



# 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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### Don't Miss . . .

**Hometown Holiday**  
Saturday, December 6  
3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Downtown Lemont

**Community Tree Lighting**  
5:00 p.m.  
Budnik Plaza

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at [www.lemont.il.us](http://www.lemont.il.us)



*CITGO Lemont Refinery, the Wildlife Habitat Council, the Lemont Village Board, Senator Christine Radogno, and the Lemont community kicked off the Lemont Quarry Restoration Project on November 1, 2014. The second phase of this environmental conservation project is slated for spring of 2015.*

## From the Mayor's Desk



A very noteworthy event occurred on November 1, 2014, in which CITGO Lemont Refinery, the Wildlife Habitat Council and the Lemont community kicked off the Lemont Quarry Restoration Project. This was the first phase of this environmental project in which the area's native and invasive species were identified and logged, and the clearing of the invasive species began. Through this process, CITGO worked closely with the Village, Wildlife Habitat Council and the Lemont High School on the logistics for the implementation of the project. We are most grateful to CITGO for having chosen to improve and preserve the quarry area through native habitat restoration, as part of their yearlong campaign to promote environmental conservation. The second phase of the ecological and recreational management plan is slated for spring of 2015, with an overall goal to make the site more accessible to the public and to continue restoration efforts. It took many volunteers to accomplish the first phase of the project and we thank each and every one of you. As we move forward, it's our hope that others will join in the quest to make our quarry area a true recreational destination. Thank you again CITGO Petroleum Corporation and CITGO Lemont Refinery for providing us this exceptional opportunity.

I would like to thank the residents who took the time to respond to our September newsletter feedback question asking what you would like the Village Board to focus on in the future. We received a total of 15 responses which were related to an array of different topics. Many referred to very specific issues from building senior housing, obtaining more visible street signs and train station parking. While some addressed the desire to keep costs down, develop the town's appeal, revamp the downtown, and develop the Village in a sustainable manner. As we move into 2015, the Village Board will continue to focus on our Strategic Plan initiatives, as we have much to accomplish for our vision of the Village, and will certainly consider your feedback where possible. Our Strategic Plan can be found in the Document Center of the website.

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## From the Mayor's Desk

As 2014 closes, we bid farewell to our retiring Police Chief, Kevin Shaughnessy, as he steps down from his post at the end of December, after 11 years of service. Prior to coming to Lemont, Chief Shaughnessy served over 25 years with the Illinois State Police. He has an impressive and extensive portfolio, and has certainly set a high level of expectations for our Police Department. We congratulate him on his most recent recognition for excellence in law enforcement by receiving Cook County Sheriff Thomas J. Dart's 2014 Sheriff's Law Enforcement Award of Merit. We wish you well Chief, and thank you for all you have done for the Village of Lemont, our Police Department, and the entire community. All are welcome to attend the open house to wish Chief well on December 10, at the Lemont Police Department, from 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.

On behalf of the Village Board, we wish everyone a joyous and healthy holiday season.

*Brian K. Reaves, Mayor*



## 2014 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. This year's theme was "Imagine That." The Community Open House was held on November 20 at River Valley School. The Village News is proud to be featuring the prize winners from each grade group from this program throughout 2015. Pictured here is Eleni's winning entry.

This year's winners in the featured **K-1 Grade Category** are:

- First Place:** Eleni T., 1st Grade, Oakwood School  
**Second Place:** Alp A., 1st Grade, Montessori School of Lemont  
**Third Place:** Lila S., Kindergarten, Montessori School of Lemont

The Lemont Center for the Arts will hold an open house sometime in January and showcase all award winners. Visit [www.lemontevents.com](http://www.lemontevents.com) for the open house date when it's posted. Congratulations to all of our young artists!

## Attention Business Owners: Changes to Title V Ordinance Amending Business License Requirements & Regulations May Affect Your Business

On March 14, 2014 the Village of Lemont passed Ordinance O-17-14 amending Title V of the Lemont, Illinois Municipal Code relating to Business Licenses and Regulations. This ordinance expands the business licensing requirements so that ALL businesses in the Village of Lemont, regardless of State licensing requirements, are required to have a current business license. The license period is now on a calendar year basis, January 1 through December 31 and the base annual license fee remains at \$50.00. License application forms are available at the Village Hall and on the Village website at [www.lemont.il.us](http://www.lemont.il.us).

Current business owners have until January 1 to apply for a business license if they have not already done so. Businesses already licensed will receive their annual renewal notice in the mail. Any non-licensed active business within Village of Lemont boundaries is considered to be a code violation and will be subject to fines.



## Frank Wozniak Receives 2014 Senior Citizen of the Year Award

On October 20, 2014, Frank Wozniak received the 2014 Senior Citizen of the Year Award at Congressman Lipinski's award ceremony. Frank is a lifelong resident of Lemont, a Lemont High School alumni and a lifelong volunteer in the community.

Frank is currently the longest elected official serving as Trustee on the Lemont Township Board. During his ongoing term, now 34 years as a Township Trustee, Frank aided in the implementation of many programs and initiatives, including the Human Services Committee, Meals and Services for the Homebound, Dial-A-Ride, the Township Community Center, the Heritage Woodlands Sanctuary, and Central Bark Dog Park to name a few.

On June 8, 1980, Frank was appointed Commissioner on the Liquor Control Review Board, where he serves as the longest appointed member; again for 34 years. The Liquor Board depends on his knowledge and expertise during the approval process. Frank is especially supportive of business development and growth within the Village, and his common-sense nature always puts issues into perspective.

We salute him for having served our country from 1953-1955 as a Military Police Officer stationed at the military prison in Ft. Leavenworth, California. He was the Commander of Lemont American Legion Post 243 for 12 years. Although the Lemont post disbanded, he is a current member of the Lockport American Legion.

We thank him for his devotion and dedication to the Village of Lemont, the Township, and to the residents of Lemont, and are so very grateful for his passion, knowledge, and most of all, his friendship. Pictured are Congressman Lipinski and Frank and Anna Wozniak.



## New Comprehensive Plan

On November 24, the Village Board approved the new comprehensive plan for the Village of Lemont, Lemont2030. Thank you to all the residents, business owners, and other stakeholders who helped shape this plan, either in person at one of the public workshops or via the 2011 community vision survey. The plan is available for review online at [www.lemont.il.us/lemont2030](http://www.lemont.il.us/lemont2030).



## 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 7 at 1:00 p.m. in historic downtown Lemont.

Nomination letters must be received by **February 6, 2015** 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 24th 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.

## Lemont Area Chamber of Commerce Welcomes Glenn Pasiewicz

The Lemont Area Chamber of Commerce announced their new Executive Director, Glenn Pasiewicz. Glenn is a graduate of Lemont High School, is currently a resident of Lemont and has a degree in marketing. Glenn brings a very diverse business background to the Chamber with experience both as a small business owner and having held two senior executive level positions in large corporations. He is also an active volunteer in the community. Join us in welcoming Glenn and visit him at the Chamber office located in the Village Hall at 418 Main Street. Visit the Chamber website at [www.lemontchamber.com](http://www.lemontchamber.com).

# WINTER WEATHER INFO

## *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.*

**Sign up for NIXLE to receive important emergency weather and traffic alerts sent directly to your cell phone.**

**Questions: Call Public Works at (630) 257-2532.**



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.**



**Don't Take Chances!**



Get Winter Weather  
**and Traffic Alerts Sent**  
Directly To Your  
Cell Phone or E-Mail

Don't be left out! In today's age of instant communication, Nixle makes it possible for Village of Lemont departments to get information out to the public immediately through text messaging, e-mails and web access at [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com). To register for Nixle messages, sign up through <http://local.nixle.com/village-of-lemont/>.

## 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

Mailboxes in the Village right-of-way are sometimes damaged during snow removal. These will be replaced with a standard rural route mailbox in the spring. To report damage, call the Public Works Department at (630) 257-2532.

## Holiday Safety Tips!

As the holiday season nears, please take extra precautions to keep you and your family safe. Following are tips from the National Crime Prevention Council:

### While Shopping:

- Park in well lit areas and lock doors.
- Purchases should be hidden in the trunk out of view.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.
- Keep purse close to your body and wallets in a front pocket.
- Have a designated meeting place for older children.
- Instruct young children if lost, to go to a sales clerk at a register, request help and remain at the counter until your arrival.
- Children should never return to your vehicle in the parking lot to wait for you!
- Know where to find credit card contact information if they get lost or stolen.

### At Home:

- Always lock the doors and windows of your home.
- Display gifts where they can't be seen.
- If a delivery person or solicitor comes to your door, ask for official identification through the locked door. Call to verify identity using a number you get through the phonebook or 411, not one they offer you.

### Vacation Leaves:

- Use an automatic timer for your lights and radio.
- Have a friend or good neighbor watch your residence and make it look inhabited.
- Lemont Police Department offers a Vacation Watch for up to two weeks at a time. Applications are located at the kiosk in the lobby of the Police Department.

## From the Chief's Desk:

On December 31, 2014, I will be retiring as Chief of the Lemont Police Department. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for the support you have shown me and the Lemont Police Department over the past 11 years. It has been an honor to serve as your chief and I leave this job with mixed emotions. I have been a police officer for 36 years and it is time to step back and pass the torch to new leadership. I am proud to have served with the finest police officers for the finest community in Illinois.

Thank you for the honor.

*Chief Kevin W. Shaughnessy*



*The Lemont Police Department  
cordially invites you to attend their  
Open House in honor of  
Chief Shaughnessy's retirement*

*Please come by and wish Chief Shaughnessy farewell!*



*December 10, 2014*

*2:00 PM to 6:00 PM*

*Lemont Police Department*

*14600 127th Street*

*Lemont, IL 60439*

*If you would like information regarding this Open House, please contact  
Paulette Garcia at (630) 257-2229.*



**Lemont Art & Culture  
Commission's  
5th 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 21**

**Thursday: 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**  
**Friday: 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.**  
**Saturday: 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.**  
**Sunday 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**



**Hometown  
Holiday**  
December 6, 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.

**Midnight Madness**  
December 12  
6:00 p.m. to Midnight  
*See Page 7 for  
more information.*

**December 6: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**  
**December 7: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**  
**Holiday Craft Fair**  
Lithuanian World Center, 14911 127th Street.  
Arts, crafts, jewelry, gifts, food, drinks and music.  
Visitors and vendors welcome! Visitors call (630) 257-8787. Vendors call (708) 403-7858.

**December 7: 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**  
**Christmas Choral Concert & Holiday Cookie Sale at Lemont Historical Society**  
306 Lemont Street. Doors Open at 1:00 p.m. Enjoy the music of the Christmas Season by the choirs of St. Patrick and St. Alphonsus Churches, 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](http://www.lemonthistorical.org).

**December 7: Beginning at 8:00 a.m.**  
**6th Annual sbtunes.com Frigid 5K**  
Meet at the Park District's CORE Fitness & Aquatic Complex. Festive 5K race through the Park District's Centennial Campus. Register at Active.com. For more information, call the Park District at (630) 257-6787.



**December 10, 11 & 12: 6:30 p.m.**

**Polar Express**

First Church of the Nazarene, 12725 Bell Road. Join us for an interactive movie experience for the whole family. Reserved Seating. Tickets are limited. No admission without a ticket. Call (708) 349-0454 for more information.

**December 11: 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 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 13: 2 Seatings - 8:30 & 11:30 a.m.**  
**Lemont Junior Woman's Club Hosts its 20th Annual Benefit Breakfast With Santa**

Location: Cog Hill Country Club. Guests enjoy a buffet breakfast with table-side magic performances, a visit with Santa, crafts with Mrs. Claus, and a horse-drawn sleigh ride. Reservations must be made in advance. For more information: [www.lemontjuniorwomensclub.org](http://www.lemontjuniorwomensclub.org).

**December 14: 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

**Cub Scouts Pack 149 Pancake Breakfast**

American Legion, 15052 S. Archer, Lockport, IL. Serving eggs, sausage, coffee, juice and all you can eat pancakes! \$7 adults, \$6 seniors, \$5 children 5-10, children under 5 free. For tickets or more information, contact [camilledema@sbcglobal.net](mailto:camilledema@sbcglobal.net). Walk-Ins Welcome!

**December 14: 9:00 a.m. to Noon**  
**Breakfast With Santa**

Centennial Building Gym. Celebrate Breakfast With Santa in a Winter Wonderland. Enjoy a delicious catered breakfast and homemade waffles with your family to kick off the holiday season. Children will visit with Santa, have their picture taken with him, make a holiday craft and play holiday games. Please register in advance. For more information, call (630) 257-6787, X 3001.

**December 15: 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. (630) 257-6787, X 3031.

**December 31: 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

**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. More info: (630) 257-6787, X 3031.

**January 11: 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

**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](http://www.Active.com). For more information: (630) 257-6787, X 3037.

**February 7: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

**Lemont Park District Preschool & Early Childhood Open House**

Stop by the Centennial Community Center to learn about our Preschool programs, Early Childhood Programs as well as our Preschool Plus and Preschool Enrichment Programs. Staff will be on hand to answer all of your questions. Children are welcome to attend with parents.

**February 13: 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. More info: (630) 257-2972 or [www.lemonthistorical.org](http://www.lemonthistorical.org).

**February 21: 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 information, call the Lemont Chamber (630) 257-5997 or the Park District (630) 257-6787, X 3030.

**SAVE THE DATE:**

**March 4: State of the Village Address**  
**March 7: St. Patrick's Day Parade**  
For More Info: 630-243-2700

# HOMETOWN HOLIDAY

- *Horsedrawn Wagon Rides*
- *Ice Sculpting Demonstration*
- *Fun Activities*
- *Holiday Treats*
- *Caroling*
- *Tree Lighting*
- *Visits With Santa*

**Historic Downtown  
Lemont**

**Saturday,  
December 6  
3-7:00 p.m.**

**For More Info:  
630-243-2700**

PLUS.....

**MIDNIGHT  
MADNESS**  
**Friday, December 12**  
**6 p.m. - Midnight**





# 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 from unique gifts to gift cards from our local shops and restaurants. One of the best marketing tools in helping to 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*.

### Holiday Hours

#### Village Offices

Village offices will be closed December 24 and 25.  
Offices will also be closed on January 1 (New Year's)  
and January 19 (Martin Luther King Day).



**PLEASE SUPPORT THE FOOD PANTRIES  
DURING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON**



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#### Village Administrator

George J. Schafer

*Village Board Meetings  
2nd & 4th Mondays - 7:00 p.m.*

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