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SPRING & SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS

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GORDON LARSEN BUSINESS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS

The Village of Lake in the Hills is excited to announce the following winners of the 2018 Gordon Larsen Business Achievement Awards, who were recognized at the January 10, 2019 Village Board meeting. Congratulations to Ira's Bagels, Compassionate Dental Care, and ABC School of Cosmetology!

BEST CUSTOMER SERVICE:

Ira's Bagels

9471 Ackman Road
Lake in the Hills, IL 60156
irasbagels.com
224-858-4336

Ira's Bagels was established in Lake in the Hills in August of 2017. The nominations highlighted their above and beyond customer service and high-quality products. Ira's Bagels offers authentic, water-boiled New Jersey style bagels in a variety of flavors with made-fresh-daily Jersey schmears. Ira's bagels also offers catering services.

BEST COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Compassionate Dental Care

261 N. Randall Rd. Suite #101
Lake in the Hills, IL 60156
mycompassionatedentist.com
224-249-3113

Through Dentistry from the Heart, Compassionate Dental Care gave away \$30,000 in dental work in 2018 on National Smile Day

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A MESSAGE FROM VILLAGE PRESIDENT RUZANSKI

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Dear Residents,

I'm sure you are all enjoying spring and looking forward to summer as much as I am. We are coming out of a particularly challenging winter this year, with ice storms, frequent snow, and record setting cold temperatures. Thanks to our Public Works Department for their efforts in keeping our streets safe, to our Police Department for their responses to emergencies throughout the season, and to our residents for helping one another during these challenging weather conditions.

I'd like to recognize the Jacobs High School Computer-aided Design (CAD) students and Mr. Fernando Medina, the Industrial Technology Teacher, for presenting the Village Board with 3D printings of the Village's logo. Students Szymon Czyz and Brandon Zaragoza presented their project at the January 24, 2019 Village Board meeting. The project included teamwork, critical thinking, and demonstrated linking CAD and 3D printing to a community component. The task was not easy and required trial and error, but resulted in a great project. You can view the 3D printed logos in the display cases in the Village Hall lobby.

After much anticipation, the Village is excited to welcome At Home to the former Dominick's location at 101 N. Randall Road. At Home opened in early February. Please consider shopping at At Home for your home decor needs and continue to shop local at other Lake in the Hills businesses as well.

Development continues this year for Melody Living, a senior living facility on Harvest Gate, just north of Speedway. The first phase of the project is expected to be complete in late 2019. A second senior living facility, Ebbington Senior

Living (The Heathers) is proposed for 4570 Princenton Lane. The project is anticipated to break ground in the summer of 2019 and would include three single-story buildings with the capacity to house 14 residents each.

This summer, three annual festivals return to Sunset Park. The Pub in the Park Craft Beer Fest starts the summer off on Saturday, June 22nd. The fest is put on by the Lake in the Hills People for Parks Foundation as their primary fundraising event. The fest will include craft beer from over 40 breweries, live music, and a selection of food trucks. Proceeds from the event are used by the foundation to support the Parks and Recreation Division and directly benefit residents who use Parks and Recreation programs. Additional information is available on the event website at pubinthepark.org.

The Rockin' Rotary Ribfest returns on Thursday, July 12th, through Sunday, July 14th. The Ribfest is produced annually through the efforts of the Lake in the Hills Rotary Club. All proceeds from the festival go towards the many charitable endeavors the Rotary supports, many of which are local. Watch the fest website, lithribfest.com, for announcements on the 2019 entertainment line-up and for more information on the event.

Mark your calendars for the Summer Sunset Fest, which will take place from Friday, August 30th through Sunday, September 1st. Each year, the Summer Sunset Fest relies on the support it receives from local businesses who donate funds to help defer the costs of the festival. Please consider taking advantage of the opportunity to receive recognition as a business leader within our community by financially supporting the festival as an event sponsor. Learn how to become a sponsor at summersunsetfest.com.

There are many opportunities to volunteer, sponsor, or lend support in other ways to these festivals this summer. Please consider signing up by visiting each festival's website.

Many regular summer events will return for your enjoyment this year. Our Public Works Open House takes place on Saturday, May 18th, from 10:00am to noon. The EAA Chapter 790 Young Eagles Rallies, which provide free flights and a basic introduction to flying to children 8-17 years of age begin on May 4th and continue on the first Saturday of each month through October. The popular Aviation Expo and Pancake breakfast will take place on Sunday, June 30th starting at 8:00am. Join our Police Department in taking a stand against crime by attending National Night Out on Saturday, August 10th at 11:00am. Lastly, watch for the Parks and Recreation summer brochure for a wide variety of programs and events, including the Connor Kincaid Annual Fishing Tournament to take place in August.

As I serve in my role as Lake in the Hills Village President, meeting and helping residents continues to remain my priority. Please feel free to call or email with any comments or questions. I look forward to seeing you at our many spring and summer events.

Sincerely,

Russ Ruzanski
Village President



(a day which they founded) by providing free extractions, cleanings, and fillings to anyone in the community that needed it. They also created the Toys for Teeth program where Compassionate Dental Care put out collection boxes in several locations during the holiday season. For every toy collected for a child in need, a free cleaning and exam was also provided to each child. 500 toys were collected in 2018. Learn more about the ways Compassionate Dental Care gives back by viewing their full nomination highlights on the Village website.

EMPLOYER OF CHOICE:
ABC School of Cosmetology, Barbering, Esthetics & Nail Technology
 9213 S IL Route 31
 Lake in the Hills, IL 60156
abccosmoschool.com
 847-458-6500

ABC School of Cosmetology, Barbering, Esthetics & Nail Technology, Inc. was established in Lake in the Hills in May of 2005. The business received 15 nominations this year for customer service and employer of choice. "I truly enjoy working at ABC. Not only is there teamwork, but a real sense of family. We all pull together to make sure that all departments are a success..."
 – Susan G.

Additional information and nomination highlights for each winning business are available at lith.org. The Village received 134 nominations for 21 different Lake in the Hills businesses for 2018. Applications/Nominations for the 2019 Gordon Larsen Business Achievement Awards program will be accepted throughout the year.

Want to recognize a LITH business?

Nominate a business for going above and beyond in 2019! Tell us who's got the best customer service, best community service, or is the employer of choice on the Village website.

Visit lith.org/gordonlarsen

AT HOME NOW OPEN

101 N. Randall Road

The At Home store in Lake in the Hills is officially open! The 83,000+ square-foot home decor superstore at 101 Randall opened in early February of 2019. The superstore occupies the location of the former Dominick's, at the northeast corner of the Algonquin and Randall Roads. It is leasing the space from U-Haul, which previously purchased the property in the spring of 2018 and occupies the retail strip mall at 81 N Randall Road. At Home is open Monday - Saturday, 9:00am - 10:00pm and Sunday 9:00am - 9:00pm. For more information, please visit athome.com



Planning for the Future

Strategic Plan Update

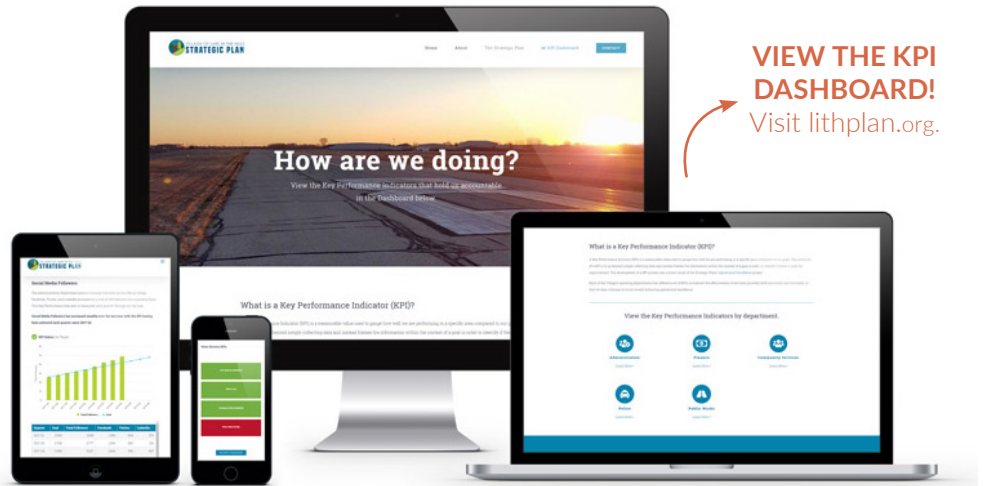
The Village's Strategic Plan, which was developed in the summer of 2017, acts as a strategic framework to guide all decisions made by elected officials, executive leaders, and the organization's staff. The full strategic plan is available for view on a dedicated website, lithplan.org, which acts as a living document with regular updates as projects progress.

The elements of the plan's framework include an organizational vision, an analysis of external forces and trends that impact the community, a problem statement, a guiding policy, and six Key Action Items. Since the Strategic Plan was unveiled, staff has completed two of six Key Action Items: Operational Excellence and Categorize & Rationalize Services.

OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE:

Operational Excellence (OE) aims to pursue financial health through engaging employees to become strategists at every level and seeks to remove redundancy and waste from Village processes. The project went through several phases that resulted in action and planning in four areas: training, compensation, technology, and key performance indicators. Training efforts led to plans for a universal on-boarding document and training tracking. Under compensation, the Personnel Rules and Regulations were updated to include the results from the classification and compensation studied that was performed and completed in 2018.

A renewed focus on technology has resulted in updating current investments as well as procuring new technologies. Lastly, OE worked with departments to develop a set of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) to measure how effectively the Village meets key objectives. The KPIs are displayed on



VIEW THE KPI DASHBOARD!
Visit lithplan.org.

a dashboard on lithplan.org for each operating department and include measurable values such as Public Works' road condition ratings, Police Department response time to priority calls, or response time to FOIA requests. These KPIs are used both annually in the Village's budget and are also used on an ongoing basis to evaluate how effectively services are provided. The dashboard, a full description of each project phase and the project results is also captured on the website.

CATEGORIZE & RATIONALIZE SERVICES:

Phase 1 for the Categorize and Rationalize Services key action item resulted in the collection of data on all services provided by all departments. Employees Village-wide submitted a listing of services that they provide and whether or not they were legally required, the Village was the sole source provider, it fulfilled a basic need, or if it was a discretionary service. Phase 2 assessed, consolidated, and organized subcategories underneath the core and discretionary umbrella. Phase 3 saw the creation of a master document of core and discretionary services for each department. Service categorization and rationalization ensures that there is an agreement on what the Village is in business to do.

VOICE OF CUSTOMER: Identifying who within the community are customers of the Village was the first step of Phase 1 for Voice of Customer (VoC). The goal was to generate a list of customers grouped together based on

similarities, as well as prioritized based on their importance to the long-term financial health of the Village. The result was the categorization of 8 separate groups that included a wide variety of identified customers, ranging from residents to non-flight airport guests.

Phase 2 focused on internal Village processes, identifying all avenues and methods departments have available to gather the voice of the customers identified in Phase 1. The project is currently in its third phase, which includes developing customer group specific data collection, analysis, and distribution plans. Ultimately, the purpose of the VoC initiatives is to develop measurable processes that allow for customer input and collaboration so that their perspectives are included during key decision making.

With the completion the OE and Services projects, the Village will move forward in 2019 with pursuing the Data and Analytics Plan key action item and the Financial Health key action item. Additionally, each department will begin to create business plans that tie to the vision and support the Operational Excellence discipline.

The work of the Strategic Plan will widely influence the Village and requires input and collaboration throughout the organization and community. To follow along with the phases of each Key Action Item, visit lithplan.org.

Water Main Award

Congratulations to our Public Works Department! On January 8, 2019, the Fox Valley Branch American Public Works Association awarded Lake in the Hills its Management Innovation Award for the 17-year water main replacement project. Begun in 2001, this water main replacement program removed and replaced all water mains in the original part of the Village, resulting in less than four water main breaks each year, an average pipe age of less than twenty-five years, and greatly improved water quality. The Village also completed this project with no debt service by the time the project was finished.

Now that the water main replacement program has wrapped up for the time being, Water Division staff are focusing on improvements to the Village's eight well house water production facilities. In 2018, mechanical, electrical, and software improvements were made to well house number 14, the largest water production facility on the east side of the Village, resulting in less preventative maintenance and improved communication and reporting.



Pictured Left to Right: Village Administrator Jennifer Clough, APWA Fox Valley Branch President Brian Schiber, Community Services Director Fred Mullard, Village Engineer Chad Pieper, Water Superintendent Ryan McDillon, Public Works Director Dan Kaup

This year, Water Division staff will oversee similar improvements to well house 6, on the east side of the Village and well house 12, on the west side of the Village. To learn more about the upcoming water projects, visit lith.org.

Fiscal Year 2019 Budget

The Village is pleased to share that in December of 2018, the Village Board passed a balanced budget for fiscal year 2019 with all capital projects ("big ticket" items, such as building improvements, playgrounds, vehicles, etc.) being fully funded and zero debt outstanding in the General Fund.

Also, for the 9th consecutive year, a flat or no increase property tax levy was approved on behalf of our residents and businesses. The Village Board and staff are keenly aware of our state's extremely high property tax burden and realize keeping our portion flat for the past nine years has been helpful and appreciated by our community.

In addition, the Village Board passed its first resolution for a Committed Fund Balance dedicated for the specific purpose of maintaining roadways. "Committed" means that amounts are constrained to specific purposes by a government itself, using its highest level of decision-making authority and can only be used for the purpose stated in the Resolution. Staff identified that for fiscal year 2018 there would be a larger increase in fund balance than what was originally budgeted, which can be thought of as revenues being higher than expenditures due to a combination of revenues exceeding budget expectations, as well as significant savings on expenditures due to a dedicated revenue source in the Capital Improvement Planning (CIP) Fund, personnel savings from re-organizations and other departmental operating savings.

Staff additionally acknowledged the ongoing depleting funds in the Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Fund due to the declining revenue source directly related to fuel usage. The Motor Fuel Tax is collected directly by the State of Illinois and then re-appropriated to municipalities based on its population on a per capita basis. The revenue amount is based on fuel



School Districts: 59% McHenry County: 9% Village: 9% Other: 23%
Village Portion of the Property Tax Levy

use throughout the State. Fuel consumption has continued to decline due to more fuel efficient vehicles, electric vehicles, alternative modes of transportation and the growing trend of working from home. This has resulted in less fuel and therefore, less revenue available for distribution to municipalities. The new Committed Fund Balance offers a short term solution to the depleting MFT funds, allowing staff to develop a long term solution to funding the maintenance of roadways.

The 2019 budget has been submitted for the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award and if received, will be the Village's 20th year obtaining the award. The Village has also received awards for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports (CAFR) and Popular Annual Financial Reports (PAFR) for previous budget years. Lake in the Hills is one of a handful of communities in Illinois to publish and receive awards for all three financial publications.

The FY19 budget is available for view at lith.org. Preparations for the 2020 budget begin in the summer and the public will again have the opportunity to provide input at our budget workshops in November, which will be scheduled at a later date. For more information, please contact the Finance Department at 847-960-7400.



PUBLIC WORKS OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY, MAY 18
at 9010 Haligus Road

The annual Public Works Open House will be held on Saturday May 18th, 2019 from 11:00am to 2:00pm. This family friendly event provides our residents with a fun opportunity to meet our Public Works staff and be able to see the equipment utilized to maintain the Village infrastructure.

Visitors can take part in demonstrations as well as receive information from our Water, Street, and Public Properties Divisions. The Open House will include

tours of an adjacent water treatment facility and staff from our municipal airport will be on-hand to share information as well. Trucks, skid steers, tractors, loaders, mowers, and other vehicles used by the Department will be on display. The Village will also provide a complimentary hot dog lunch.

Please save the date and bring the whole family for a fun day at Public Works. The facility is located at 9010 Haligus Road, one block south of the intersection of Haligus Road and Miller Road. Call Public Works at 847-960-7500 for further information.



YOUNG EAGLES 2019

EAA Chapter 790 will continue to offer Young Eagle flights at the Lake in the Hills Airport for children ages 8 to 17. This volunteer organization consists of local pilots who donate their time and aircraft for these events. The first Young Eagles rally is scheduled for Saturday, May 4th, from 8:30am to noon. Subsequent rallies will be held on June 1st, July 6th, August 3rd, September 7th, and October 5th. For more information, call the Airport office at 815-479-7960 or visit youngeagles.com.

AVIATION EXPO & PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Lake in the Hills Airport and EAA Chapter 790 will host the annual Aviation Expo and Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, June 30th from 8:00am to 1:00pm. Breakfast is just \$8 for adults, \$4 for children, and the Expo is free. Breakfast includes regular/blueberry pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee, and juice. Proceeds are used to fund Young Eagles rallies. For more information, visit lith.org/airport/page/airport-open-house.



LAKE IN THE HILLS TRIATHLON, 6/16

The 12th annual Lake in the Hills Triathlon is a great event for beginners and elite athletes. The course consists of a 0.5 mile swim, 15.5 mile bike and a 4.0 mile run with rolling hills for a total distance of 20.0 miles. Registration is limited to 400 participants. Interested in volunteering? Please contact Shane or Matt by phone at (224) 858-8155 or by email at lithtriathlon@racersedgeathletics.com. Register online at lithtriathlon.com.



NEIGHBORHOOD PARK PARTIES

The Neighborhood Park Party events that were introduced in 2018 were very popular! Attendees enjoyed games, activities, snacks, and a traveling zoo. We will be offering them again in 2019 at different parks with new and exciting activities and entertainment! Check the Parks and Recreation Division's 2019 Summer Program Guide for details or visit lith.org to view the event page.



SENIOR PROGRAMMING

The Parks and Recreation Division offers many opportunities for Seniors within the community to meet people and enjoy stress-free trips across Chicagoland. Some of the upcoming trips include the Elgin Theater Company's War of the Worlds and the Anderson Japanese Gardens! Full details are available in the Parks and Recreation Division's program brochure.



PRESCHOOL ACADEMY

The Lake in the Hills Preschool Academy is EXPANDING! We will now have three classrooms at Village Hall and will continue to offer classes at The Annex at 2 East Oak Street. Our excellent program will continue to offer a variety of classes for ages 2-5, including 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 the Preschool Supervisor at 847-960-7469.



FUNTASTICAMP

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 flexible options to attend 1 to 5 days per week in our popular Funtasticamp. These camps service children in Kindergarten through 6th grade.

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. We also offer curbside drop off and pick up during popular times so that you can get in and out quickly! Check the 2019 camp brochure and the Summer Program Guide online for additional details.

The Lake in the Hills Senior Club meets at Village Hall for bingo and refreshments on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. For membership information contact Joan at 847-458-5689. Every Wednesday, we offer our Senior Serenity program at 10:00am at Village Hall. This is a group that meets for free at Village Hall to play cards and enjoy conversation and camaraderie.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

The Village relies on a strong volunteer base to provide programs and services to our residents and visitors. Volunteer opportunities exist in many areas, including working with seniors and special populations, to Village beautification, to internal support and operations. If you are interested, contact the Recreation Supervisor at:

847-960-7463 or recreation@lith.org

GO GREEN

RAIN BARREL PROGRAM

Through May 6th, the Village will be selling rain barrels through a partnership with the Land Conservancy of McHenry County. They are available in 50/55 gallon barrels and come in a variety of colors. Barrels will be available to pick up from the Lake in the Hills Public Works location on Saturday, May 18th from 10:00am-2:00pm during the Public Works Open House.

Rain barrels reduce the amount of storm-water runoff flowing to an area by collecting roof runoff and storing the water for future use. Also, the water you collect is free to use!

A portion of the proceeds from each sale will go to supporting the Land Conservancy of McHenry County. To purchase a rain barrel please visit <https://conservemc.org/store/tlc-store>.

SHRED DAY

The next Shred Day will be Saturday, May 18th at the Public Works Facility, 9010 Haligus Road, from 9:00am until noon. Residents can bring two copy paper size boxes of any paper documents to be shredded at no charge. AMS Store and Shred will lock documents into 95 gallon totes. AMS will then take the locked totes back to their Lake in the Hills facility and shred all documents.

ARBOR DAY

Join Village staff and students from Lincoln Prairie Elementary School for the annual Arbor Day celebratory tree planting on Friday April 26, at 1:00pm at Village Hall. The celebration is a part of the Village's Tree City USA program, which affords staff and residents the opportunity to celebrate the many benefits trees provide to the environment.



REORGANIZATION REVISITED

In early 2018, the Village Board approved a departmental reorganization in an effort to position the Village for ongoing success in meeting service expectations. Over the past year, the Village has seen many internal and external benefits of the reorganization.

The process began by reducing the operating departments from five to six by merging the Community Development Department and Parks and Recreation Department into two divisions under a new Community Services Department. Additionally, select support staff were consolidated into a Customer Services Division of the Finance Department, which included the creation of a single service counter at Village Hall.

Since the process began, the Village has seen \$165,000 in personnel savings through the smart reorganization of staff resources. The consolidated customer service counter has reduced wait times and created one-stop-shopping. It has also improved staff's ability to support a broader array of programs while simultaneously eliminating gaps in service due to select staff members being on vacation.

The Parks and Recreation Division continues to make improvements to our offerings to residents. Examples include:

Turtle Island Park Expansion - The division received a \$277,700 grant from the state to support the expansion of Turtle Island Park, which will take place over the next few years.

Preschool Expansion - The preschool program, which has seen increasing enrollment in recent years, will see new classrooms added at Village Hall. The expansion is made possible by converting the former Parks and Recreation wing into two new classroom spaces.

MCCD Partnership - The division is excited to have partnered with the McHenry County Conservation District

to offer new, cooperative programs that encourage healthy, outdoor activities.

Cost Recovery Rate - The division is making efforts to ensure that through the responsible use of resources, the cost to deliver programs is balanced with the revenue to fund them. The division has improved its cost recovery rate by 3% in the last year and will continue to monitor this key performance indicator going forward.

Playground Replacement - The playground replacement process now includes a community survey and two opportunities for residents to provide feedback face-to-face on desired playground features.

The Community Development Division has also made achievements over the last year and seen benefits from the reorganization process.

Solar Energy Growth - The division implemented zoning requirements to protect property owners, simplify processes, and support expansion of solar energy projects for both residents and businesses. The division has published a landing page with solar resources on the Village website.

Zoning Ordinance - Changes were made to the Zoning Ordinance to expedite processing time and reduce the number of residential fence variations required.

Business Licensing - Licenses required for business were consolidated from three cycles to a single expiration date to reduce processing time for both businesses and Village staff.

Expedited Building Permits - Select over-the-counter building permits can now receive a same-day receipt of the approved permit.

Village staff looks forward to continued improvement to existing services, as well as adding more in the coming years. For any suggestions about how we can better serve you, please contact us through the Village website at www.lith.org.

HOME IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Thinking about completing a home improvement project this spring or summer? A building permit is required for building additions and any remodeling and repair work involving changing walls, plumbing, electrical, or heating systems. Exterior work projects must also be completed through the building permit process.







You may apply and pay online for building permits through the public portal available on the Village web site for the following specific types of projects: water heater replacement, furnace replacement, siding, roofing, air conditioner, and water softener replacements which typically are processed within one work day. Visit the public portal at lith.org/cd/page/publicportal. New users will need to create an account with a username and password to access these services.

If you are hiring a contractor to perform any portion of the work, they must register with the Village before the permit is issued.

Below are some additional examples of project types requiring a permit from the Village:

- Basement build-out
- Concrete or paver patio, walkways, and stoops
- Deck installation and repairs
- Decorative pond
- Demolition work
- Driveway removal and replacement
- Fence installation and replacement
- Garage
- Gazebo
- Hot tub and swimming pools
- Kitchen and bath remodeling
- Lawn irrigation system
- Retaining wall installation and repairs
- Room addition and alterations
- Shed
- Solar panels

To apply for a permit, please complete the building permit application form available on the Village web site, and submit along with project information

-  **Report Code Violation**
Report a Code Complaint in the Village.
-  **Request an Inspection**
Request an Inspection for your Permit filed in the Village.
-  **Apply for a Permit**
View available online permit applications. 
-  **Apply for License**
View available online license applications. 
-  **View My Cases**
Check the Status of Applications, Code Complaints, and Inspection Requests Submitted to the Village.

Apply for a permit, request an inspection, or report a violation through the Public Portal!

and a copy of the Plat of Survey with the project area highlighted to show where the work will be completed for exterior work projects.

Project information can be accessed on the Community Development webpage at lith.org/cd/page/building-permits-licensing. If you have any questions, please visit or call the Customer Services Division at 847-960-7400.

PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT, PARK & PROPERTIES IMPROVEMENTS

This spring, the playground at LaBuy Park, 35 Hilltop Drive, is being replaced! The playground will be closed beginning in early spring and throughout renovations. We hope for the project to be completed by the end of May, barring any weather or other unavoidable delays. Watch the Village website and Facebook page for details regarding the playground ribbon cutting and opening.

The fishing pier located at Horner Park, 359 Council Trail, will be replaced. The pier was originally installed in 1998 and must be replaced due to its age and overall poor condition. The plan is to replace the existing pier with a new modular floating pier, made with non-corrosive materials



that will withstand harsh weather and last for many years to come.

Plote Field will be receiving a new scoreboard and the wooden deck at the Lake in the Hills Preschool Academy at 2 East Oak Street will also be replaced. The existing deck requires frequent repairs and becomes slippery in inclement weather. As such, to reduce maintenance and improve safety, the deck will be replaced with a cement retaining wall and walkway.

Finally, the main parking lot at the Indian Trail Beach will be resurfaced to reduce parking lot repairs and continue to provide adequate parking for the many visitors who enjoy this beach.



SUNSET PARK TURF RESTORATION

During the Village's 2018 Summer Sunset Festival at Sunset Park, an estimated 7.41 inches of rain fell within a 72-hour period. This resulted in significant turf damage from vehicles and equipment leaving the event. In order to repair the damage, the Village went through a competitive bid process and hired a contractor to restore the turf at the north end of the park. The contractor completed the grading work in 2018 and will return in the spring of 2019 to overseed, fertilize, and perform tasks to ensure the new turf is level and free of depressions.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

SATURDAY, AUG. 10
at 1109 Crystal Lake Rd

The Lake in the Hills Police Department wants to invite you to the National Night Out Against Crime FREE community cookout (hotdogs, chips and soda provided) from 11:00am to 2:00pm on August 10th. Come on out for a police station tour, watch a live K-9 demo, meet "PC" the Patrol Car Robot, and see and touch various types of police and fire vehicles. You can also check out the Flight for Life helicopter (upon availability), try on a pair of fatal vision impairment goggles, visit the police simunition trailer which contains non-lethal training marking cartridges, visit with our tactical bike and traffic units, and more.

We recognize that the nationwide event is being held on the first Tuesday evening in August. The Lake in the Hills Police Department has opted to host the event on Saturday in order to accommodate more families and take advantage of additional services provided by our community partners. Please come celebrate with us and show that we stand strong together as a community and against crime. Police officers and village officials will be in attendance.

For questions, please contact the Crime Prevention/Community Relations Division at the Lake in the Hills Police Department at 847-658-5676 or email communityrelations@lith.org. Visit our website for additional event information at lith.org/police.



Reminder: Fireworks Are Illegal

To report a fireworks violation, call the LITH PD at 847-658-5676. Please provide the most accurate location as possible, including a street address or intersection. You can also submit anonymous crime tips through Nixle. To register, text 60156 to 888777. Then, text TIP LITHPD to 888777 for anonymous tipping. Please do NOT

submit complaints via Facebook private message. Please remember that the more specific you are, the more direct the police response can be.

Village Ordinance 43.06
425 ILCS 35/2 & 425 ILCS 35/5 IL State Law
Zero Tolerance - Minimum fine of \$250



EARLY WEATHER WARNING/ OUTDOOR WARNING SIRENS

Lake in the Hills has six outdoor warning sirens that are placed around our community. These sirens are meant to warn individuals who are outdoors of potential weather-related threats and to immediately seek cover indoors. The siren system is not designed to provide notification for people already inside of their residence or business. The Outdoor Warning Sirens are tested the first Tuesday of every month at 10:00am.

OUTDOOR WARNING SIREN LOCATIONS:

- Virginia Rd. at Pingree Rd.
- LITH Sanitary District, 515 Plum St.
- Richard Taylor Park, 1107 Crystal Lake Rd.
- Lynn Dillow Park, 4155 Springlake Dr.
- Chancery Way at Terramere Ln.
- LITH Public Works, 9010 Haligus Rd.

HOW ARE THE OUTDOOR WARNING SIRENS USED?

Sirens will be activated for a tornado warning if a trained spotter or public safety officer (police, fire or EMS) reports seeing a funnel cloud or actual tornado. The sirens are also activated when the National Weather Service issues a tornado warning for southeast McHenry County when the area is in the track of the storm. There is only one siren to announce the threat of weather. There is not an "ALL CLEAR" siren. Any "ALL CLEAR" information will be provided by local news media.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I HEAR THE OUTDOOR WARNING SIREN DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER?

If you hear the outdoor warning siren and you are outdoors, please seek cover by returning indoors immediately. Once inside, please do not call 911. You should refer to local news and/or radio stations for local weather and updates.

If you are already inside your home or business, you can be notified of



impending bad weather by having a NOAA Weather Radio. In the event of a watch or warning, most NOAA Weather Radios sound an alarm and turn on automatically. You can also purchase a NOAA Weather Radio that is equipped with S.A.M.E. (Specific Area Message Encoding) technology. This will allow the radio receive automatic warnings specific to McHenry County.

For additional tornado preparedness tips, visit our website at lith.org/police.

ABANDONED VEHICLES

An "abandoned vehicle" refers to any vehicle in a state of disrepair incapable of being driven in its condition; or any vehicle that has not been moved or used for seven consecutive days or more and is apparently deserted. The abandonment of a motor vehicle (or other vehicle or any part thereof) on any highway or other public right-of-way or property within the Village is unlawful. It is also a violation to abandon "junk vehicles" on any private property in view of the general public. Vehicles may be authorized for removal by order of the Chief of Police after a waiting period of seven days or more has expired or as otherwise provided by the Municipal Code or state law.

When an abandoned, lost, stolen or unclaimed motor vehicle comes into the temporary possession of custody of a person in this state who is not the owner of the vehicle, they should immediately notify the Police Department when the vehicle is within the corporate limits of the Village. Upon receiving notification, the Chief

of Police, or designee, will authorize a towing service to remove and take possession of the vehicle in compliance with the Illinois Combined Statutes and departmental regulations. The towing service will safely keep the towed vehicle and its contents, as well as maintain a record of the tow until the vehicle is claimed by the owner (or any other person legally entitled to possession) or until it is disposed of. When the identity of the registered owner or other legally entitled person is not known, officers will obtain the required ownership through motor vehicle records of the State of Illinois.

No vehicle will be released to the owner or other person until all towing and storage charges have been paid. For additional information regarding this ordinance, please refer to the "Nuisances" section of the Municipal Code (Chapter 12, Section 12.05). If you notice or are aware of what is believed to be an abandoned vehicle, please notify the Police Department at 847-658-5676.

PARKING ON SIDEWALKS IS PROHIBITED

Per the Illinois Vehicle Code, it is unlawful to stop or park a vehicle on a sidewalk (625 ILCS 5/11-1303). Parking on sidewalks not only creates a safety hazard for area residents as they walk throughout subdivisions, but it is also considered a traffic violation. If sidewalks are obstructed by vehicles that are improperly parked, it forces people to either have to walk in the roadway or onto other residents' property.

Children playing in front yards or walking along the area may be obstructed from view by improperly parked vehicles creating a hazardous situation. Vehicles blocking sidewalk access also prevent neighbors that may be disabled or need assistance walking from using the sidewalks when cars are parked there. Violations are punishable by a minimum fine of \$25.00.



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VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS

The Village Board of Trustees meet twice a month on the second and fourth Thursday at 7:30pm (they meet once during November and December on the second Thursday). The Committee of the Whole meetings are on the Tuesday preceding each Board meeting at 7:30pm. Residents are encouraged to attend and present matters at the Committee of the Whole meetings. Agendas for all meetings are posted on the Village's website, lith.org.



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WELCOME! Trustee Elect Diane Murphy will be sworn into office at the May 9th, 2019, Village Board meeting. To find the most current contact information for elected officials, please visit lith.org

PAPERLESS WATER BILLING

Paperless billing is available for your water bill. Easily access your bill right from your email and receive it the day that it is created, without the delay of mail. The online billing e-suite is private and secure. To enroll, visit lith.org and click the green Water Billing button on the home page. In order to create an account, please have your account number from your water bill ready.



VETERANS MEMORIAL BRICKS

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

To purchase a brick, please visit bricksrus.com/order/lithvm or fill out and mail the order form available online at lith.org. For questions, please contact the Administration Department at 847-960-7400.

SPEAK OUT!

The Village of Lake in the Hills is pleased to respond to your individual questions, thoughts, and concerns. Please visit lith.org/contact-us to make an online submission, or contact us at Village Hall, Public Works, or the Police Department. You can also get in touch with us on social media and via Nixle by texting 60156 to 888777!



VILLAGE HALL

600 Harvest Gate
M-F 8:30am - 5:00pm
847-960-7400

PUBLIC WORKS

9010 Haligus Road
M-F 7:00am - 3:30pm
847-960-7500

POLICE DEPARTMENT

1115 Crystal Lake Road
M,W,Th,F 8:00am - 5:00pm
Tuesday, 8:00am - 7:30pm
Non-Emergency: 847-658-5676
Emergency: 911