



Village News

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News & Information for Residents

The Village of Lemont is dedicated to promoting and preserving the character of the community and ensuring a high quality of life through professional public service provided in a friendly, consistent, and fiscally responsible manner, emphasizing the best interest of the community as a whole.

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Lemont Celebrates Earth Month!

See Page 5 for Event Details.



Visit us on the web at www.lemont.il.us



St. Patrick's Day
Parade and Festival
March 7th - 1:00 p.m.
Historic Downtown
Lemont

From the Mayor's Desk



The Village remains a strong community and has an increasing percentage of new housing starts and proposed new developments. Overall, in 2014, we had the most single-family homes break ground within the past seven years, with a total of 78 starts. Many economic factors lead to this upturn, and one sure sign is increased employment with families being able to purchase new homes. The Village will continue to collaborate on this controlled growth with our fellow taxing bodies, which includes the Lemont Fire Protection District, Lemont High School, Lemont-Bromberek Combined SD113A, Lemont Public Library and Lemont Township. New business growth also continues in town, which provides local employment and increases our overall tax base; your support will help them succeed. We continue to utilize our [ilivelemont](http://www.ilivelemont.com) website, www.ilivelemont.com, to direct potential shoppers, business, and residents into Lemont. There is much more in store for 2015 and it takes each and every one of us to help Lemont continue to thrive as a community.

On January 12, Marc Maton was sworn in as the new Chief of Police for the Village of Lemont. It is with great pleasure that I welcome him to our Village, and look forward to all he has to offer to our Police Department and community. Chief Maton began his law enforcement career as an Illinois State Police Trooper in 1986. From 1988 through 2003, his primary assignments were in drug units and multi-jurisdictional task forces. He was appointed as the Chief of Field Operations in 2009, and then in 2012, was appointed Deputy Director of the Division of Forensic Services. In the summer of 2013, Chief Maton became the Deputy Director of the Division of Administration where he retired in December 2014. He also holds a Bachelor's Degree from Northwestern University and a Master's in Law Enforcement Administration from Western Illinois University. Chief Maton's wealth of experience in these areas brings an impressive mix of knowledge to the position. Please take the opportunity to meet him at his Open House on Tuesday, March 10, from 3-7 p.m. at the Lemont Police Department, 14600 127th Street.

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Mayor's Message (cont'd)

Congratulations to our 2015 St. Patrick's Day Queen, Jennifer Lorenz. Join us on March 7 at the St. Patrick's Day Parade. There are many great events taking place throughout the Village. Visit the Community Calendar on our Village website for upcoming events at www.lemont.il.us.

Mayor Brian K. Reaves

Vehicle Stickers On Sale Starting June 1, 2015

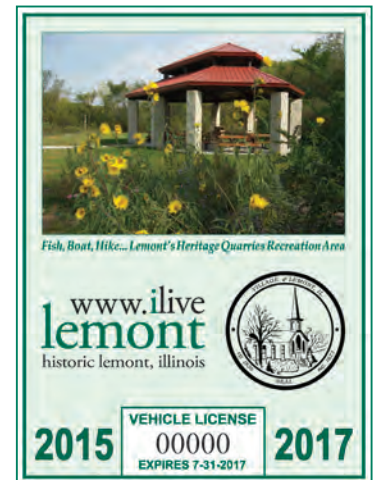
Vehicle stickers are required for all vehicles registered in the Village of Lemont. The two year sticker is to be posted by August 1, 2015, and will expire on July 31, 2017. Stickers can be purchased for \$96.00 per passenger vehicle through July 31, 2015. Passenger vehicle stickers purchased after the July 31, 2015 expiration date will increase to \$146.00. Other vehicle prices are listed in the chart below.

Upon the purchase of a new vehicle, the owner shall have 30 days to purchase a vehicle sticker at the rate of \$96.00. Stickers purchased after the 30 days will be at the rate of \$146.00.

Fill out the Vehicle Sticker Application form located on the Village website, www.lemont.il.us, and from the left sidebar, select, *Vehicle Sticker Info*. Stickers may be purchased in person at either the Village Hall or the Lemont Police Facility locations listed below. Stickers may also be purchased by mail (*if mailed, please send completed form and your check directly to the Lemont Village Hall at 418 Main Street*).

Village Hall
418 Main Street
Lemont, IL 60439

Lemont Police Facility
14600 127th Street
Lemont, IL 60439



If you have any questions, please call (630) 257-1550.

Vehicle License Sticker Fees (Stickers are Valid August 1, 2015 until July 31, 2017)

	Price June 1 thru July 31, 2015	Price After August 1, 2015	Senior Vehicle License Sticker Fees		
				Price June 1 thru July 31, 2015	Price After August 1, 2015
Motorcycles or Motor Bicycles	\$ 78.00	\$128.00			
Passenger Vehicles	\$ 96.00	\$146.00	Passenger Vehicles	\$32.00 (first vehicle), \$64.00 (each additional vehicle)	\$82.00 (first vehicle), \$114.00 (each additional vehicle)
Trucks "B" License (Pick-Up and R.V.)	\$120.00	\$170.00	Trucks "B" License (Pick-Up and R.V.)	\$40.00 (first vehicle), \$80.00 (each additional vehicle)	\$90.00 (first vehicle), \$130.00 (each additional vehicle)
Trucks "D" and "F" Licenses	\$210.00	\$260.00			
Trucks "H" and "J" through "Z"	\$246.00	\$296.00			
Buses and Motor Homes	\$114.00	\$164.00			
Antique Vehicles	\$ 12.00	\$ 62.00			
Transfer or Replacement Licenses	\$ 6.00				



St. Patrick's Day

Parade & Festival

Historic Downtown Lemont
March 7, 2015
1- 5 p.m.

*Line-Up 12:30 p.m. at Lemont Safety Village
 Parade Route: South on Stephen to Main, West to VFW Hall
 Plenty of Parking at the Metra Lot*

Featuring:

- Lemont's Own Irish Queen, Jennifer Lorenz
- The Chicago Stockyard Kilty Band
- Hughes Academy of Irish Dance

Bring your family and friends & join the parade!

Visit the V.F.W. Hall, 15780 New Avenue
 Following the Parade for
Refreshments • Entertainment • Fun!

- Hughes Academy of Irish Dance
- Celtic Sounds - 3 to 5 p.m.

Carriage Ride for Our St. Patrick's Day Queen
 Sponsored by Joe Galica - Paradise Banquets,
 Bridgeview, Illinois
 708-599-6800

Flowers for Our St. Patrick's Day Queen
 Sponsored by Petal Play Design,
 Lemont, Illinois
 630-243-9430

For More Info: 630-243-2700



Lemont Police Department

Open House for
Chief Marc Maton



**Please take the opportunity
 to meet
 Chief Marc Maton**

March 10, 2015
 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
 Lemont Police Department
 14600 127th Street
 Lemont, IL 60439



State of the Village – March 4

The 12th Annual State of the Village Address sponsored by the Lemont Area Chamber of Commerce will be held on Wednesday, March 4, at Crystal Grand Banquets. Mayor Brian Reaves will present information on current and future Village plans and projects.

Tickets and information are available by contacting the Lemont Chamber office at 418 Main Street, (630) 257-5997.



Voters Information for the April 7 Consolidated Election

Voter Registration Information

In order to cast a ballot in the April 7, 2015 Consolidated Election, voters must be registered. To find out if you are registered, check the Cook County Clerk's website at www.cookcountyclerk.com.

Grace Period Registration Ends April 4

Grace period registration and voting extends the registration period by allowing voters to register and vote until the Saturday before an election. It is also the only way to vote if you are not registered or if your voter registration is not up to date. However, guidelines limit when and where grace period registrants can vote. Please visit www.cookcountyclerk.com/elections for locations and times.

Mail Voting

Any registered suburban Cook County voter may apply for a mail ballot. Mail ballot application forms can be downloaded and printed at www.cookcountyclerk.com or call the Clerk's office at (312) 603-0946 to request that an application be mailed to you. Applications are available at the Village Hall and Lemont Township Office. The deadline to apply is April 2, and mail ballots must be postmarked by April 6.

Early Voting – March 23 - April 4

Any registered voter may cast a ballot at one of the Cook County Clerk's early voting sites from March 23 through April 4. Lemont residents may vote early at the Lemont Public Library. Please call the Library at (630) 257-6541 for hours.

If you are not sure of your polling location, visit www.cookcountyclerk.com and enter your address to find your precinct number.

DATE	EVENT
2/26/2015	First day to apply for a mail ballot
3/10/2015	Last day to register to vote
3/11/2015	First day of grace period registration and voting
3/23/2015	First day of Early Voting
4/2/2015	Last day mail ballot applications accepted, including military and overseas voters
4/4/2015	Last day of Early Voting
4/4/2015	Last day of grace period registration and voting
4/6/2015	Last day voted mail ballots can be postmarked
4/7/2015	Election Day

NOTICE

With construction season being 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.

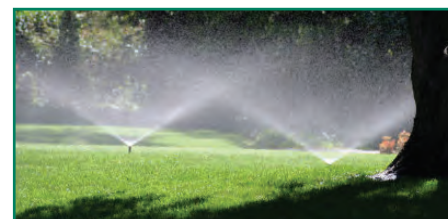
Swimming Pools

Swimming Pools 24" and higher require a building permit and a 5' protective barrier.

Boat, Camper, Trailer Storage/Parking

Village ordinance requires that boats, campers, or trailers may only be stored/parked at a residence if located in a garage or other fully enclosed structure that substantially conceals them from public view. A boat, camper or trailer may be parked at a residence for the purpose of loading or unloading for no more than 8 consecutive hours or 12 hours in a 24-hour period.

Non-compliance may result in fines. Any questions regarding the ordinance should be addressed to the Village Code Enforcement Officer at (630) 243-2704.



Lawn Sprinkler Valves Require Testing Annually

Lawn Sprinkler RPZ valves **must be tested annually** by a certified technician to prevent contamination of the public water supply by faulty valves.

The inspection certificate must be submitted to the Building Department following the inspection. A list of certified inspectors can be found on the Village website at www.lemont.il.us.

Spring Household Recycling Event

April 18, 9:00 a.m. - 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.

Motor Oil Recycling

Collecting used motor oil, fuel oil, lubricant oil, brake/transmission fluid and antifreeze.
CITGO Refinery

Document Disposal

Dispose of personal papers safely and securely. All documents will be shredded on site. **Paper recycling will be limited to 100 lbs. per citizen. Business paper recycling will NOT be accepted.**
CITGO Refinery

Electronics Recycling

Dispose of outdated electronic equipment including PCs and computer peripherals, servers, networking equipment, stereo & home entertainment equipment & phone equipment.
E-Scrap Technologies

Televisions, Monitors and Microwaves

Accepting televisions, monitors and microwaves for recycling.
Public Works

Prescription Medication Collection

Dispose of unused and outdated prescription medications safely while saving our water supply.
Lemont Police Department

Toner Cartridge - Printer Inks - Cell Phones

Bring these items for recycling and re-use.
Lemont Combined School District 113A

CFL Light Bulb Collection

Accepting used CFL and up to 4-foot fluorescent light bulbs. **CFL bulbs may NOT be disposed of in the trash.**
CITGO Refinery

Battery Collection

Accepting rechargeable batteries only (including NiCd, NiMH, Lithium Ion) and button batteries (watches, hearing aids) for proper disposal. **Alkaline batteries can be disposed as general refuse as they are no longer considered hazardous. Alkaline batteries and lead-acid batteries (car, marine) will NOT be accepted.**
CITGO Refinery

Bicycle Recycling

Accepting used bicycles, bicycle parts and accessories.
Working Bikes Cooperative

Food Collection for the Food Pantries

Bring non-perishable food for the Food Pantries to the Metra Lot.

LEMONT CELEBRATES EARTH DAY WITH MULTIPLE EVENTS!



April 21 Lemont Township's Earth Day Celebration 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Township Community Center
16300 Alba Street

Alternative Residential Gardening
Ideas & Storm Water Management
Workshops Throughout the Day
with a choice of sessions:

Morning: (9 a.m. - 12 p.m.)
Afternoon (1 p.m. - 4 p.m.) or
Evening (5 p.m. - 8 p.m.)

Register today by visiting:
[www.pizzogroup.com/
2015seminarseries](http://www.pizzogroup.com/2015seminarseries).

Family Activities: 4:00 - 6:30 p.m.
including a Nature Walk, Prairie
Clean-Up and Refreshments!

For more info, call (630) 863-3411.

April 24 Noon to 1:00 p.m. Arbor Day Celebration

Join the Lemont Park District
Early Childhood and Preschool
Programs for a great way to kick off
spring! Days events may include
a tree planting and dedication,
a butterfly aviary, a visit from
Seemore the Eagle and a free hot
dog lunch. For more information,
call (630) 257-6787, X 3001.

Heritage Quarries Trail Clean-Up-Green-Up

Saturday, April 25: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Meet at Heritage Quarries Pavilion on K.A. Steel Road beginning at 8:00 a.m. Garbage bags and cleanup tools (shovels, rakes, etc.) will be provided. Long sleeves, long pants are recommended. Bring gloves.

Volunteers Needed! This Event Sponsored by Heritage Committee.

Mayor Brian Reaves
&
Ruffled Feathers Golf Club
Proudly Sponsor

**MAYOR'S
DRIVE FOR CHARITY
APRIL 27, 2015**

*It's only with your support that we
are able to give back to those with
needs in our community.*

**For More Info:
Contact Linda at
(630) 257-1590**

Ruffled Feathers
2 Shotgun Starts
7:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

FEES: \$150 Per Player Includes:

- 18 Holes & Cart
- Cont'l Breakfast/Box Lunch
- Buffet Dinner
- Scramble Format - Prizes

BECOME A SPONSOR OR SIGN-UP TODAY TO PLAY!



Mayor's Drive for Charity

This annual event's sole purpose is to raise funds for Lemont's charitable & service organizations. 100% of the profit is donated to these organizations. Several sponsorship levels are available including raffle item donations and hole sponsorships. If you are interested in contributing in any way, please visit www.lemont.il.us/MayorsDrive. Your consideration is greatly appreciated.

Registration forms and applications for charity funds are available on the Village website.

Emerald Ash Borer Update



The mass removal process of affected Emerald Ash Borer trees continues. The Village will begin replacing parkway trees in the fall as budget allows, but this process will take several years. If a homeowner wishes, you can purchase and plant a new parkway tree at your own expense in the parkway adjacent to your home. No permit is required; however, the tree species should be an approved parkway tree species, and trees should be planted in accordance with the Village parkway tree planting specifications. Our approved parkway tree species list and parkway tree planting specifications are located on our website at: www.lemont.il.us/EmeraldAshBorer. Homeowners are cautioned to always use a licensed contractor. Please call the Public Works Department with any questions at (630) 257-2532.

Lemont Loves the Arts

Lemont Loves the Arts is a community arts program sponsored by all K-8 grade schools in Lemont. The program gives students an opportunity to express their creativity based on a theme. Our 2014-2015 theme was "Imagine That."

The 1st-3rd place winners received a medal at the awards night held on January 27 at The Lemont Center for the Arts (next to Aldi). The Village News is proud to be featuring the winners from each grade group from this program throughout 2015. Pictured here is the First Place winning entry in the 2-3 Grade Category.

This year's winners in the featured 2-3 Grade Category are:

First Place:	April R., Oakwood School
Second Place:	Victoria P., River Valley School
Third Place:	Lauren G., River Valley School



Congratulations to all of our young artists! We would love your help with picking a theme for the 2015-2016 season! If you would like to submit a theme idea, please send an e-mail to Yoriko Bacon at yyyoriko@hotmail.com by May 1.



CHALLENGE YOURSELF AT THE QUARRYMAN

When: Saturday, May 9
Where: Main Street, Historic Downtown Lemont
Check-in: 6:00 a.m.
Race begins: 7:30 a.m.

There are lots of running races in Chicagoland, but nothing that is as unique and challenging as the Quarryman Challenge 10 Mile and 5K in Lemont, Illinois. The Quarryman Challenge 10 Mile & 5K offers elite athletes, age group competitors, and fitness runners a different, challenging course in Lemont's unique, scenic, and small town setting.

Not running? Please volunteer for the race or cheer on the runners as they wind through our community and the downtown area. Play music, ring bells, display signs and write encouraging remarks (in chalk please) on the route to cheer on Lemont residents and visitors to our community as they run the race. For more information call Dave Fako at (630) 243-7111 or visit www.quarrymanchallenge.com.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! If you're interested in volunteering, please call (630) 243-2700.

LEMONT'S 25th ANNUAL HERITAGE FEST

July 11, 2015

Village Seeks Volunteers

Are you interested in helping out with special events in town? The Village is seeking volunteers to help serve on the Heritage Fest Committee for our 25th Annual Lemont Heritage Fest to be held on Saturday, July 11, in our historic downtown. Volunteers would be expected to assist in the planning of the event as well as assist on the day of the event. If you're interested, please plan on attending our first meeting scheduled for March 26th at 7:00 p.m. For more information, call (630) 243-2700.

**Heritage Fest Event Planning Meeting
 Lemont Village Hall Board Room
 Wednesday, March 25, 2015
 7:00 p.m.**

Sponsorship / Promotion Opportunities

If you're a business owner, please consider being a sponsor of this great family fun event! Heritage Fest is a great opportunity to promote your business to the thousands of Lemont residents that attend every year! We have sponsorship levels available to fit every business budget. For further information on sponsorship opportunities, please call (630) 243-2700.



T-Shirt Design Contest

- Participants must be 16 years old or younger.
- Must be drawn by participant.
- Design must be an ORIGINAL drawing and completed in black and white.
- Designs should show the police and community working together.
- Your full name, phone number, school and teacher's name should be printed on the back.
- The winner will be announced before school ends for the summer.
- Winner will be recognized by Mayor Reaves, receive a prize, and have their design printed on our 9th Annual Kops-N-Kidz T-Shirt and displayed at the Lemont Police Department.
- All entries must be turned in no later than **May 1, 2015** at the Lemont Police Department, 14600 127th Street.

Save the Date for Kops-N-Kidz on August 8, 2015.

*Visit our Community Calendar at
www.lemontevents.com
 for All Spring & Summer Events*



March is
Severe Weather Preparedness Month
 Take the Time to Prepare a Home Tornado Plan



SUMMER EVENTS

Save the Dates!



Lemont Farmers Market • June 3 to October 28

Every Tuesday 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Further Information: (630) 243-2700

Lemont Legends Cruise Nights • June 17 to August 27

Every Wednesday 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Further Information: (630) 257-5997

25th Annual Lemont Heritage Fest • Saturday, July 11, 2015

To Be a Sponsor, or For Further Information: (630) 243-27009

9th Annual Kops-N-Kidz Day • Saturday, August 8, 2015

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Further Information: (630) 257-2229

**Lemont Park District & Village of Lemont
 Sunset Soiree FREE Summer Concert Series
 Historic Downtown Lemont**

Thursdays: June 11 • June 25 • July 16 • July 30 • August 6

7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Further Information: (630) 257-6787



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Village Board Meetings
 2nd & 4th Mondays - 7:00 pm

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