any loud, unnecessary or unusual noise which unreasonably annoys, disturbs, injures and/or endangers the comfort, repose, convenience, health, peace or safety of another person(s), within the limits of the Village.

Chapter 43.09 also adopts the Village's Zoning Code, Section 19.2, on Performance Standards in regards to noise. It lists decibel levels for specific properties and time of day, as measured with a sound level meter that meets the standards set by the American National Standards Institute. Zoning Code Section 19.2 can be viewed on the Village's website: www.lith.org/cd/page/zoning-ordinance.

In addition to the two ordinances above, Chapter 12, Nuisances, section 2.A, "Public Nuisances Defined," states:

A public nuisance is a thing, act, occupation, condition or use of property which shall continue for such length of time as to:

Substantially annoy, injure or endanger the comfort, health, repose or safety of the public.

Therefore, if an ongoing incident continues to be a public nuisance, even if it does not exceed the decibel levels set in Zoning Chapter 19, it may still be a violation.

Officers of the Lake in the Hills Police Department have always had a wonderful relationship with the citizens we serve and many have understood why we may stop by and inform you that you need to turn down the music, lower your voices, or reduce whatever noise you may be making. We hope that this provides you with a better understanding of why we may be called to your house and what local ordinances we are trying to enforce so that you and your neighbors can enjoy the night in a peaceful manner.

For more information please go to www.lith.org/administration/page/municipal-code or please call the Police Department at 847-658-5676.

WANT TO HELP?

The Lake in the Hills Parks and Recreation Department counts on many volunteers to help programs and events succeed throughout the year. For more information about volunteering, please contact Kristi Brewer, Recreation Supervisor, at 847-960-7463 or conveniently sign up online at:

www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f45a9ac2ea5fa7-20161

Volunteering can help you:

- Meet new people
- Gain work experience
- Make a difference in someone's life
- Give back to the community
- Improve health



Neighborhood Watch Program

Neighborhood Watch is a national program which encourages residents to establish a group "watch" in their neighborhood to have a heightened awareness for crime detection and deterrence. To join or start a Neighborhood Watch in your area, call the Crime Prevention/ Community Relations Division at the Lake in the Hills Police Department at 847-658-5676.

Don't Be Distracted While Driving

What is distracted driving? Distracted driving is any activity that diverts attention from driving. It may include talking or texting on your phone, eating and drinking, talking to people in your vehicle, fiddling with the stereo, entertainment or navigation system - anything that takes your attention away from the task of safe driving.

Texting is the most alarming distraction. Sending or reading a text takes your eyes off the road for 5 seconds. At 55 mph, that's like driving the length of an entire football field with your eyes closed.

You cannot drive safely unless the task of driving has your full attention. Any non-driving activity you engage in is a potential distraction and increases your risk of crashing.

In 2015 alone, 3,477 people were killed, and 391,000 were injured in motor vehicle crashes involving distracted drivers.

During daylight hours, approximately 660,000 drivers are using cell phones while driving. This creates enormous potential for deaths and injuries on U.S. roads. Teens were the largest age group reported as distracted at the time of fatal crashes.⁽¹⁾

The Lake in the Hills Police Department takes distracted driving very seriously. Distracted driving is a primary enforcement activity and is actively enforced on a regular basis. This past April, the department took part in the first ever distracted driving campaign to bring attention to the dangers and consequences associated with distracted driving. Efforts included deploying bicycle patrol units as spotters to observe violations and having a patrol unit stop the vehicle and issue citations when appropriate.

Illinois law prohibits the use of hand-held cellphones, texting or using other electronic communications while operating a motor vehicle. Hands-free devices or Bluetooth technologies are allowed for people age 19 and older.

Even when using hands-free devices, technology is still considered a distraction. If you must make a phone call, pull off to the side of the road before making the call.

The only time Illinois drivers can use a cell phone that is not hands free is:

- To report an emergency situation.
- While parked on the shoulder of a roadway.
- While stopped due to normal traffic being obstructed and the vehicle is in neutral or park.

Drivers who are in a crash resulting from distracted driving may face criminal penalties and incarceration.⁽²⁾

Many cell phone providers are actively engaged in reducing distracted driving. Cell phone companies have options available to let people know that you are driving and that you will return

their call later. AT&T has created www.itcanwait.com as a part of its efforts to increase distracted driving awareness.

Here are 10 tips for managing some of the most common distractions:

- 1. Turn it off.** Turn off your phone or switch it to silent mode before you get in the car. If you need to make a call, pull over to a safe area first.
- 2. Spread the word.** Set up a special message to tell callers that you are driving and you'll get back to them as soon as possible. You may also sign up for a service that does this for you.
- 3. Groom at home.** Shaving and applying makeup are best done prior to getting in the car.
- 4. Use your passengers.** Ask a passenger to make the call for you.
- 5. Stay safer, text later.** Don't text and drive, surf the web, or read your email while driving.
- 6. Familiarize.** Know the state and local laws before you get in the car, as they can vary. For a listing of state laws, visit www.TeenDriving.AAA.com. If you're traveling in a rental car, familiarize yourself with the vehicle's features before getting behind the wheel.
- 7. Plan ahead.** Program GPS systems and review maps and directions before you start driving. If you need help while driving, ask a passenger or pull over to a safe location.
- 8. Secure your pets.** Pets can be a big distraction in the car. Always secure your pets properly before you start to drive.
- 9. Keep the kids safe.** Pull over to a safe location to address situations with your children in the car.
- 10. Focus on the task at hand.** Refrain from smoking, eating, drinking, reading and any other activity that takes your hands, mind or eyes off the road.⁽³⁾

Distracted driving poses a risk to everyone on the road and remains a significant contributor to motor vehicle crashes. Learn more about distracted driving risks, tips for drivers, state distracted driving laws, and steps AAA is taking to address the issue.⁽⁴⁾

(1) <https://www.nhtsa.gov/risky-driving/distracted-driving>

(2) http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/drivers/traffic_safety/distracted.html

(3) http://www.ilchieftrafficsafety.org/DDforms/10_tips.pdf

(4) <http://exchange.aaa.com/safety/distracted-driving/#.WWxSRTiWyUk>

Community Calendar

September

- 1 Summer Sunset Fest, Sunset Park, 3:00pm
- 2 Summer Sunset Fest Parade, Miller Road, 10:00am
- 3 Summer Sunset Fest, Sunset Park, 11:00am
- 4 Village Hall Closed, Labor Day
- 12 Committee of the Whole Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 14 Board of Trustees Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 18 Planning & Zoning Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 26 Committee of the Whole Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 28 Board of Trustees Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm

October

- 5 Parks and Recreation Board Meeting, Village Hall, 6:30pm
- 10 Committee of the Whole Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 12 Board of Trustees Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 13 Senior Octoberfeast Dinner, Village Hall, 4:00pm
- 14 Pub in the Park, Sunset Park, 4:00pm
- 16 Police Pension Board of Trustees, Village Hall, 4:00pm
Planning & Zoning Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 21 Shred Day, Village Hall, 9:00am - Noon
- 24 Committee of the Whole Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 26 Board of Trustees Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 31 Safety Town Trick Or Treat, Safety Education Center, 3:00pm

November

- 2 Parks and Recreation Board Meeting, Village Hall, 6:30pm
- 4 Great Pumpkin Roll, Butch Hagele Beach, 11:30am
- 7 Police Commission Meeting, Village Hall, 7:00pm
Committee of the Whole Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 9 Board of Trustees Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 10 Veterans Day, Village Hall Closed
Veterans Day Memorial Ceremony, Village Hall, TBD
- 11 Veterans Day Runway 5k, Lake in the Hills Airport, 8:00am
- 13 Planning & Zoning Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 23 Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon, Village Hall, 11:00am
- 23 Village Hall closed, Thanksgiving Holiday
- 24 Village Hall closed, Thanksgiving Holiday

December

- 7 Parks and Recreation Board Meeting, Village Hall, 6:30pm
- 8 Naughty and Nice Spaghetti Dinner, Village Hall, 6:00pm
- 12 Committee of the Whole Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 14 Board of Trustees Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 18 Planning & Zoning Meeting, Village Hall, 7:30pm
- 22 Village Hall Closes at 12:30pm, Christmas Eve
- 25 Village Hall Closed, Christmas
- 29 Village Hall Closes at 12:30pm, New Year's Eve
- 31 Noon Year's Eve Party, Village Hall, 11:00am

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



FACILITY RENTALS

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

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Village Office Hours

7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday....Public Works
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.....Village Hall
The Finance 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
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Speak Out!

The Village of Lake in the Hills is pleased to respond to your individual questions, thoughts and concerns. Please provide your address so that we can respond to you directly.

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

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