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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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Farmer's Market Every Tuesday June – October 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Talcott & Stephen

DON'T MISS. . .

Fireworks Display
July 3 at Dusk
Centennial Park
16028 - 127th Street

Heritage Fest Saturday, July 12 4:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Stephen & Main Downtown Lemont

Kops - N - Kidz Day Saturday, August 2 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Centennial Park

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From the Mayor's Desk

We finally get to welcome the long awaited warm weather along with the many special events planned in our community. Our Farmer's Market is growing each season with additional vendors. Stop by the market each Tuesday from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Talcott Square. The Village along with the Lemont Park District is hosting a Sunset Soiree Concert Series. These free concerts will be held on various dates throughout the summer, most of which will be in downtown Lemont on Stephen Street. The Chamber will again host Lemont Legends Cruise Nights every Wednesday through August in downtown Lemont. For



details on all these events and others, check out the Lemont Community Calendar at www. lemont.il.us/CommunityCalendar.

Mayor's Drive for Charity

The annual Mayor's Drive for Charity was held on April 28. We had another successful turnout and raised approximately \$35,000. Checks were distributed to area charity and service organizations at our June 23 Village Board meeting. I'd like to thank all of our sponsors, raffle item donors, volunteers and golfers who contributed tremendously to make this event a success. These organizations give back so much to others in our community; whether they provide food and shelter to those in need, help those fighting cancer and the disabled, or guide our youth to become better citizens, we are grateful for their existence. Thanks again to all of our supporters in helping these organizations reach their own goals.

Electric Aggregation

The electric supply rate for residents being supplied by ComEd increased on June 1 to 7.596 cents/kWh. However, residents that are enrolled with FirstEnergy Solutions through the Village of Lemont's plan will continue to see savings with a contracted rate at 4.83 cents/kWh. Residents will continue to receive this savings through the contract term which will expire this October. If a resident did not initially take advantage of this offer, they are able to

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From the Mayor's Desk

enroll through the rest of the contract term by contacting FirstEnergy Solutions directly at (866) 636-3749. In the spring of 2012, the Village joined with 15 other Will County communities to form the Will County Governmental Electric Aggregation Group (WEAG), which I serve as the Committee Chair. This group was formed to receive better rates for residents by pooling together the many communities. Negotiations will begin this summer for a new fixed rate contract with an electrical supplier, and it is expected that we will continue to see a savings over the ComEd electricity supply rate.



Construction Projects

Water Main Replacement

Replacement of three water mains will take place this summer which include:

Warner Avenue (Phase 1) – South of Weimer Avenue to Peiffer Avenue

Warner Avenue (Phase 2) – Peiffer Avenue to Norton Avenue

East Street – North of Lintz Street

These sections of water main require continuous repair and will be replaced with new ductile iron water main. This work should be completed by the end of June.

Main Street Paver Replacement

The Village also plans on replacing the brick pavers on Main Street, from State Street to Holmes Avenue. The new pavers will be similar to the new pavers on Canal Street, and will be installed to be ADA compliant. The project will be constructed block by block in order to keep disturbances with the businesses to a minimum, as well as to not conflict with Village sponsored summer events taking place in downtown Lemont. The work should commence in early July and be completed by mid-August.

Street Resurfacing

The Village plans to resurface almost two miles of residential streets. This work should commence in late June and be completed by late July. Residents who will have their streets resurfaced will be notified by letter prior to the start of work in order to avoid inconvenience.

MWRD Lemont Plant Expansion Update

Many of us in the downtown area of Lemont have been feeling the trembles from the blasting at the MWRD Wet Weather Treatment Facility off Stephen Street. This expansion project at the treatment facility will help improve storm water management and will reduce the destruction caused by future strong weather systems in our region.

As initially indicated in our December newsletter, part of this project involves rock blasting and removal for construction of a new wet weather reservoir and wet well. The blasting portion of the project is expected to be completed in June. We have been informed that the blasts will be generally occurring three times a day; one in the morning, one around noon and one in the late afternoon. Once this is completed, rock anchors and rebar work will start mid to late summer and continue until winter 2014. Utility work onsite and at the Stephen Street facility entrance is projected to start in mid-summer as well. Updates can be found at www.lemont.il.us/mwrdfacility.

Brian K. Reaves, Mayor

It's Swimming Pool Season:

Swimming pools 24" and higher require a building permit and a 5' protective barrier. Call (630) 257-1580 for more information.



Collection and Disposal Agreement

The Village Board approved an eight year contract with Waste Management for the Village's refuse, recycling and landscape collection and disposal. As part of this contract, during the first year residents will see a 13% decrease in their monthly fee from what was previously being paid. Seniors that are 65 years of age or older and occupy their dwelling will receive an 18% monthly decrease. Although there is a slight increase in subsequent years. the rate does not increase above what residents were paying until the 2020 contract year. Seniors are able to receive assistance for a senior discount signup at the Village Hall.

In addition, as part of the contract, residents can receive a free upgrade to your recycling cart through July 31, 2014. Residents can choose to exchange their existing 32 or 64-gallon recycling cart for a 96-gallon recycling cart to allow for greater weekly recycling capacity. Residents received notification and instructions in the mail from Waste Management on how to exchange your cart. Please choose only one method of exchange, as doing more than one option will result in additional requests to the same address.

If you have any questions concerning this exchange, please contact Waste Management's customer service department directly at (800) 796-9696 and enter your zip code at the prompt.



2013 Water Quality Report

Our 2013 water quality in Lemont has met all of the USEPA drinking water requirements and standards. Each year, the Village of Lemont provides its customers with an Annual Water Quality Report to let them know how our water quality stacks up against established federal and state drinking water standards. We encourage you to review this report, as it provides details about the source and quality of the drinking water delivered to our community in 2013.

Visit our website to view the water quality report at **www.lemont. il.us/2013WaterReport**. If you wish to have a paper copy, you can print one directly from our website. You can also receive a printed version by contacting our Public Works Department at (630) 257-2532 or email vlemont@lemont.il.us with your request. Paper copies are also available at the Village Hall at 418 Main Street.

For Community Organizations, Summer is Event Season! Use Our Community Calendar to Avoid Conflicts

Community organizations are encouraged to send your event information to the Village for posting on our Village Community Calendar. Send all pertinent details and include a flyer if you have one to dpecina@lemont. il.us. When planning an event, check your event date against the dates of the events already shown in the Community Calendar to avoid potential conflicts with your event.

Always remember to check if a Special Event Permit is required from the Village for your event. If you are unsure if your event requires a Special Event Permit, please call the Village. Permit applications should be filed at least 30 days in advance of your event date or are subject to a late fee. For questions on Special Event Permits or the permitting process, call (630) 243-2700. For a current listing of community events, visit www.lemont.il.us/Community Calendar.

Fair Housing Act

The Village of Lemont is committed to furthering fair housing within our community. Fair housing is a right protected by law. The Fair Housing Act coupled with our local ordinance prohibits discrimination in housing because of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, a familiar status or physical or mental handicap /disability, age, sexual orientation, marital status, military discharge status, source of income, gender identity, housing status, parental status and other protected classes as provided by law. The protected classes prohibit a property owner or manager from taking any of the following actions: refuse to rent or sell housing; refuse to negotiate for housing; make housing unavailable; set different terms, conditions, or privileges for sale or rental of a dwelling. To report a fair housing violation please contact the Planning & Economic Development Department, (630) 257-1595 for a Fair Housing Complaint Form.

Emerald Ash Borer

The Village of Lemont's ash tree population has been devastated in 2014 due to the Emerald Ash Borer infestation. This infestation has been identified in 22 states and Canada, with ash tree losses well over 110 million.

In 2010, the infestation was identified in the Village of Lemont. Chemical treatments were not guaranteed to be effective, and currently are still not proven to work over time. Based on the recommendations of two certified arborists and the Director of Public Works, the Village Board made a decision not to treat the Village's affected ash trees. This difficult decision was made in order to make the most effective use of the Village's resources available to deal with a natural disaster of this magnitude.

The Village is currently working towards mass removals in the hardest impacted areas such as Glenys, Sara, Alpine, McCarthy Point and Old Derby subdivisions. The Village is also in the process of securing the best prices for residents for ash tree removals on private property and for replanting options. This information will be posted on the Village of Lemont's website soon. Please call the Public Works Department with any questions at (630) 257-2532.

Residents Asked to Monitor Ash Trees:

Although the Public Works Department conducts routine visual inspections, residents are being asked to monitor ash trees particularly in the parkway for signs of distress. The borer kills trees from the inside out, planting eggs inside ash trees. The larvae then eat the tissue of the tree causing it to die. The beetles emerge shortly after Memorial Day and spread to other trees. The signs to watch for are:

- Die-back at the crown of the tree.
- "S" Shaped galleys or tunnels on tree trunks.
- "D" Shaped emergence holes.

For more information, call Public Works at (630) 257-2532.

Window or Door Replacement

As of June 1, the Village will no longer be requiring permits for window or door replacement <u>unless</u> the rough opening of the windor or door is being changed. Any contractor doing window or door replacement will still be required to be licensed through the Village.

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 web site at www.lemont.il.us.

Odd-Even Watering Regulations Are In Effect

Properties with an odd number address may water on odd numbered calendar days. Properties with an even numbered address may water on even numbered calendar days. Furthermore, no lawn sprinkling is allowed from the Village water system between the hours of 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Odd-even regulations apply until October 1. On the day new sod is laid, residents may water freely (no permit required). Thereafter, the odd-even regulations apply.

Mosquito Abatement

The Public Works Department manages the Village's mosquito abatement program. Residential spraying will be limited only to periods of excessive annoyance and storm drains will be treated regularly. Advance notice before spraying will be given upon request: (630) 257-2532.

How Can You Help?

- Promptly remove standing water from all pots, containers, and tire swings around the yard. Mosquitoes can develop in only five days.
- Keep weeds and grass mowed.
- Keep gutters free of leaves and debris so water runs freely.
- Change the water in bird baths once a week.
- Clean and chlorinate swimming pools, outdoor saunas, and hot tubs regularly.
- Drain water from pool covers.

Saturday, July 12, 2014

24th Annual

HERITAGE FEST

Historic Downtown Lemont

Family Fun for All Ages!

Bingo at Budnik's Plaza: 4 - 7 p.m. (Sponsored by Lemont Historical Society)

Old Time Photos: 5 - 7 p.m. (Sponsored by Lemont Historical Society)

Salt Creek Model A Ford Car Show: 4 - 8 p.m. (North Metra Lot Under the Bridge)

Inflatables and More: 4 - 8 p.m.

- NEW! The Meltdown!!!
- NEW! The Spider Climb!!!
- Pony Rides & Petting Zoo
 (Sponsored by The Inn at Smokey Row)
- Smash the Car (Car Donated by Reed's Automotive Enterprises)
- Trackless Train
- ZIPLINE & LOTS MORE!

Main Stage Attractions: 4 - 11 p.m.

4:00 - 4:30 p.m. Allegro Zumba Party

4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Allegro Music Student Showcase

5:30 - 6:00 p.m. Andrea Veltri

6:30 - 8:30 p.m. 80's Enough

9:00 - 11:00 p.m. Timing's Everything

GREAT VARIETY OF FOOD VENDORS WITH SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

MOST ACTIVITIES ARE FREE THANKS TO THE GENEROSITY OF OUR SPONSORS!!

Contact the Village Hall 630-243-2700 for more information.



THANK YOU to All Our Sponson



16th Annual Farmer's Market!



Every Tuesday
June 3rd to October 28th
8:00 a.m - 1:00 p.m.
Stephen St. & Talcott St.



Wednesday Nights: 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Historic Downtown Lemont

- 6/25 Ford
- 7/2 Convertible
- 7/9 Mopar
- 7/16 Buick
- 7/23 Muscle Cars
- 7/30 Olds
- 8/6 Pontiac
- 8/13 Pontiac
- 8/20 Emergency Vehicles8/27 Antiques (Rain Date for

Emergency Vehicles Night)

3 Cool Car Trophies will be awarded each week in the featured car category. For more information: (630) 257-5997.



VINTAGE BASEBALL

Lemont Quarrymen will be playing 2 more home games this year at Covington Knolls Park at 127th and Covington Drive. Pack up the family and join the Qmen and the Historical Society for an afternoon of good old fashioned fun enjoying the game of baseball as it was played before the Civil War. For more info call: Historical Society, (630) 257-2972.

• 7/20 Home Game, 1:00 p.m.

Lemont Quarrymen v. Munster Centennials

For the full Season Schedule, go to www. lemonthistorical.org or the Community Events Calendar at www.lemont.il.us.

Summer is Full of Great Events in Lemont.

For More Complete Event Information: www.lemont.il.us/CommunityCalendar



Saturday August 2: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Parade from Timberline Park: 9:45 a.m.







Bike Parade Staging Area: 9 a.m. (Roberta & Timberline) Destination: Centennial Park - Parade Kicks Off at 9:45 a.m.

All Kids 16 & Under Receive:

- Coupon for Free Lunch & Treat
- Free T-Shirt (while supplies last)
- Free Entry into a Kid's Raffle
- Free Bike Helmet (while supplies last)

TONS OF ACTIVITIES 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Enjoy many free demonstrations & activities: Helicopter, Lemont Fire District, Public Works, Photo Booth, Face Painting, Police Scavenger Hunt, Cook County K-9, ARGO demonstration, OBIE Train, Illinois State Police Command Center and Motorcycles, ISP SWAT, Crime Scene Demonstration, Pony Rides, Petting Zoo, Inflatables, Live D.J. and Games. Bike Valet Parking Available.

GOLD SPONSORS

Mayor's Drive for Charity Illinois Marine Towing Superior Lemont Fire Department Illinois State Police ISP – Forensic Services Illinois Nurses Association Lemont Public Works Lemont Police Benevolent Assoc. A-Awesome Amusements Markiewicz Funeral Home

Petkus Funeral Home Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Timberline Knolls Hindu Temple

Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital Ats-A-Nice Pizza T-USA Martial Arts

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June 24: 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Lemont Park District's FREE "Pack the Pool" Event

For all ages. FREE admission to Centennial Pool, entertainment by a local children's entertainer, & free hot dogs! More info: (630) 257-6787.

July 11: 6:00 p.m. to July 12: 6:00 a.m.

Lemont - Homer Glen - Lockport Relay for Life

Lemont High School Sports Complex, 131st & Bell Road, Lemont. For more information, call Lona Slaughter at (708) 633-7770, option 3 and/or visit the Relay's website at www.RelayForLife.org/lemontil.

July 12: 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

24th Annual Lemont Heritage Fest

For more information, see Page 5 of this newsletter, call (630) 243-2700 or www.lemont.il.us/HeritageFest.

July 17: 7:00 p.m.

Summertime Reads! at Virginia Reed Park

Come out to Virginia Reed Park for story time on the hill with the Lemont Public Library! After a story time there will be games, prizes and snacks.

July 18 & 19: 7:30 p.m., July 20: 2:00 p.m.

Performances of the Wizard of Oz

For ticket information, visit www.littlemountaintheatre.org. A juried show with the theme "There's No Place Like Home" will be held before the performances beginning at 6:30 p.m. on July 18 & 19, and 1:00 p.m. on July 20 in the LHS PAC atrium. For art show entry information, visit www.littlemountaintheatre.org.

July 19: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

First Church of the Nazarene's Block Party

This event is a celebration of community and children. Everyone is invited to attend this special event. Inflatables, games, free food and special music highlight the festivities held on the recreation fields, while familes are invited inside to one of four award ceremonies for our summer recreation leagues. For more info: (708) 349-0460.

July 22-23: 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Lemont Safety Village

LJWC's Safe Sitter Babysitting Certification Program

Safety Village, 55 Stephen Street. This program is a medically accurate child care course developed especially for 11 to 13 year olds. Safe Sitter teaches the skills needed to safely care for children of all ages. For full info and to register: www.lemontjuniorwomansclub.org.

July 26: 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

"Giving Back to Lemont" Concert Benefit Event
Historic Downtown Lemont at Front Street Cantina, 319 Front Street. The purpose of this event is to collect donations for Lemont Open Pantries and to provide a venue to enjoy local musical talent at no cost. There is no charge to attend. Guests are asked to bring a non-perishable food item for the open pantries or make a monetary donation which will be divided between the two pantries. In the event of inclement weather, a rain date has been set for August 2nd.

August 2: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

8th Annual Kops-N-Kidz Day

Enjoy many free demonstrations and activities. For more information, see Page 6 of this newsletter or call (630) 257-2229.

August 20: 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Lemont Park District's "Pack the Park" In Conjunction with **Lemont Cruise Night**

Historic Downtown Lemont at Front Street Cantina, 319 Front Street. The Park District's FREE Pack the Park Events are enjoyed by everyone! This event will feature Magician & Game Show entertainer, Jim Jensen, facepainting and kid's games (7-9 p.m.) and is suitable for the whole family. For more info: (630) 257-6787.



v.lemontparkdistrict.org.

June 29: 8:00 a.m. Lemont Park District's "Color Me Proud" Freedom 5K

> June 30: 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. The All-American Swim at Centennial Pool

July 1: 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Lemont Park District's Sky High Freedom Fly!

July 2: 6:30 p.m. at Legion Park/Lemont VFW Lemont Park District and Lemont 22 Honor VFW Post 5819 Presents... Red, White and Zumba!

> July 2: 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Lemont Park District's FREE TO BE FIT All-Day Open House at The CORE!

July 3: 4:00 p.m. to Dusk Independence Day Extravaganza at Centennial Park Brought to you by The Lemont Park District, Village of Lemont, and Lemont Township.



Commission Vacancies

The Art & Culture Commission has two appointed positions open for commissioners. The Commission meets on the second Tuesday of each month (except December) at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in promoting the cultural environment of our community, and would like to apply, applications are located on the Village website, www. lemont.il.us, at the Lemont Center for the Arts, Lemont Village Hall, or call (630) 257-1590. The Lemont Center for the Arts is located at 1243 State Street, Unit 101, Lemont, IL.

The Planning & Zoning Commission has one appointed position open for a commissioner. The Commission meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Village Board Room. The PZC conducts reviews and makes recommendations to the Village Board of Trustees about proposed zoning actions and various planning documents. If you are interested in serving on this Commission, and would like to apply, applications are located on the Village website, www.lemont.il.us, Lemont Village Hall, or call (630) 257-1590.



Lemont Farmers Market is Open Every Tuesday - 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Talcott Square Parking Lot (Stephen & Talcott Street)

Behind StoneHouse Pub and La Dolce Vita

For more information or a list of current vendors, go to www.lemont.il.us/FarmersMarket



Curfew hours: Ages 17 and up: No curfew

Age 13 - 16: Sunday - Thursday, 11:00 p.m. - 6:00 a.m.; Friday - Saturday 12:01 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.

Age 12 and under: 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

Fireworks are illegal. Don't take chances! Celebrate safely at our Community Fireworks on July 3 - Dusk.



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