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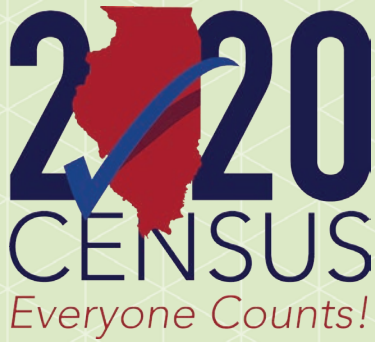
Let's Bring Lemont to a 100% Count!



SEASONAL REMINDERS & INFORMATION

Cannabis Advisory Referendum Question On Ballot





2020 Census – Bringing Lemont to a Complete Count!

It will soon be Census Day on April 1, 2020! When we all respond, we all benefit. When everyone is counted in the 2020 Census, our community gets its share of the \$675 billion in federal funding which will influence our community funding for the next decade! Here is what you can expect from the upcoming 2020 Census:

- Responding to the census is easier than ever. In March, most every household in the United States, including those living in rental housing, will receive a notice to complete the census online, by phone or by mail. Choose the option that is most comfortable for you. Some will still receive the paper form to complete.
- This is the first year that you can take the census online allowing you to securely submit your information. All data submitted online is encrypted to protect personal privacy, and their cybersecurity program meets the highest and most recent standards for protecting personal information. Once the data is received, it is no longer online.
- If you don't have a computer, the Lemont Public Library located at 50 E. Wend Street is a resource center for Lemont residents and offers public computers and free internet access with staff to assist you. The online form can be converted into several different languages making it even easier for you to complete it.
- If you do not initially complete the online questionnaire, the census will send you a paper questionnaire a few weeks later for you to complete and mail back. If you do not return your form, Census Takers will visit households that have not responded from May through June.

Counting Children

Newborn babies and young children under the age of five are often missed in the census. Shape your children's future – responding to the 2020 Census is an easy, safe and an important way to help provide resources for children in our community for the next 10 years! Here is information to help you know how to count children. If you have children, make sure they are counted in the right place:

- Count children in the home where they live and sleep most of the time, even if their parents don't live there.
- If a child's time is divided between more than one home, count them where they stay most often. If time is evenly divided, count them where they are staying on Census Day - April 1, 2020.
- If a child's family (or guardian) is moving during March or April 2020, count them at the address where they are living on Census Day – April 1, 2020.
- Count children in your home if they don't have a permanent place to live and are staying in your home on April 1, 2020, even if they are only staying with you temporarily.
- Count newborn babies at the home where they will live and sleep most of the time, even if they are still in the hospital on April 1, 2020.

Counting College Students

When responding to the 2020 Census, college students should be counted where they live and sleep most of the time as of April 1, 2020. For most students, that means their college town, not back home with their parents.

- College students not living at home should be counted where they are living on April 1, 2020.
- Parents or guardians should only include children in college who live with them full time during the school year. They should not list college students studying or living abroad on April 1, 2020.
- For students that live in on-campus student housing or in another student housing facility that is owned, leased or managed by your college or university, census takers will work with student housing officials to ensure that you are counted. Students may be asked to complete an individual census form.
- Students that live in off-campus housing that is not owned, leased or managed by their college or university can respond online, by phone, or by mail beginning in mid-March 2020. Students should count themselves at their off-campus address, even if they stay somewhere else during school breaks.

People Without a Permanent Residence

Census Bureau workers take in-person counts of people living in group quarters, such as college dormitories, military barracks, nursing homes and shelters, as well as those experiencing homelessness or who have been displaced by natural disasters. Children and families without a permanent residence who are staying temporarily with a friend or family on April 1, 2020, should be counted at that address.

What Will I Be Asked?

You will be asked a few simple questions, like age, sex, and the number of people who live in your home, including children. You WON'T be asked for Social Security numbers, bank or credit card numbers, money or donations, or anything related to political parties.



Every Generation Counts

The 2020 Census will provide a snapshot of our nation – our population, where we live, and so much more. The results are critically important because this once-a-decade census data helps businesses, researchers and communities make decisions.

The 2020 Census provides the basis for reapportioning Congressional seats, redistricting and determining how more than \$675 billion in federal funding is spent to support our state, county and community's vital programs, influencing our community funding for the next decade!

DID YOU KNOW?

After each census, state officials use the results to redraw the boundaries of their congressional and state legislative districts, adapting to population shifts.

The results of the census are used to reapportion the House of Representatives, determining the number of seats each state gets.

Census data helps in forecasting future transportation needs for all segments of the population.

Data assists federal, tribal, state and local governments in planning and implementing programs, services and emergency response, new fire departments, more funding for school lunches, or new roads and more.

Businesses use census data to determine where to open new stores, where to expand operations and which products and services to offer.

Data helps in designing facilities for people with disabilities, the elderly and children.

We are counting on everyone in the Village of Lemont to complete the 2020 Census and to help us spread the word to your family, neighbors and friends about the importance of taking the census and remind them to complete the 2020 Census.

And remember, your information is protected and kept confidential by law. Your responses can only be used to produce statistics. They cannot be shared with law enforcement agencies or used against you by any government agency or court in any way. The Census Bureau is required by law to protect any personal information collected and keep it strictly confidential. Any Census Bureau staff takes a lifetime oath to protect your personal information and any violation of this oath comes with a penalty of up to \$250,000.00 and/or up to five years in prison.

Census Workers Needed

The census needs workers! Visit their website at www.2020census.gov/jobs for more information. Thousands of people are needed to be Census Takers throughout the country. Jobs are temporary, provide extra income and weekly pay, flexible hours and even your training is paid. Apply online at www.2020census.gov/jobs.

Resources and Information

The www.2020census.gov website is loaded with information to answer questions or to obtain additional information.

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CANNABIS ADVISORY REFERENDUM QUESTION ON BALLOT

The Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act (CRTA) became a law on June 25, 2019, and went into effect on January 1, 2020. This law legalizes responsible cannabis use throughout Illinois and provides regulation guidelines for the production and sale of recreational cannabis via local cannabis dispensary stores.

While the act does not allow for the prohibition of responsible use of cannabis, it does allow municipalities the ability to regulate and/or prohibit dispensaries and other cannabis establishments from locating within its jurisdictions. The Village Board has received significant input from the community on the issues and has discussed the legislation at several public meetings and workshops in October, November and December of 2019.

Having a possible dispensary store location in Lemont can be a very polarizing issue with residents. Where one side questions the reputation and possible issues of having such a store, the other side favors the ability to obtain additional sales tax revenues as a way to fund Village services and obligations. Based on the significant feedback and support on both sides of the newly passed law, the Village Board would like to take additional time to obtain a better understanding of this statute and receive additional feedback from Village residents. Therefore, in order to assess public sentiment on the topic, the Village Board is placing a previously approved, non-binding referendum question on the March 17, 2020, Presidential Primary Election ballot on whether to allow the operation of a recreational cannabis dispensary in town. The question on the ballot will read:

Shall the Village of Lemont, in Counties of Cook, Will and DuPage, Illinois, allow the operation of a recreational cannabis (marijuana) dispensary within its jurisdiction?

In addition to continuing to assess community sentiment on the issue, the board will continue to monitor the benefits and effects of the cannabis legislation and how it plays out in the region. To allow additional time for this review, the board approved an ordinance that formally prohibits (opted-out) cannabis business establishments from locating within the Village limits at the December 19, 2019, Special Village Board Meeting. This ordinance passed with a majority vote of four yes votes and two no votes. The Village Board will reassess the situation after the March 17 election where it may take action to allow for a dispensary to locate within Village limits or continue to prohibit.

For additional information, including meeting minutes and frequently asked questions, visit our website at www.lemont.il.us/Adult-Use-Cannabis. For further questions, please email, vlemont@lemont.il.us or call the Administration Department at 630-257-1590.



Mayor John Egofske

2020 ANNUAL STATE OF THE VILLAGE ADDRESS THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2020

Presented by Mayor John Egofske

Registration: 3:30 p.m. | Appetizers, Drinks & Address: 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.
Crystal Grand Banquets, 12416 Archer Avenue, Lemont, IL
\$30 Chamber Member | \$40 Non-Member

ADVANCE REGISTRATION REQUIRED

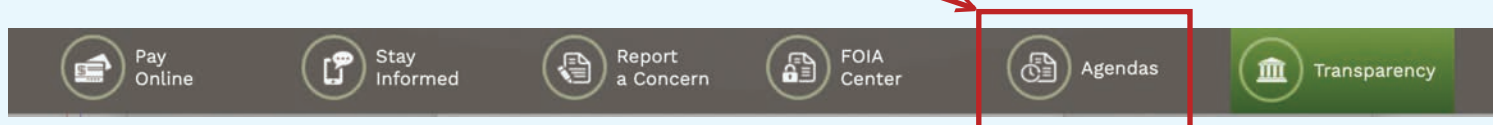
Paid RSVP required by March 6, 2020, with list of attendees.
Register and pay online at www.myhcba.com | Questions | 630.257.5997

NEW Agendas and Minutes Center

The Village of Lemont is excited to announce that we have implemented a new Agendas and Minutes Center beginning with meetings in 2020. This is one convenient place to access meeting agendas, minutes and videos when available, of the Village Board, Committee of the Whole and all Commission Meetings.

To access upcoming meetings, select the meeting under "Upcoming Events." Past meetings are accessible under "Available Archives." This new Agendas and Minutes Center will archive meetings and minutes beginning in 2020. Links are included on the webpage to access meeting agendas and minutes from meetings 2019 and prior.

To locate the Agendas and Minutes Center, simply click on the **"Agendas" icon** on the feature bar located across the bottom of the main website page.



The screenshot displays the main content area of the Agendas and Minutes Center. At the top, there is a paragraph explaining that meetings are arranged by date and providing instructions on how to use the 'Video', 'Agenda', and 'Minutes' links. Below this is a table titled 'Upcoming Events' with columns for Meeting, Date, Agenda, Events, and Agenda Packet. A red box highlights the 'Upcoming Events' title, and a red arrow points from a callout box on the right to it. Underneath the table is a 'Search Archives' section with a search input field, a 'Search' button, and links for 'Advanced', 'RSS feeds', 'Agenda', and 'Minutes'. Below the search section is an 'Available Archives' section with a red box highlighting its title and a red arrow pointing from a callout box on the right to it. The available archives listed are 'Village Board Committee of the Whole Meetings' and 'Village Board Meetings'.

Select an Upcoming Meeting.

Select Archived Meetings from 2020 and Beyond.

In addition to the Agendas and Minutes Center, we are currently implementing a new website with Granicus that is expected to be launched this spring. The Agendas and Minutes Center will then take on a new look to coordinate with our new website design.

In the meantime, should you have any questions or comments, please email vlemont@lemont.il.us or call our Administration Department at 630-257-1590.



TURNING 65?

**Ask us about WATER, WASTE MANAGEMENT and VEHICLE STICKER Discounts!
Call our Finance Department at 630-257-1550 for requirements and details on how to apply.**



Working with Congressman Dan Lipinski, Lemont Secures U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Grant

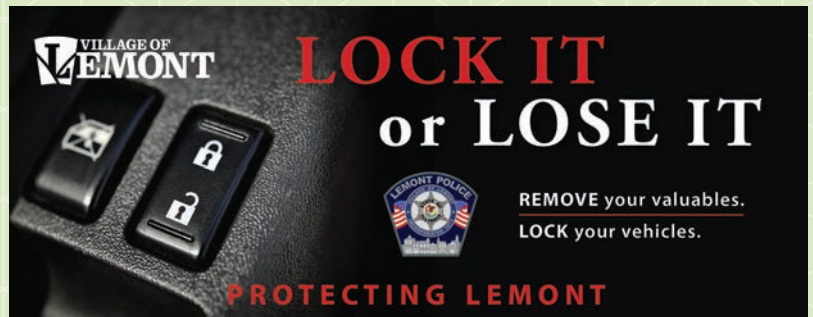
Working with Congressman Dan Lipinski, Lemont has secured \$1.5 million in federal funds to expand and improve water service for Village residents. The money, secured through U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, will be used to run new water mains to underserved areas of Lemont and replace aging infrastructure. In addition to providing residents access to our clean drinking water and allowing for future growth, the grant funding will also be used to feed “The Forge” at Lemont Quarries Adventure Park opening this summer. This federal grant brings taxpayer dollars back to the Village for the benefit of our residents. The Village is working hand-in-hand with the Army Corps of Engineers in designing the projects, which will be bid later this year with construction beginning in 2021. We thank Congressman Lipinski for his continued advocacy for infrastructure and other needs we have in Lemont and look forward to more partnerships with his office.

Seasonal Reminders & Information

Remove Your Valuables | Lock Your Vehicles

Lock It or Lose It

Leaving your home or vehicle unlocked puts you and your family at risk! Don't provide criminals with the opportunity to burglarize your home or vehicle. When thinking of crime prevention (or specifically how to keep your things safely yours) always remember the three elements that must be present in order for a crime to happen:



DESIRE | ABILITY | OPPORTUNITY

If just one of those three elements is removed, the crime simply cannot occur.

You cannot eliminate a criminal's **desire** to commit a crime. You have no control over a criminal's **ability** to commit a crime. But you can remove the criminal's **opportunity** to burglarize your home or vehicle by locking your doors and windows and securing your property out of view.

Landscape Waste and Branch Pick-Up Resumes April 1

Yard waste collection service is included as part of your weekly collection program. FREE Landscape Waste Pick-Up resumes April 1 on your regular pick-up day and extends through the first full week of December. Residents with yard waste materials may simply place the materials in a kraft-type paper bag, up to 33 gallons capacity. Shrubbery cuttings, tree branches and 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. Bags containing landscape waste and/or branch bundles cannot exceed 50 pounds in weight.

Residents may rent a 96-gallon cart for waste collection through Waste Management for a charge of \$4.00 per month or they can be purchased for \$105 each. Carts purchased for the disposal of yard waste must be clearly identified by the resident for disposal of yard waste.

More Information

Residents should direct any questions regarding their waste collection to Waste Management at 800-796-9696.

Spring Cleaning in Your Future?

Spring Household Recycling Event May 30, 2020 | 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Metra Parking Lot – 101 Main Street

This event is sponsored by the Lemont Environmental Advisory Commission.

This event is intended for "household" recycling.

It is not intended for commercial use.

*Event Includes:

- Motor Oil Recycling
- Document Disposal
- Electronics Recycling
- Prescription Medication Collection
- Toner Cartridge – Printer Inks – Cell Phones
- CFL Light Bulb Collection
- Glasses / Hearing Aids
- Bicycle Recycling
- Food Collection For the Food Pantries

*Please visit www.lemont.il.us/Spring-Recycling-2020 for details on what items are accepted and/or not accepted for this event.

At Your Door Special Collection Service

Can't wait for the Spring Recycling Event? If you're a residential customer covered under our current Waste Management agreement, take advantage of the "At Your Door Special Collection Service" through Waste Management to dispose of recyclable and hazardous waste items at any time. Schedule your pickup in one of these three easy ways:

- Go to WWW.WMATYOURDOOR.COM
- Call 1-800-449-7587 (M-F, 7am-7pm CT)
- Email ATYOURDOOR@WM.COM

We certainly hope all residents will utilize the At Your Door Service to properly dispose of all recyclable material in this safe and proper method, through the At Your Door Special Collection Service. For more information on the program, go to: www.lemont.il.us/At-Your-Door for details on what are acceptable and not acceptable items for this service. This is a residential service program only; no business materials will be collected.



NOTICE:

Planning a Home Construction Project?

With construction season just around the corner, please remember: Most projects require building permits and inspections to comply with Zoning and Building Codes. If there is any doubt, contact the Building Department to find out if you need a permit for your project and we will help you through the process. Call 630-257-1580 for more information.

MARCH IS Severe Weather Preparedness Month *Take the Time to Prepare a Home Tornado Plan*



FOR SAFETY TIPS, VISIT [HTTPS://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/SAFETY](https://www.weather.gov/safety)

Summer Seasonal Employment Available

College or high school students looking for a summer job? The Lemont Public Works Department plans to hire a number of temporary seasonal employees to work generally forty (40) hours per week during the summer months. The work schedule is usually eight (8) hours a day, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The type of work involved is outdoor manual labor tasks such as mowing grass, pulling weeds, watering plants, picking up trash, cleaning the Public Works garage, vehicles and equipment, painting light poles, shoveling dirt, spreading concrete and other related duties as assigned.

Job requirements include the ability to work outdoors in various types of weather including heat and humidity, to operate a mower and use hand tools, perform physical labor tasks, have consistent attendance and follow directions. The pay rate is \$11.50 per hour. No benefits are offered.

To apply, fill out an application available on the Village website at www.lemont.il.us under Village Hall/Employment Opportunities or stop by the Public Works Building at 16680 New Avenue, Lemont, IL 60439. A post-offer, pre-employment drug screen is required. The Village of Lemont is an equal employment opportunity employer.

2020 CENSUS

Everyone Counts!

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**St. Patrick's Day
Parade & Festival**
Historic Downtown Lemont

Saturday, March 7, 2020

Featuring
Lemont's Own Irish Queen and
the Chicago Stockyard Kilty Band

Bring your family and friends
and join the Parade!

Visit the VFW Hall
15780 New Avenue
Following the Parade for
Refreshments, Entertainment
and Family Fun!

SPRING / SUMMER EVENTS & DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH

- 1** Lemont Park District CORE Sprint Triathlon
- 7** St. Patrick's Day Parade & Festival
- 14** Community Business Expo
- 19** Mayor's State of the Village Address
- 29** LAHS Presents "Our Town: A History of Lemont"

APRIL

- 3** Lemont Park District's Grown-Up Moonlight Egg Hunt
- 4** Lemont Park District's H2O Egg-Venture
- 8** Lemont Park District's Senior Egg Hunt
- 26** Who, What, When, Where?
LAHS Photo Identification & Research Day

MAY

- 2** Lemont Park District's Touch-A-Truck
- 9** Quarryman Challenge
- 30** LEAC's Spring Household Recycling Event



SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2020
7:30 AM

QUARRYMAN challenge

Challenge Yourself!

Register beginning January 1, 2020, at www.GetMeRegistered.com
for this unique race through the streets
of Lemont with the best hills
in the Chicagoland area!

LEMONT PARK DISTRICT

VILLAGE OF LEMONT

LOOKING AHEAD TO SUMMER . . .

Lemont Legends Cruise Nights

Every Wednesday Evening – June through August

Sunset Soiree FREE Summer Concert Series – Thursday Evenings
June 11 • June 25 • July 16 • July 23 • July 30 • August 6

July 3 Independence Day Extravaganza

July 11 Lemont's 30th Annual Heritage Fest

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

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