VILLAGE OF LEMONT

WINTER - SPRING | 2016 - 2017

Village News

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW! DON'T MISS THESE ANNUAL WINTER EVENTS. . .

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3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Downtown Lemont

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Sunday, December 4
Beginning at 8:00 a.m.
Lemont Park District

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Sunday, March 5
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Quarryman Challenge
Saturday, May 13
Starting at 7:30 a.m.
Downtown Lemont

Hometown Holiday – Saturday, December 3, 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Kick off the holiday season with an event the whole family will enjoy! Don't miss Hometown Holiday on Saturday, December 3, from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. Shopping, children's activities, visits and photo opportunities with Santa, and don't miss Frosty and Rudolph strolling around town. Tree Lighting at 5:00 p.m.

From the Mayor's Desk

Dear Lemont Friends:

As you may know, I will end my time as an elected official, and as your Mayor, come the completion of my term in April 2017.

Offered to me was an incredible opportunity to lead an organization at the apex of my professional industry. I have accepted the position of Executive Vice President of MHI, the nation's largest material handling, logistics and supply chain association. My responsibilities with MHI have begun, and with this, my family and I will be relocating to Charlotte, North Carolina at the end of the school year.

Lemont is an outstanding community, and one in which the residents are proud to call home. We have shared some engaging times together, and I will certainly miss all of you. After being elected as your Mayor in 2008, I was never more proud to be a resident of our Village. It has definitely been a phenomenal experience, and one in which Lemont has gained a much stronger financial position during this time.

I want to personally thank our dedicated, hardworking staff, the appointed commission volunteers who implement our objectives, our surrounding partner organizations that support our movements, and especially our citizens who, over the course of several years, provided input into our many initiatives. It takes many people to make our Village thrive, and your devoted Village Board and I will continue to work together to carry out the goals we have set to accomplish for our vision of Lemont.

One of our ongoing objectives is to retain and attract new businesses to our town. In doing so, we need to collectively support our business community by shopping, dining and patronizing our stores and service providers. I encourage you all to shop local this holiday season and throughout the year.

On behalf of the Village Board of Trustees, we wish you a joyous and healthy holiday season!

Tom Ballard Receives 2016 Senior Citizen of the Year Award

Lemont Emergency Management Agency (LEMA) Director, Tom Ballard, was nominated and chosen for the 2016 Senior Citizen of the Year Award from Congressman Dan Lipinski. Tom has been with the Village of Lemont since 1999. Whenever there is an emergency situation that requires assistance, you can be assured that Tom and his LEMA team will be on site helping in any way they can. As Director of LEMA, he coordinates the efforts of the Village and Township to prepare for, respond to, mitigate and recover from disasters, both natural and manmade. He also works with the schools on tornado preparedness and shelter management.

As a member of the State of Illinois EMAT (Emergency Management Assistance Team), Tom has helped out many other towns throughout Illinois after natural tragedies, including Harrisburg's and Coal City's tornado, and being deployed to Anna in southern Illinois after the December/January flooding. After Lemont's devastating tornado on March 27, 1991, as Communications Officer for ESDA, Tom coordinated radio communications for the Village and Red Cross for distributing food, and providing communications for shelters with HAM operators.

Tom's other involvements include:

- Enlisted in the Air Force in August of 1968 and served in Vietnam from 1970-71.
- Member of the Bolingbrook Amateur Radio Society and is a HAM operator and past president for three years.
- Will County Mutual Aid Association Partnership member and previous board member for several years.
- IESMA Member (Illinois Emergency Services Management Association).
- EMAT Member (Emergency Management Assistance Team).
- LEMA Member (Lemont Emergency Management Agency).
- Volunteer radio operator for the Chicago Marathon.
- Partner with Cook and Will County Mutual Aids.
- Partner with Local Emergency Planning Commission of DuPage and Cook Counties.

Tom and his wife, Rita, reside in Lemont. The Village of Lemont is a safer place because of Tom's dedication and desire to protect all citizens. Having him looking out after us all is an honor and something we could never thank him enough for doing.

SEASONAL REMINDERS

SALTING AND SNOW REMOVAL

The Public Works Department begins ice and snow control measures even before hazardous road conditions are expected. As soon as conditions warrant it, the salting process begins on major streets designated as primary routes, hills, curves, and all intersections. Residential streets that are relatively flat will be salted only at intersections. Salt remains the most cost effective means of breaking the bond between ice and the street, especially with Lemont's unique topography.

Plowing commences after snow accumulates to an inch or more. Village roadways are divided into 9 zones for the plowing process with primary routes, including hills and school bus routes, being plowed first. As soon as primary routes are cleared, crews will move on to the secondary routes. After all streets are open, trucks will begin the curbing operation.

The goal of the Public Works Department is to remove snow from all streets within six hours after the conclusion of a significant snowfall. Your cooperation in removing vehicles from the street and observing the odd-even parking regulations will make this job easier and more efficient.

GET WINTER WEATHER & TRAFFIC ALERTS SENT DIRECTLY TO YOUR PHONE OR EMAIL

Don't be left out in today's age of instant communication. Our "Stay Informed" alerts make it possible for Village of Lemont departments to get imformation out to the public immediately through text messaging, e-mails and web access at www.lemont.il.us. *Sign up to receive notification via "Stay Informed" – Public Works Notifications.*

WINTER PARKING REMINDER

During and after any snowfall, please try to remove vehicles from Village streets if at all possible to facilitate clearing. If removing vehicles is not possible, AFTER a snowfall of 2 inches or more, please park on the ODD-numbered side of the street on odd calendar days, EVEN-numbered side of the street on even calendar days. The day is considered to begin at 9:00 a.m.

EMERGENCIES DURING A WINTER STORM

If an emergency arises during a winter storm, residents should dial 911. All Public Works plowing vehicles maintain continuous two-way radio communication with the Police Department. Snow removal equipment can provide immediate support to ambulance and fire equipment.

DAMAGED PROPERTY

The Village replaces mailboxes that have been damaged through direct contact with a snow plow, if the original mailbox was installed in compliance with Village regulations. If your mailbox is struck, a temporary repair will be made so that you can continue to receive mail delivery. When winter ends and the ground thaws, final repairs will be made. If replacement of the mailbox or post is required, a standard metal rural size mailbox and 4 x 4 wooded wolmanized post kit will be utilized. All final mailbox repairs are typically completed by early spring.

Don't Take Chances!

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PLEASE COMPLETE THE ONLINE SURVEY – YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED ELECTRONIC & HAZARDOUS WASTE RECYCLING

The Village of Lemont has been researching electronic and hazardous waste recycling options for residents due to the expense, inconvenience and limited amount of facilities accepting items. We are currently considering a new program with Waste Management and would like your feedback on this expanded household and electronic recycling program. The "At Your Door" program allows residents to simply call the service to schedule a collection, then, on your scheduled pick up day, you place your items near your front door step or garage. Many items are accepted including electronics and TV's, household chemicals, automotive products, paint products, garden chemicals, universal materials such as CFL bulbs and batteries, and swimming pool chemicals. The program also accepts properly contained medical sharps.

The cost of this service upgrade through Waste Management is $1.25 per month, with unlimited recycling pickups. The program is not an opt-in program, and all residents would be required to be enrolled in the program for a period of one year, at which time the service would be re-evaluated. The additional charge would appear on all Waste Management customer bills. Several towns already utilize this program, including Chicago Ridge, Elwood, Hickory Hills, Plainfield and Shorewood. They have indicated on WM's own survey, that they are especially satisfied with the flexibility and ease of the whole process.

Please visit our website to take our short survey on your current use and preferences with a potential Waste Management recycling upgrade at www.lemont.il.us/GarbageRecycling. The survey will be available through December 16.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

HOLIDAY HOURS – VILLAGE OFFICES

Village offices will be closed Friday, December 23 and Monday, December 26. Offices will also be closed on January 2 (for New Year's) and Monday, January 16 (Martin Luther King Day).

PLEASE SUPPORT THE FOOD PANTRIES THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!

LANDSCAPE WASTE COLLECTION ENDS THE FIRST FULL WEEK IN DECEMBER

All landscape waste, including brush and other branches will be collected once per week on the same day as the regular refuse and recycling collection from April 1 through the first full week of December each year. Landscape waste materials should adhere to the following requirements:

- place in biodegradable paper "kraft" type bags, up to 33 gallons in capacity,
- shrubbery cuttings, tree branches, twigs, must be placed either in a kraft paper bag OR in a securely tied bundle,
- ties must be made of string or twine,
- branch bundles must not exceed 4 feet in length, and
- bags containing landscape waste and/or branch bundles cannot exceed 50 pounds in weight.

Call Waste Management about specific questions regarding landscape waste collection at (800) 747-2278.

AVAILABLE PROPERTIES

Do you know someone looking for available commercial space in Lemont or developable land? The Village maintains a list of available commercial buildings and properties on the Village website, including flyers from the real estate agents for these properties. Just visit www.lemont.il.us and search to locate the "available sites and buildings" page.

HOW TO REPORT A STREET LIGHT OUTAGE

To report a street light outage, go to our Village website's bottom feature bar, and click on, "Report A Concern." Navigate to Streets & Public Places, Streetlights. Please report the tag number located on the pole. The yellow tag number will start with either a C or V, maintained by ComEd or the Village of Lemont. You may report the ComEd lights to the Village, who will then report the outage to ComEd. Residents can also call Public Works at (630) 257-2532 between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

LEMONT PLACED ON NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

Through the dedicated work of the Historic Preservation Commission and Village staff, areas of Downtown Lemont were placed on the National Register of Historic Places on June 6, 2016. The National Register is an official listing of historic places worthy of preservation. This area roughly bounds along Main, Stephen, Illinois, River and Front Streets.

This is not the first area of Lemont to be listed on the Register. The Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal Historic District; Lemont Central Grade School; Lemont Methodist Episcopal Church, known as the Old Stone Church and museum and home to the Lemont Area Historical Society; and St. James Catholic Church and Cemetery are also listed. We thank the Historic Preservation Commission and Village staff for their continued dedication in preserving our cherished history. For more information, please contact the Village at (630) 257-1582.

MAYOR'S STATE OF THE VILLAGE ADDRESS – MARCH 9, 2017

The 14th Annual State of the Village Address sponsored by the Lemont Area Chamber of Commerce will be held on Thursday, March 9, at Crystal Grand Banquets. Registration begins at 11:00 a.m. with luncheon promptly at noon. Mayor Brian Reaves will present information on current and future Village plans and projects.

Tickets ($35.00 Chamber Members / $45.00 Non-Members)and information are available by contacting the Lemont Chamber office at 418 Main Street, (630) 257-5997 or online at www.lemontchamber.com

LEMONT
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

THE ART OF GIVING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

As many of us begin our holiday festivities and shopping for that special gift, let us not forget those less fortunate in our own Village. Through the efforts of many, you can help to provide a meal on a table, care package items, and even emergency funds to Lemont families.

Volunteers are needed to help in the Salvation Army 125th Annual Red Kettle Campaign to collect donations for local emergency relief funds. Help is needed on Friday's from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturday shifts of 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., now through December 24. Funds raised locally during these weekends are used to assist Lemont residents in crisis situations. Call or email if you can help volunteer for a two-hour timeframe at (630) 257-2522 x13 or email terri-oneill@lemonttownship.org.

The giving doesn't stop there. Care package items are being collected now through December 18. These packages will be delivered to families in need along with a warm Christmas dinner. Drop off bins are located at Starbucks Lemont, Lemont Police Station lobby, US Bank, Paws & Klawz Pet Salon, or the Lemont Township Office lobby through December 18.

Join us on Wednesday, December 21, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., for Care Box sorting and creating day at the Lemont Township Office, 1115 Warner Avenue. Questions, email terri@hopeandfriendship.com.

Winter Events

For a listing of ALL Lemont events and the most up-to-date event information, go to www.lemontevents.com.

December 3: 9:00 a.m. to Noon
Breakfast With Santa
CORE Fitness & Aquatic Complex, 16050 127th Street. Breakfast With Santa in a Winter Wonderland. Enjoy a delicious catered breakfast with your family. Children will visit and have their picture taken with Santa, make a holiday craft and play holiday games. Please register in advance. For more information, call (630) 257-6787, X 3001.

December 3: 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Neighbor to Neighbor Holiday Vendor & Crafter's Market
Lemont Township Community Center, 16300 Alba, just NW of 127th St. & Timberline. Come browse various independent vendors and crafters marketing their wares. 50/50 Prize Raffle. For more information, call (630) 257-2522, x 13.

December 4: Beginning at 8:00 a.m.
8th Annual sbtTunes.com Frigid 5K
Park District's CORE Fitness & Aquatic Complex. Festive 5K race through the Park District's Centennial Campus. Candy Cane Kids Dash for kids 10 & under. Register at Active.com. For more information, call the Park District at (630) 257-6787.

December 4: 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Christmas Choral Concert & Holiday Cookie Sale
Lemont Historical Society, 306 Lemont Street. Doors Open 1:00 p.m. Enjoy the music of the Christmas Season by local choirs, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. Bring the kids for a visit and photo with Santa and our Victorian tree from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Delicious assortment of homemade holiday cookies available for purchase. For info, please call (630) 257-2972 or www.lemonthistorical.org.

December 8, 9 & 10
Polar Express Interactive Movie Event
First Church of the Nazarene, 12725 Bell Road. Join us for an interactive movie experience for the whole family. Reserved Seating. Tickets are limited. Call (708) 349-0454 for more information.

Lemont Art & Culture Commission's 7th Annual Holiday Artists Bazaar

The Lemont Center for the Arts will host its annual Holiday Artists Bazaar. This is a great opportunity for shoppers to find exquisite and unique gifts.

Extended Holiday Shopping Hours
Now through December 18

Friday, Saturday, Sunday
10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

December 11: 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
St. Alphonsus/St. Patrick School Pancake Breakfast
St. Alphonsus Church Hall, 210 E. Logan Street. Bring your family and friends and enjoy this special pancake breakfast. Santa will be there to listen to children's wishes! Adult tickets, $7.00; Seniors and Children 4 and Older, $4.00; Children 3 and under are free - no ticket required. More Info: (630) 783-2220.

December 13: 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Lemont Park District's Senior Holiday Luncheon at Park District's CORE Complex
Enjoy your favorite Christmas music and a catered lunch. Lunch will be followed by Bingo for all. This is a FREE event. Please register in advance as space is limited. Call (630) 257-6787, X 3031.

December 14: Starting at 7:00 p.m.
St. Alphonsus/St. Patrick School Christmas Concert
Students in Grades 1-4 and the Liturgical Choir of St. Alphonsus/ St. Patrick School present a Christmas Choral Music Concert in the school gymnasium. The public is invited. St. Alphonsus/St. Patrick School, 20W045 Davey Road. More Info: (630) 783-2220.

December 15: 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Duck, Dive & Dodge for Donations Dodgeball Tournament at The CORE
A fun family night! Teams compete in a "friendly" competitive round robin dodgeball tournament. Entrance for fans is a monetary donation for Hope & Friendship Foundation's Christmas Giving, and/or personal care products, and/or non-perishable food for the food pantries. A 50/50 Raffle will also take place. Questions, call (630) 816-4972.

December 31: 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Lemont Park District Family New Year's Eve Day Bash at the CORE!
FREE! Join us in ringing in the New Year at noon instead of midnight! Celebrate with party favors, a DJ, a balloon drop at noon, pizza lunch and fun new year's activities and games for the whole family. For more info, call (630) 257-6787, X 3031.

February 10: Starting at 7:00 p.m.
Lemont Historical Society Presents "Drinkin' With Lincoln" Historic Pub Crawl
Lemont Area Historical Society takes a walk through Lemont's historic hangouts with a pub crawl. Visit the saloons, taverns and pubs of days gone by to learn their history. Feel free to bring photos or any memorabilia you may have. For more info: (630) 257-2972 .

February 25: 9:00 a.m. to Noon
Passport to Lemont and Beyond...Community Showcase & Expo at the CORE Complex
Don't miss this great opportunity to showcase your business! Or stop by to see what your community and surrounding communities have to offer! Enjoy family friendly activities and a FREE CORE Open House during the Expo. For more info, call the Chamber (630) 257-5997 or Park District (630) 257-6787, X 3030.

February 25: 6:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.
St. Alphonsus/St. Patrick School "Pure Imagination" Gala
Crystal Grand Banquets. An exciting evening featuring Live & Silent Auctions, Dinner and Live Music. For ticket information, please contact the school at (630) 783-2220.

March 5: Starting at 8:00 a.m.
Lemont Park District CORE Indoor Sprint Triathlon
Athletes will swim for 10, bike for 15 and run for 15 minutes. Total distance traveled will be measured at the conclusion of the event. Register at www.Active.com. For more information: (630) 257-6787, X 3003.

March 9: Mayor's State of the Village Address
Crystal Grand Banquets, 12416 Archer Avenue
Registration at 11:00 a.m. Luncheon at noon. $35 Chamber members; $45 Non-Members. For more information call the Lemont Chamber office at (630) 257-5997.

VILLAGE SEEKS NOMINATIONS FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY QUEEN

The Village of Lemont is seeking nominations for Queen of the St. Patrick's Day Parade to be held on Saturday, March 4 at 1:00 p.m. in historic downtown Lemont.

Nomination letters must be received by February 1, 2017 and should be submitted to the Village of Lemont, 418 Main Street, Lemont, IL 60439, Attn: St. Patrick's Day Parade. The contest is open to Lemont residents, high school juniors through second year college students, preferably of Irish heritage. The candidate must demonstrate an active involvement in school service organizations and/or community service activities.

The nominee who is chosen will reign as Queen of our 26th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade and lead this year's parade in a horse drawn carriage. For additional information, please contact Donna at (630) 243-2700.

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SPRING EVENTS & DATES TO REMEMBER

April

7	Lemont Park District's Teen Flashlight Eggstravaganza
7	Lemont Park District's Grown-Up Moonlight Egg Hunt
8	Lemont Park District's H2O Egg-Venture
21	Lemont Park District's Friday Night Live Teen Dance
24	Mayor's Drive for Charity
29	LEAC's Spring Recycling Day
29	Earth Day Heritage Quarries Restoration (Sponsored by CITGO)

May

5	Lemont Park District's Friday Night Live Teen Dance
6	Lemont Park District's Touch-A-Truck
7	St. Alphonsus/St. Patrick School 3rd Annual Celtic Open Golf Outing
13	Quarryman Challenge

Remember How Important It Is To Shop Local

Shop Lemont This Holiday Season

It is never more important than during this holiday season that we continue to support our local businesses. For a community our size, we truly have a diversity of businesses, from boutique shops, to full service grocers, to great restaurants. They all need our support. Please patronize our local businesses for your holiday shopping needs. One of the best marketing tools to help attract new businesses to our community is support of our current local businesses. So shop local and support Lemont! Visit our website for a complete list of licensed local businesses.

For every dollar you spend in Lemont, a portion of that dollar returns to our community through taxes, payroll, and other expenditures. Spend it in another town or spend it online and nothing comes home.

SIGN UP TO *Stay Informed*

Sign up to receive notices and important information on a variety of topics. Here's how:

1. Visit our website at www.lemont.il.us.
2. Click on the "Stay Informed" feature button.
3. Follow the instructions to sign up and select what information you want to receive.
4. Once signed up you will receive a message for each "list" to confirm your subscription.
   Email confirmations will be from "listserv@civicplus.com." You must click on the provided link to verify your email address to start receiving emails. Text message confirmations will be sent to the mobile number you provided, and requires you to simply reply back with the provided response to confirm receipt of CivicPlus texts.
5. Confirmed – You will receive an email and/or text confirmation.

You can also sign in at any time to view previously sent messages, update your personal information and modify what notices you receive.

We are no longer sending messages via Nixle, so be sure to sign up to *Stay Informed!*

For an up-to-date listing of ALL Winter & Spring events, go to www.lemontevents.com

FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS, PLEASE SEND IN YOUR EVENT INFORMATION. . . AND USE OUR CALENDAR TO AVOID CONFLICTS.

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