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GORDON LARSEN BUSINESS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS

Learn about each business on page 5.

COVID-19 INFORMATION

The Village of Lake in the Hills continues to monitor the updates and activities associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. The McHenry County Department of Health (MCDH) is the lead agency for infectious disease in the county and the Village continues to coordinate its efforts with their guidance, along with the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

At the start of the virus' spread in the region, the Village established a web-page for information related to the pandemic: lith.org/coronavirus. There, residents will find updates specific to Village operations and programming, links to frequently asked questions and resources provided by public health agencies, health and safety information, and other resources. This page will remain available throughout COVID-19's impact on our community.

The Village's facilities will remain closed to the public throughout the stay-at-home order's duration. This includes Village Hall, Public Works, the Labahn-Hain house, and the airport office. The records division at the police department remains open, but is operating with reduced hours, Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. The timeline for the reopening to the public will be re-assessed at the end of the stay-at-home order and the public will be updated as necessary.

Essential Village services remain available by phone, email, and online.

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"From Above Lake in the Hills" by Christopher Winter,
2019 Photo Contest Participant.

Enter the 2020 Photo Contest at lith.org.



A MESSAGE FROM VILLAGE PRESIDENT RUZANSKI

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Dear Residents,

At the time of putting together this newsletter, we are amid the COVID-19 pandemic, and confirmed cases continue to grow throughout the state. As this situation unfolds, I want to assure you that at the Village of Lake in the Hills, the health and safety of our community is always our top priority. All of us have watched this evolving COVID-19 situation over the last several weeks, and it has been a challenge for almost every individual, family, business, and organization. Nonetheless, I am confident we will get through this together.

I want to take a moment to thank the essential workers across the many different industries that are supporting us through this crisis. Your exceptional responses to this challenge and your sustained efforts are commendable. Thank you for your commitment to the wellbeing of others. Thank you to everyone for continuing to support our local restaurants and businesses as they adapt to these trying times. Lastly, thank you to those who have contributed

positively to the fight against COVID-19 through volunteering or donations. Whether it has been by sewing masks, shopping for seniors and at-risk groups, donating blood, or other contributions, your efforts are appreciated.

At the Village, our staff continues to deliver essential services by phone, email, and through our website, lith.org. We will do so throughout the stay-at-home order's duration. The Village's Local Disaster Emergency declaration went into effect on March 18, 2020. The declaration allowed the Village to activate its emergency response plan, activate personnel to perform emergency response action items and enabled the Village to make reasonable emergency expenditures, such as the purchase of additional sanitization products. We will continue to provide updates on our operations on social media and at lith.org/coronavirus.

Please make sure that you are following reliable sources of information, such as the McHenry County Health Department, the Illinois Department

of Public Health, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. These are the agencies equipped with the most up-to-date COVID-19 information. Additionally, please make efforts to follow the prevention recommendations they provide. You can find a directory to these resources at lith.org/coronavirus.

As we navigate our way through these unprecedented circumstances, I am asking our entire community for help. Please follow Governor Pritzker's stay-at-home order until it is lifted and encourage your family, friends, and neighbors to do so as well. We all need to do our part to slow the spread of COVID-19 and help to flatten the curve. I am highly encouraged by the support that the residents and businesses of Lake in the Hills have provided to one another. As a community, let's keep working together to help keep everyone as safe as possible.

Sincerely,

Russ Ruzanski
Village President

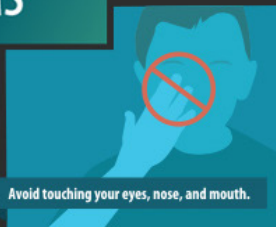
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DISEASE

STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS

Avoid close contact with people who are sick.



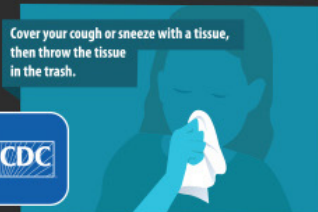
Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.



Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.



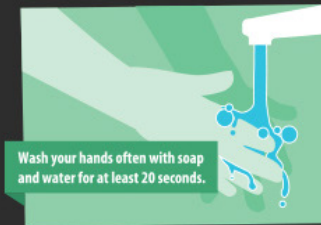
Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.



Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.



Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.



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For more information: www.cdc.gov/COVID19

CONTINUED SERVICES

Residents are encouraged to take advantage of opportunities to conduct business through the Village website, such as making payments or applying for permits. Services available through the website may be found at lith.org/resourcecenter. Staff can be reached by phone at 847-960-7400 and additional contact information is available at lith.org/contact-us.

Airport: At the airport, staff will still be on hand to provide full-service fuel; however, the bathrooms and lobby will be closed.

Water Billing: With the support of the Village Board, all water shutoffs and late fees have been temporarily suspended until the date posted on lith.org/coronavirus. During the facility closures, water bills may be paid online at lith.org/finance/page/water-billing. Residents may also mail or utilize the drop box located at the Village Hall driveway entrance to deliver payments to staff. Additionally, both First National Bank locations, as well as the Home State Bank within Lake in the Hills, may also be utilized as drop off locations (drive-thru only if lobbies are closed).

Building Permits: Building permits and essential inspections continue through the Village's Community Development division. Residents and contractors may utilize the Public

Portal for online permits, scheduling inspections, and license applications (<https://lith.org/cd/page/public-portal>). A PDF building permit application is available online for projects not available through the Public Portal. Completed applications and materials may be emailed to cd@lith.org. Applicants may provide oversized plan drawings via the Village's drop box located at the Village Hall drive entrance. For drawings unable to fit in the dropbox, applicants may contact customer service at 847-960-7400 to coordinate delivery.

Non-emergency Police Dispatch: To reduce the potential exposure of police first responders during the period that McHenry County is impacted by the coronavirus (COVID-19), the Police Department has temporarily adjusted response procedures for non-emergency calls. To file a report or make a complaint that is a non-emergency, continue to call the non-emergency line at 847-658-5676. A dispatcher will take the required information and an officer will re-contact the citizen as soon as possible via telephone to handle calls for service. Examples of non-emergency calls include but are not limited to theft reports, damage to property, and fraud. The Department will continue to physically respond to all high-priority, emergency, exigent, in-progress calls that affect life safety issues.

Board Meetings: Committee of the Whole and Village Board meetings will be combined through April. Updated meeting dates will be posted on lith.org/meetings. While the stay-at-home order is in place, residents may submit public comments through the website at lith.org/contact-us.

ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE

If you have worsening symptoms consistent with those of COVID-19, you must be evaluated by your primary care physician. The McHenry County Department of Health is not testing at their locations. When contacting your physician, your symptoms will be screened and visit instructions will be provided. This is true for emergency rooms as well. It is recommended that anyone seeking care call ahead to their healthcare providers and locations for case-specific information.

REGIONAL HOSPITALS:

- Northwestern Medicine: 312-472-6843
- Advocate Good Shepherd: 866-443-2584
- Mercy Health System: 888-700-9011

MEDICAL EVALUATIONS FOR PEOPLE WITHOUT INSURANCE:

- Aunt Martha's Community Health Center: 877-692-8686
- McHenry Community Health Center: 815-363-9900
- Community Health Partnership of Illinois: 815-943-4339

TESTING RESULTS: The McHenry County Health Department will notify positive cases within 24 hours of getting those results. Many tests that are run go straight to the doctor that ordered them, not MCDH. Visit the County's website or call 800-889-3931 for more information.

OPEN BUSINESSES

Executive Order 20-10 requires all non-essential businesses and operations to cease all activities except for minimum basic operations. Non-essential businesses may continue operations consisting exclusively of employees or contractors working from home. To learn more about essential and non-essential businesses, visit coronavirus.illinois.org.

Many area businesses and restaurants remain in operation, creatively adapting to the new circumstances. Several local restaurants have implemented takeout, curbside pickup, or local delivery to continue offering services. To view a listing of Lake in the Hills businesses that are still operating, visit lith.org.



Events and Programming

NOTICE: At the time of this newsletter's publication, all Village programs and events remain cancelled through the stay-at-home order's duration. After the stay-at-home order is lifted, programs and events will be reassessed and continued as appropriate based on the COVID-19 circumstances at that time.

Several of our regular summer events are tentatively scheduled to still take place. For the most up-to-date information on Village programming and events, please visit lith.org. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we all work together to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic.

Programs currently suspended until further notice due to the stay-at-home order include:
• All Senior Programming
• Teen Safety Series
• Beyond the Bell After-School Care
• Preschool Academy
• Facility and Shelter Rentals

AFFILIATE & LOCAL ORGANIZATION PROGRAMS

For updates on the continuation of programs and events provided by local organizations, please visit their websites. After the stay-at-home order is lifted, their programs and events may be subject to continuation or cancellation at their determination. This includes but is not limited to following:

- **Pub in the Park Craft Beer Fest**
People for Parks Foundation
- **Rotary Rockin' Ribfest**
Rotary Club of Lake in the Hills
- **Young Eagles Flights**
EAA Chapter 790
- **Athletic and Youth Programming**
YAA, Junior Eagles, ALITHSA, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, etc.

Please visit lith.org for program and event updates.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT, 8/8

The National Night Out FREE Community Cookout is scheduled for Saturday, August 8th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Irv Floress Safety Education Center.



SUMMER SUNSET FESTIVAL, 9/4-9/6

The 20th Annual Summer Sunset Fest is scheduled to take place over Labor Day weekend. Visit summersunsetfest.com for details.

NEW REGISTRATION SOFTWARE

The new CommunityPass™ Online Registration System is now available to register for Village programs and events, including those from the Recreation division and the police department.

This new cloud-based registration and payment software enables streamlined administration and provides a convenient experience to customers. All information is secure and is saved from year to year, so you only need to fill out your

individual information one time. We are consolidating all previous registration programs into the CommunityPass program to allow for a central location for information, registration and payment.

For all programs, events or memberships offered by the Village that require registration, families and individuals MUST have a CommunityPass Household Account. Household Accounts may be for one or multiple household members. Once a Household Account has been created, you will have the ability to register and pay online for the majority of offerings. For instructions on how to create your account, visit lith.org.





Gordon Larsen Business Achievement Awards

Throughout 2019, the Village received 440 total nominations and applications for 33 different Lake in the Hills businesses for the Gordon Larsen Business Achievement Awards. In recent years, the awards had been available in three categories. However, the variation in nominations received in 2019 prompted the recognition of four businesses, two of which were in new categories. The Gordon Larsen Business Achievement Awards are a long-standing tradition in Lake in the Hills. As a resident, Gordon Larsen was influential in shaping the physical and civic landscape of Lake in the Hills. He believed in philanthropic businesses whose success was attributable to exemplary service to employees, customers and the community. These awarded businesses exemplify his lasting legacy.

BEST CUSTOMER SERVICE:

Butcher on the Block is a long-standing Lake in the Hills business, having been in operation since July of 2000. They're well known throughout the area for their quality products and service. Butcher on the Block received over 130 nominations for the Gordon Larsen Awards, of which many boasted the above-and-beyond customer service received.

"If not for Butcher on the Block my family would not be able to eat lunchmeat due to the fact that we have 2 in the house with Celiac Disease...There are not many options for us to eat outside the home or purchase safe products that won't make us sick. We are so grateful for Butcher on the Block."

To learn more, visit their website at butcherontheblock.com or stop by their shop at 4660 West Algonquin Road.

BEST COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Hertel's Coins is a locally owned and family-operated coin shop that has been in business since 2009. They moved to Lake in the Hills in 2017 and received 17 nominations for both community and customer service in 2019. Many submissions came from individuals who shared personal stories of experiencing unexpected and difficult circumstances in their lives and found not only high-quality customer service, but comfort and generosity in working with Hertel's Coins. In recent years, the Village has recognized businesses in the community service category that have made large donations, both monetary and through gifts in kind. However, Hertel's Coins showed that even a small business can make an impact in the community on an individual and personal level with each and every interaction they have.

Hertel's Coins is a buyer and seller of gold, silver, coins, jewelry, sports cards, military items, comics, and more. They can be found at 9465 Ackman Road or online at hertelcoins.com.

BEST NEW BUSINESS:

The Lakehouse Tattoo opened in August of 2019. Despite being open for less than a year, they not only received nominations in all three categories of the Gordon Larsen Awards, but earned 90 nominations as a new business. In recognition of their quickly established reputation for customer service within Lake in the Hills, The Lakehouse Tattoo

was awarded the Best New Business category for 2019. One nominee wrote:

"In the very few months that they have been open, they have been very engaging with the community, participating in community events, and hosting their own! I really feel like they care about the surrounding area, not to mention that they are caring and compassionate business people. Truly an asset to not only Lake in the Hills, but McHenry County."

The Lakehouse Tattoo is located at 2120 West Algonquin Road and can be found on Facebook and Instagram.

PRESIDENT'S PICK:

Ridler Window Tinting received 12 nominations, a big portion of which came from police officers and employees at the Lake in the Hills Police Department. This prompted the creation of the President's Pick category in order to be able to recognize them as a part of the Gordon Larsen Awards. Over the last several years, owner Mike Moore has donated time and resources to provide window tinting services to the Lake in the Hills Police Department at no cost to the Village. Officers spend the majority of their day in their vehicles and the squad car is essentially their office. Ridler's window tinting services has protected officers from harmful ultraviolet rays and provided a substantial contribution to their long-term health and well-being.

Ridler Window Tinting is located at 8713 Pyott Road and can be found at ridler-windowtinting.com or on Facebook.



LAKE AND BOAT USE TAGS

With the coming of warmer weather, Lake in the Hills residents may want to embrace the many opportunities our lakes provide for boating, swimming, and fishing. Located on the east side of the Village, our lakes offer scenic beauty tucked away from busy areas and roadways.

Residents who would like to use the lakes must purchase an annual Lake Use Permit or pay daily use fees. Permit sales begin May 1st and are valid through April 30th next year. Annual Resident Lake Use Permits cost \$40 per household or \$30 per household for senior residents who are 55 and older. Annual Non-Resident Lake Use Permits cost \$60. For daily use, residents pay a \$2 fee per person, non-residents pay a \$5 fee per person, and children under the age of 5 accompanied by either a paid resident or non-resident are free of charge.

Residents who wish to boat on the lake must also purchase a Boat Use Permit in addition to the Lake Use Permit. To apply for a Boat Use Permit, you will need proof of residency and proof of current IDNR boat registration (for electric motorboats and

sailboats). The permit costs \$10 for residents and \$7 for senior residents (55+). Boaters (resident or non-resident) who would like to utilize the Woods Creek Lake for one day can pay a \$15 daily boat launch fee. In order to protect the lakes, non-electric motorboats and vehicles are prohibited.

Interested in renting a storage slip? The Village has two boat slip areas located on Woods Creek Lake where residents can rent a slip close to the launch sites. Nockels Park, located at 149 Hilltop Drive, has 14 slips, and Turtle Island, located at 290 Indian Trail, has 46 slips. The slip fee for residents is \$20 or \$15 for resident seniors (55+). Current slip renters may renew their yearly rental in mid-April. Slips are available to rent on a first-come, first-served basis.

Residents can find and print the application for Lake Use Permits and Boat Use Permits at lith.org. Completed applications and fee payments can be mailed to Village Hall. For more information, call 847-960-7400 or email us at recreation@lith.org.



SUPPORT THE VETERANS MEMORIAL

Since 2013, the Veterans Memorial Committee has worked to build the Veterans Memorial located behind Village Hall. The memorial honors veterans and service members that have protected our country and offers community members a place they can visit to pay their respects. The committee continues to raise funds to complete the remaining portions of the memorial, including a fountain or other water element and a sidewalk with a bridge to the south side of the monument to grant access from Village Hall Drive. Residents can support the project by offering donations or purchasing commemorative bricks to be used in the memorial. Commemorative bricks allow you to give special recognition to family members, friends, or organizations you wish to honor. Visit lith.org/community/page/veterans-memorial to find order forms and learn how to donate to the memorial.

DID YOU KNOW?

Seasonal Information for Lake in the Hills Residents

COST SHARING SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

Does your sidewalk need repair? The Village's Cost Sharing Sidewalk Replacement Program allows residents to choose their own contractor to repair sidewalks in front of their property and apply for a rebate to reimburse the cost of repairs up to \$325. This program operates on a first-come, first-served basis and is subject to limited funding availability. When considering this program, note that eligible repairs or improvements are limited to non-hazardous or aesthetic conditions. Let the Village know if your sidewalk has become a safety hazard. Rebate amounts are based on a flat rate of \$3.25 per square foot of sidewalk repaired. Please inform the Public Works Department in the spring of your intent to participate in this year's program by submitting a Sidewalk Repair Application. Find application forms at lith.org.

MOSQUITO SPRAYING ALERTS

Lake in the Hills residents can sign up to receive text or email notifications from Clarke Environmental regarding nighttime spraying for mosquito control. To register, visit clarkeportal.com/hotline and set your notification preferences. Residents may also call Clarke Environmental's Mosquito Hotline at 800-942-2555 to report extreme mosquito annoyance, request information, report stagnant water, or request notification when trucks will be spraying in their neighborhoods. Standing water reports are referred to field inspectors. Mosquito sprayings are scheduled based on larva and adult population counts at various testing locations throughout the Village.

YARD WASTE COLLECTION

Yard waste collection runs from April 1st to November 30th each year. All materials must be contained in either a 30 gallon biodegradable paper bag or a standard 35 gallon reusable metal or plastic garbage container identified as "Yard Waste Only." Free stickers are available at Village Hall and the Public Works facility. Branches four inches or less in diameter that are too bulky for placement into paper bags or cans may be securely bundled with biodegradable string or twine. Bundles should not exceed four feet in length and sixty pounds in weight. Please contact Flood Brothers Disposal at 630-261-0578 for additional information.

NEW WEBSITE COMING SOON

The Village will be unveiling its new website later this spring. The Village has been working with Granicus for the redesign and development of lith.org. Granicus specializes in the creation of municipal websites and has received awards for over 250 of their website designs. The Village's existing site has not been changed since 2013.

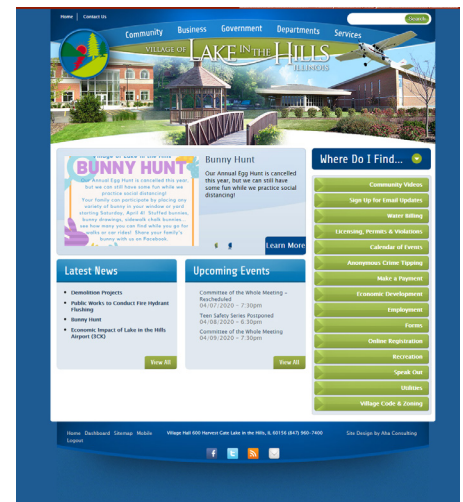
The new website has been created with a mobile-first approach to improve usability for those using devices, which makes up 60% of the current site's visitors. It will include improved navigation, advanced search capabilities to help access more information online, and a new service directory to help accomplish what you need to efficiently. It will also introduce new accessibility tools, a citizen request tracker, and more.

The website will continue to be available at lith.org. At the time of the new site's launch, instructional guides will be published for the new site and posted to social media to ease the transition for those who are accustomed to the existing site. To learn more, please contact the Administration Department at 847-960-7400.

FLOOD INSURANCE DISCOUNT

As a Lake in the Hills resident, you are eligible to receive a 20% discount on your flood insurance premium. The Village's floodplain management programs are in place to protect us from multiple flooding hazards, so we are able to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). This gives residents access to flood insurance. Residents of communities that do not take part in this program are not eligible for flood insurance. The Village also participates in FEMA's Community Rating System (CRS), which gives residents the 20% discount on flood insurance premiums.

If you do not have flood insurance, consider being proactive and purchase a policy before a flood is predicted. Policies have a 30-day waiting period before becoming effective. If you are insured, check your policy to determine whether you have adequate coverage. Flood insurance policies often cover structures, but not their contents. If you are building inside a floodplain, the purchase of flood insurance is mandatory if you are using a federally regulated/insured bank for a loan. Find information showing the designated floodway and floodplain areas within Lake in the Hills at lith.org. For details about your current coverage, contact your flood insurance provider.



Current site for lith.org.

GO GREEN

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Approved electronics, batteries, and fluorescent light bulbs will be collected free of charge by Flood Brothers Disposal on the third week of every other month. Simply contact Flood Brothers at 630-261-0578 to confirm your items are eligible and schedule an electronic pickup. Then, place items for electronics recycling at your curb on your regularly scheduled garbage day. Electronics will be collected curbside the following weeks:

- The week of June 15, 2020
- The week of August 17, 2020
- The week of October 19, 2020

MCHENRY COUNTY GREEN GUIDE

Have an item you are not sure how to safely dispose of? Consult the McHenry County Green Guide. The guide is compiled by the McHenry County College Sustainability Center and provides resources and information on disposing a wide variety of materials, such as paint, motor oil, tires, lights and bulbs, appliances, and more. The guide is updated on a regular basis and is available at: <https://www.mchenry.edu/green/greenguide.pdf>

SOLAR FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

The Village of Lake in the Hills is a participant in the SolSmart Program funded by the U.S. Department of Energy SunShot Initiative, which helps local governments reduce barriers to solar energy growth and makes it easier for homes and businesses to utilize solar technology. If you are interested in adding solar panels to your home or business, visit lith.org/solar for information on how to get started.

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 for select building permits and pay online using the public portal available on the Village web site. The types of permits available online include water heater replacement, furnace replacement, siding, roofing, air conditioner, and water softener replacements. Visit the public portal at lith.org/cd/page/public-portal. 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

2020 RESIDENT SATISFACTION SURVEY

This year, the Village of Lake in the Hills will be conducting a resident satisfaction survey to identify any needs for change or improvements to programs and services. The survey will be distributed to 1,500 households by mail at random and will allow recipients to respond anonymously by mail or

The screenshot shows a vertical list of five blue buttons with white icons and text. From top to bottom: 1. 'Report Code Violation' with a pencil icon and subtext 'Report a Code Complaint in the Village.' 2. 'Request an Inspection' with a magnifying glass icon and subtext 'Request an Inspection for your Permit filed in the Village.' 3. 'Apply for a Permit' with a checkmark icon and subtext 'View available online permit applications.' 4. 'Apply for License' with a checkmark icon and subtext 'View available online license applications.' 5. 'View My Cases' with a document icon and subtext '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!

- 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 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.

online. The survey will seek feedback on the overall satisfaction levels of Lake in the Hills as well as on select services provided by the Village.

All resident responses will be used by departments to determine the best course of action to respond to needs identified by residents. For more information on the 2020 Resident Satisfaction Survey, please visit lith.org or contact the Administration Department at 847-960-7400.



RANDALL ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Work on the McHenry County Division of Transportation's Randall Road Improvement Project continues this spring and summer. Construction began in 2018 and will see completion in 2021. A schedule with project steps for phase I and phase II, which will take place through December of this year, is available online at randallroad.info.

The project includes the following:

- Randall Road will be widened to provide three through lanes in each direction with up to four for the portion between Bunker Hill / Huntington Drive just up to Polaris Drive / Acorn Lane. Dual left-turn lanes and separate right turn lanes will be provided at all signalized intersections.
- The cross streets at the signalized intersection will be widened as well to allow vehicles to enter Randall Road more efficiently.
- Algonquin Road at Randall Road will have three left-turn lanes, two through travel lanes, and right turn lanes on both legs of the intersection.

- A pedestrian underpass will be constructed just between Harnish Drive and Bunker Hill / Huntington Drive. A path will be built linking the existing paths in the area as well as the new path along Randall Road.
- A multi-use path (8 ft. wide) along the east side of Randall Road and the south side of Algonquin Road.
- A sidewalk (5 ft. wide) along the west side of Randall Road and the north side of Algonquin Road.
- A new signal added at the Theatre/Costco (Commercial Drive) existing entrances.
- A new signal added at the Randall and Stonegate Road intersection.

The County encourages residents to visit the project website, randallroad.info, to subscribe to email updates and also to visit the County's Facebook page to stay informed. Lake in the Hills will continue to share updates as they become available on social media and in the Construction Projects e-newsletter. Visit randallroad.info for a project schedule, FAQs, webcam, maps, and additional details. Please remember to drive carefully through construction areas to help keep workers and fellow travelers safe.



WOODS CREEK STREAMBANK IMPROVEMENTS

In order to reduce the silt and sediment buildup along the Woods Creek streambank and improve surface and groundwater quality, the Village hired a contractor last year to stabilize a section of streambank in a location

referred to as Reach 10. The Reach 10 project began in September of 2019. It is 60% funded through an Illinois Environmental Protection Agency grant and will be completed in 2020. Village staff are now planning to undertake the next phase of the streambank improvement project, which will continue the improvements northeast of Reach 10. Please watch the Village website for updates regarding these streambank improvement projects.



**TEXT 60156
TO 888777**
to receive Lake in the Hills
text updates right on your phone.




SIGN UP FOR NIXLE TEXT ALERTS

Are you subscribed to our Nixle text updates yet? Text 60156 to 888777 to receive community updates and real-time emergency alerts from the Lake in the Hills Police Department, Village Hall, and Public Works right on your phone.

Nixle can even be used to communicate directly with the LITH PD for anonymous crime tipping. Just text TIP LITHPD to 888777. You will receive a message to let you know you are connected to LITH PD. Then, send in your crime tip. You will receive a follow-up message letting you know the tip was received. For more information, please visit www.lith.org/police.

RECREATIONAL CANNABIS

As of January 1, 2020, recreational cannabis was legalized in Illinois per the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act (410 ILCS 705/). Are you familiar with the new regulations?

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, people are forced to either 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.

If parking over sidewalks is an issue in your area, please utilize Nixle to text a tip to the Lake in the Hills Police Department or call the non-emergency number, 847-658-5676, to report the violation while it is occurring.

RECREATIONAL CANNABIS

Legalization effective in Illinois on
January 1, 2020

POSSESSION LIMITATIONS FOR ILLINOIS RESIDENTS

- o 500 mg of THC contained in cannabis-infused product (i.e., edibles)
- o 30 grams of plant material
- o 5 grams of cannabis concentrate
- o Medical cannabis card holders must keep raw cannabis produced in excess of 30 grams secured within the residence or residential property in which it was grown

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Minimum age requirement to purchase, possess, or use recreational cannabis*

*Except where authorized by the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act or by the Community College Cannabis Vocational Program



No smoking in public places (e.g., bars, restaurants, parks, etc.) or in any place where smoking is prohibited under the Smoke Free Illinois Act. A 'public place' means any place where a person could reasonably be expected to be observed by others; this DOES NOT include a private residence.



NOTHING IN THE CANNABIS REGULATION AND TAX ACT (CRTA) PREVENTS THE ARREST OR PROSECUTION OF A PERSON FOR RECKLESS DRIVING OR DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF CANNABIS.



Only licensed dispensaries are legally allowed to sell cannabis products



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Lake in the Hills Police Department
For additional information, refer to the IL Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act



When transporting cannabis in a vehicle, it must be in a sealed, odor-proof, child-resistant container. It must not be accessible while in transport.

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 seek cover indoors immediately. The siren system is not designed to provide notification for people already inside of their residence or business. The Outdoor Warning Sirens are tested on the first Tuesday of every month at 10:00 a.m.

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 to receive automatic warnings specific to McHenry County.

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.

SPRING SECURITY TIPS

While many of us have been using our extra time at home to do some spring cleaning, you can also brush up on security tips for your home and property. While we have a high level of safety in the Village, it doesn't hurt to follow security tips to keep you, your family, and your belongings safe. Let's dive into some of the best tips:

- Lock your home and vehicle doors.
- Lock and secure your windows, particularly overnight or when you are out of the house.
- Do not leave car keys in your vehicle.
- Do not leave valuables in your vehicle, even when the vehicle is locked.
- Keep shrubs and trees well-trimmed around your home so that they do not provide concealment for a criminal who may try to enter your home.
- Use exterior lighting around doors and the rear of your residence.
- Prepare an inventory sheet of the valuable property in your home. Include makes, models, and serial numbers of goods, and take photographs of the items.
- If your home or vehicle is burglarized, do not touch anything. Exit the residence and immediately call the police.

In most cases, burglarized homes and cars were left unlocked. The simple act of keeping your property locked may be enough to deter a burglar. Please follow these guidelines to keep your home and property safe throughout the year.

Again, if you have been burglarized, contact the police department immediately and always call 911 in an emergency.



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VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS

The Village Board of Trustees meet twice a month on the second and fourth Thursday at 7:30 p.m. (they meet once during November and December on the second Thursday). The Committee of the Whole meetings are on the Tuesday preceding each Board meeting at 7:30 p.m. 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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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 waiting for the 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 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
847-960-7400

PUBLIC WORKS

9010 Haligus Road
M-F 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
847-960-7500

POLICE DEPARTMENT

1115 Crystal Lake Road
M,W,Th,F 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, 8:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Non-Emergency: 847-658-5676
Emergency: 911