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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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Don't Miss...

Halloween Hoedown Saturday, October 26 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.



Commuter Permits
On Sale October 12

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Historic Mural Remembers 1885 Massacre

The painted mural depicts the quarry workers strike of 1885. This mural project is a grass roots initiative supported by the Art & Culture Commission and the Lemont Historical Society, and is located very close to the ground where the infamous event occurred.

From the Mayor's Desk

Lemont Massacre Mural

Lemont is rich in history and the most current mural, on the wall of Bonus Electric on Main Street in historic downtown Lemont, depicts the 1885 Lemont Massacre and awakens the hardships and struggles of the past for Lemont's and other quarry workers. What these workers were looking to improve were issues of working as many as 15 hours a day in hazardous conditions and making on average \$1.25 per day. So the story goes, in 1885 Lemont and Joliet workers went on strike. Quarry owners threatened to replace the strikers and some of the



Joliet workers returned to the quarries. Angry strikers from Lemont fought pitched battles with these returning workers. Eventually the state militia was called in and took the train into Lemont. Lemont strikers and their wives waited for them in the streets. When the Lemont crowd refused to leave as ordered by the militia, the militia charged the crowd. Three men were killed and several men and women were injured. (Source: Canal Corridor Association).

We would like to thank the artists of the mural, Rob Moriarty and Mona Parry, Bonus Electric for offering their building, and the Lemont Art & Culture Commission and Lemont Area Historical Society for their support of the mural. In addition to depicting this historic event, the mural also brightens up another area of our historic downtown. Rob and Mona also worked together on the "Pride of Lemont" mural located on Front Street. This event that took place in Lemont has a significant part in history. I encourage you to research the event and you will find an abundance of information on the beginnings of the labor disputes that took place in the late 1800's. Then too, you will be able to share the story of our new mural with others.

New Hires

We are very pleased to announce two new key positions have been filled at the Village Hall. Filling the position of HR Generalist, Eileen M. Donahue brings nine years of experience as a Human Resources Coordinator from the Village of Oakbrook. Christina Smith joins us as our Finance Director. Christina comes from Naperville's municipality where she was the Assistant Financial Director for 17 years.

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From the Mayor's Desk -

STOP for Pedestrians

A manual solar powered pedestrian crosswalk signalization has been installed at State Street and Logan Street in an effort to slow motorists down at this marked crosswalk. There is much foot traffic at this intersection with the close proximity of several churches within these blocks. When initiated, a flashing light will alert motorists that a pedestrian(s) is in the marked crosswalk, and a driver(s) must come to a complete stop. According to the 2013 Rules of the Road, drivers and pedestrians both are responsible for traffic safety. Drivers should always be prepared to yield the right-of-way and should not drive unnecessarily close to pedestrians.



Road Construction Updates

Triangle Project

As we move toward completion of the McCarthy/Derby/Archer road project, work is continuing on the traffic signals and electric throughout the intersection. Once that is complete, the final grading and paving lift will be applied and some landscaping will be done depending on how late it is in the year. It is expected that this project should still be completed ahead of schedule by the end of September, weather permitting.

McCarthy & Walker Roads

At McCarthy and Walker Roads, IDOT work continues on the installation of traffic signals and traffic lane rechannelization. This project is expected to be completed mid-November. Temporary four-way stop signs have been placed at this intersection, so please proceed with caution through this area. As with all roadwork, please use extra precautions and allow for extra travel time while driving in these areas. As a reminder, all businesses will remain open during the road construction and entrances will be indicated by signs.

Canal Street Improvements

Beginning after Labor Day, improvements will begin on Canal Street with work including the complete removal and replacement of the curb and gutter, removal and replacement of all the paver bricks and subsequent resurfacing of the street. The existing paver bricks and concrete curbs have shown unusual deterioration. The new paver bricks will have a higher grade finish and are a more dense brick surface. *Previously engraved bricks through the LJWC's Buy-A-Brick Program will remain*. Businesses will be fully accessible at all times with the exception of when the pavers in front of the establishment are being replaced. This project is planned to be completed in mid-October and is being funded by Tax Incremental Finance District (TIF) funds.

First Street

Much needed improvements will begin on First Street beginning with the widening and resurfacing from Schultz Street to McCarthy Road to allow for safe two-way traffic. Once widened, the entire project will be resurfaced and stone shoulders will be installed. A sidewalk will be included on the west side of First Street from Schultz leading up to the cemetery. This project began at the end of August with relocating the utility poles out of the new roadway. The existing fire lane and gate north of Berkley Lane will be removed and replaced with new asphalt pavement with curb and gutter, allowing through traffic to occur.

Mayor Brian K. Reaves



Permit Fees:

1 Quarter \$ 50.00 6 Month \$ 98.50 3 Quarters \$147.00 Full Year \$194.00

Commuter Parking Permits On Sale October 12

Riders on the Heritage Corridor Line are reminded that the **2014 Commuter Lot Parking Permits will go on sale Saturday, October 12, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon at Lemont Village Hall, <u>418 Main Street</u>. Each commuter may purchase one permit only.** Permitted parking spots are limited and will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Handicap permits are available for those who qualify. A daily parking fee of \$1.00 is also available, payable at the METRA lot. The pay station is located in the train station. For further information, contact Village Hall at (630) 257-1550.

Change Jobs? Commuters may return any unused valid quarterly parking permits to the Village Hall for a refund. There is usually a waiting list of commuters who would like to purchase these permits.



Property Tax Appeal Seminar to be Held at Lemont Village Hall

Cook County Board of Review Commissioner, Dan Patlak, is announcing a property tax appeal seminar that will be offered to taxpayers seeking to appeal their 2013 property tax assessments.

The seminar is co-sponsored by Lemont Mayor Brian Reaves and Village Board Trustee Paul Chialdikas. The hour long session will educate taxpayers on how to file a successful tax appeal in a time when the economy is putting added pressures to home and business owners.

The seminar includes a presentation by Commissioner Dan Patlak explaining how property taxes are calculated and the appeal procedure of the Board of Review. Before the end of the evening, taxpayers will have an opportunity to work with staff from the Board of Review to address their specific questions and concerns.

This event is free to the public and there is no fee to appeal at the Board of Review. Taxpayers are asked to bring a copy of their most recent tax bill.

The seminar will be held:

Thursday, September 26th, 2013

Lemont Village Hall 418 Main Street • Lemont, IL 60439 6:30 p.m.

Appeal forms also may be picked up at the Board of Review located at 118 N. Clark Street, Room 601 in Chicago, the Bridgeview Satellite Office located at 10200 S. 76th Ave, or at the Lemont Township Office located at 1115 Warner Avenue.

Please contact Outreach Director Daniela Hernandez (312) 603-7356 with any questions.

Lemont Area Chamber OF COMMERCE

Lunch and Learn Business Education Series

In an effort to better serve the local business community, the Lemont Area Chamber of Commerce is introducing the **Lunch and Learn Business Education Series**. These one hour lunch time sessions will bring different topics of interest to area businesses. The topics will be presented by speakers from the Illinois Small Business Development Center at Joliet Junior College. Lunch will be provided along with the topic being presented. Each session will start promptly at 11:45 a.m. and end by 1:00 p.m. each Wednesday as indicated on the schedule. These sessions are open to business owners and their staff as well as the general public. Topics, schedule and pricing are as follows:

- SCHEDULE -

Social Media Marketing Made Simple September 18 Financing Your New or Existing Business November 20 Creating a Website for Your Business January 15 Cloud Computing March 19 Establishing a Marketing Strategy May 21

Cost:

\$15 – Per Session for Chamber Members

\$20 – Per Session for Non-Members

\$60 – For Chamber Members who register for all 5 by the first session.

All sessions will be held at the Lemont Park District CORE Complex, 16050 W. 127th Street. Contact the Lemont Chamber of Commerce for more information and/or to register, Phone (630) 257-5997 or email info@lemontchamber.com.



Receive Important Text Messages from the Village

Residents have the ability to receive important text message notifications directly to your cell phone from the Village. Simply text our zip code, 60439, to 888777. There is no charge for this service. However, standard text messaging rates through your phone service will apply. You can opt-out any time by texting "stop" to 888777.



Annual Water Rate Increase Effective October 1

Beginning October 1, a slight increase in the water rates will become effective. The rate for the first 4,000 gallons will increase from \$31.39 to \$32.33, and each additional thousand gallons will increase from \$6.05 per 1,000 gallons to \$6.17 per thousand. **Senior rates and sewer rates remain unchanged.**

These annual incremental increases are necessary to keep up with the costs to maintain and improve the Village's water system.

2012 Water Quality Report

We are proud to report, that once again, our 2012 water quality in Lemont 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 2012.

In an effort to be more environmentally responsible, we are no longer printing these reports, but have made them available on our Internet. Visit us online to view your water quality report at **www.lemont. il.us/2012WaterReport**. 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.

Environmental Initiative Improves Air Quality



Nearly ten years ago, a voluntary environmental initiative began in Lemont with the purpose of improving air quality. This initiative, called the OAN, has turned into a regional and national success story winning praise from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and other environmental professionals.

Reverand Glenn Bergmark, Lemont Environmental Advisory Commission, notes, "The OAN, through the efforts of concerned citizens, businesses, and local government, has achieved success beyond anyone's expectations for solving nuisance odors. Less than 5% of all odor complaints were resolved before the OAN began operating. Since the OAN began, odor complaint resolution has consistently exceeded 55% and for the past three years resolution has been between 88% to 96%."

What should residents do when they notice odors? Immediately call either (630) 257-2226 or (630) 257-2376, ext. 222.

What happens after I call?

One of the OAN Coordinators will conduct an investigation and inform the caller of the results. The key is to call as soon as you notice an odor.

Landscape Waste Pick-Up Ends November 30



Residents are reminded that the yard waste pick-up will end for the year on November 30 when the land-fill will close until spring. Wrap up those pruning and clean-up projects before this date.

The yard waste collection is FREE – no stickers required for Village residents for leaves and other yard debris if placed in a kraft paper yard waste bag and left at the curb by 6:00 a.m. on your regular trash pick-up day.

Branches are also picked up as a free service BUT be sure to observe the requirements for branch pick-up:

- Branches must be bundled and tied with biodegradable string or twine. (Branches in cans will not be accepted nor will unbundled branches.)
- Branches must be less than 4 feet in length, less than 2 inches in diameter and weigh less than 50 pounds. No wider than 2 feet.

Household Hazardous Waste

Toxic products, including oil base paints, insecticides, weed killers, and other household chemicals can be safely disposed of at the Household Hazardous Waste drop site at Fire Station #4, corner of Route 59 & Brookdale Road in Naperville. Hours are Saturday & Sunday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For more information call (630) 420-6142.

Fall Recycling Event October 19, 2013: 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.

Co-sponsored by 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.

Co-sponsored by Beaver Document Shredding

Electronics Recycling

Dispose of outdated electronic equipment including PCs and computer peripherals, servers, networking equipment, stereo & home entertainment equipment, phone equipment & cell phones.

TELEVISIONS, OLDER COMPUTER MONITORS AND MICROWAVES CANNOT BE ACCEPTED.*

Co-sponsored by E-Scrap Technologies

(*Television, older computer monitor, and microwave recycling is available at the Lemont Public Works building during regular work week business hours year round.)

Latex Paint Recycling

Accepting latex paint, any color. Paint may be brought in cans or mixed into a 5-gallon container. \$2.50 per gallon fee; \$8.00 per 5 gallon container. Hardening of paint is unnecessary. *No oil-based paint will be accepted.*Co-sponsored by Earth Paints Collection Systems

Prescription Medication Collection

Dispose of unused and outdated prescription medications safely while saving our water supply. *Co-sponsored by Lemont Police Department*

Scrap Metal Recyling

Accepting old or used metal items: iron, steel, aluminum, etc. No propane tanks, no liquids or sealed containers. *Co-sponsored by Lemont Scrap Processing*

Toner Cartridge - Printer Inks - Cell Phones

Bring these items for recycling and re-use. Collection to benefit 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. Co-sponsored by Waste Management

Battery Collection

Accepting all sizes of alkaline and rechargeable batteries for proper disposal. *Co-sponsored by Waste Management*

Food Collection for the Food Pantries

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



Lemont Park District's 4th ANNUAL FALL FEST

Saturday, October 19 - 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

This FREE event will feature a scarecrow building contest, children's games & jumpie, amazing kiddie straw maze, costume contest, bonfires with FREE hot dogs and smores, hayrides, Lions Club Chili Tasting and more! Call the Park District at (630) 257-6787 for more information.



Be sure to "Like" the Village of Lemont on Facebook for local news & events from the Village.



Trick or Treaters should always be accompanied by a trusted adult. Older children going alone should have a set time to return within the trick or treating hours. Have them wear a watch and carry a cell phone.

Costumes using make-up and face paint are safer than an ill-fitting mask. Children should wear comfortable, light colored clothing that is flame retardant and short enough to avoid tripping. Reflective tape on costumes, glow necklaces, flashing buttons and flashlights will all help make them stand out in the dark. Costume props should be flexible and not sharp.

Remind children of pedestrian and stranger safety rules and to only cross streets at intersections and crosswalks. Obey all traffic signs and signals. Stop, look left-right-left again and listen for cars. Walk, don't run across streets. Walk on sidewalks or on the left side of the street facing traffic.

Never allow a child to eat a treat that has not been checked by a responsible adult. Discard fruit, unwrapped items, homemade goodies or any treat with a loose or torn wrapper.



- Farmers Market Continues Every Tuesday Through October 29th - Have some FUN in Lemont this FALL!

September 8 Through October 27: Lemont Center for the Arts Hosts Its 3rd Annual Anniversary Exhibit

This is the first ever juried and judged show complete with cash prizes. Exhibit runs Sept. 8 - Oct. 27. For more information, visit www. LemontCenterForTheArts.wordpress.com for more information.

September 13: 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. FREE Rules of the Road Review Course

Lemont Township, 1115 Warner Avenue. Please call to make a reservation (630) 257-2522. This course is designed to give drivers, especially senior citizens and persons with disabilities, the knowledge and confidence needed to renew or obtain a driver's license. The review course contains an explanation of the driving exam with a practice written exam.

September 14: 9:00 a.m. to Noon Fall Children's Clothing & Toy Resale

First Church of the Nazarene, 12725 Bell Road, Lemont. Cash only. No children or strollers, please. For more information: (708) 349-0454.

September 15: 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Lemont Girl Scouts Annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

Lemont Township Community Center, 16300 Alba Street. Tickets: \$7 Adults & Kids 13 & Over; \$6 Seniors; \$5 Kids 5-12 years old; Free for kids 4 and under. Tickets can be purchased at the door on the day of the event. Funds raised directly benefit Lemont Girl Scouts. For more info or to purchase tickets, http://lemontgirlscouts.webs.com or email apape318@gmail.com.

September 18: 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Lunch & Learn Business Education Series Starts - 1st in a 5 Session Series

All sessions will be held at the Lemont Park District CORE. See Page 3 for complete details on this educational series.

September 20: Check-In Begins at Noon Lemont Park Foundation's 5th Annual FORE THE COMMUNITY Golf Outing

Gleneagle Country Club, 1307 McCarthy Road. Shotgun starts at 2:00 p.m. Dinner at 7:30 p.m. For more info, contact Carrie Dellamano at (630) 257-6787, Ext. 3012.

September 21: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Lemont Street Fair! Lemont & Illinois Streets. Presented by Lemont Historical Society. Antique market, rummage sale & craft vendors. Bake sale, free kids' activities, museum tours, food, music and fun! "Roadshow" appraisals from 1-3 p.m. For more information, call (630) 257-2972 or visit www.lemonthistorical.org.

September 21: 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. 2nd Annual Back to School Fiesta by SD113A Educational Foundation

Location: Front Street Cantina, 319 Front Street. Great food, local bands, DJ, bag tourneys and raffles. Tickets: \$20/Adults and \$10/Students.

September 26: 6:30 p.m. Property Tax Appeal Seminar

Lemont Village Hall, 418 Main Street. See Page 3 for full details.

October 1: 9:30 a.m. Start Lemont Police Benevolent Association's 3rd Annual Golf Outing

Glen Eagles Golf Course with dinner at Crystal Grand Banquets. For more information and reservations contact Det. Sgt. Thad Mezyk at (630) 257-2229, Ext. 2425. Outing limited to 144 golfers. Reserve early to guarantee a spot!

October 12: 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. LJWC's "Nightmare on Lemont Street"

Halloween Party hosted by the LJWC at the Slovenian Center. \$50 ticket includes entertainment, food and drinks. Prizes for best costumes. Tickets can be purchased from any club member, or by contacting Brenda Douglass at (630) 926-9652 or visiting their website at www.lemontjuniorwomansclub.org.

October 19: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Fall Recycling Event

See Page 5 for full details.

October 19: 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. 4th Annual Fall Fest

Centennial Park. FREE event. Scarecrow building contest, children's games, jumpie, costume contest, hayrides, hot dogs and s'mores, bonfire, a kiddie straw maze, live music and a Lion's Club Chili Tasting! For more information, call (630) 257-6787.

October 23 - 26:

Friends of the Library Used Book Sale Preview Night for Friends Members, 10/23: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.; 10/24: 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; 10/25: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; 10/26: 10:00 a.m. to Noon with a Bag Sale 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. For more information, call the Lemont Library at (630) 257-6541.

October 26: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Halloween Hoedown

See Page 6 or www.lemont.il.us for complete details.

October 27: 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Lemont Township Presents...Hooowl-A-Ween at Central Bark Dog Park

Pet vendors, costume contest, trick contest, and with a 50/50 Raffle to benefit Lemont Township Assisted pet owners with veterinary emergencies and unpayable pet related costs. For more info, call (630) 257-2522.

October 29: 7:00 p.m. Doors Open at 6:30 Fright Night in the Old Stone Church! Lemont Historical Society Museum, 306 Lemont Street. Join us for tales of the supernatural, and visit the 1860 coffin if you dare. A hauntingly good time! Refreshments available! For more info call (630) 257-2972.

November 1 - December 22 Lemont Center for the Arts Annual Holiday Artists Bazaar

Lemont Center for the Arts, 1243 State Street.

November 3: Noon to 5:00 p.m. Lions Club Annual Chili Supper

Location: Lemont VFW Hall, 15780 New Avenue. Watch for more details to come.

November 6: 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Celebrating Women...Beauty & Health

Presented by the Lemont Chamber and Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital. Contact the Chamber at (630) 257-5997 for more info, cost, and to register.

November 9: 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Lemont Township's Neighbor to Neighbor Vendor & Crafter's Market

Shop at the Lemont Township Community Center, 16300 Alba Street. Browse various independent vendors & crafters. 50/50 Prize Raffle! All vendor reservation fees and any donations offered will benefit the Lemont Township Family Assistance Fund. For more information, or to register as a vendor, call Terri O'Neill-Borders at (630) 257-2522.

November 11: 7:00 p.m. Lemont Public Library Hosts A Veterans Day Commemoration

The Library is honored to host Retired, U.S. Air Force Major General John Borling. His recently published book of poetry, *Taps on the Walls*, is an amazing accomplishment. He shares his remarkable and inspiring story.

November 15: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Lemont Park District's Fall Into Family Fun - FREE Family Event! Join us for some good old fashioned fun! Children's games with the Fun Squad, music, jumpie, face painting, crafts and holiday activities. For

November 26: 7:00 p.m. Lemont Historical Society Exhibit on

more info: (630) 257-6787.

50th Anniversary of JFK Assassination
"Where We Heard the News"

Lemont Historical Society, 306 Lemont Street. We are hosting a speaker on the JFK Assassination and invite you to share memories of where you were when you heard the news of JFK's death. Visit the Society's new Exhibit on the event that rocked the nation in November of 1963. Refreshments will be served. For more info, call the Historical Society at (630) 257-2972.



Farmers Market Continues Every Tuesday Through October 29th!

Our Farmers Market is open from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. every Tuesday through the end of October, rain or shine. Please come out and show your support! This hidden gem of Lemont is located in the Talcott Square Parking Lot tucked behind La Dolce Vita and Stonehouse Pub just off Stephen Street with plenty of free parking available. Stop by and visit our

Market soon before the season is over! We have fresh veggies and fruit, fresh salsas, baked goods, beef and pork, beautiful plants and shrubs, jams and jellies, knife and scissor sharpening services, lunch and more every Tuesday. For more information, call the Village Hall at (630) 243-2700 or visit our website for a list of all our Market vendors and any special Market event dates.

• 2nd & 4th Tuesdays Master Gardeners attend our Market with free advice for anyone looking for asssistance with any gardening issue.

September 24

Lemont's Home Bound Healthcare Hospice attends our Market with FREE blood pressure checks and *flu shots (*FREE if you have Medicare Part B Coverage) \$25 without this coverage!



Don't miss Halloween Hoedown! Saturday, October 26 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Costume Parade - 1:00 p.m.

Line-up at 12:30 p.m. **Legion Park - Historic Downtown Lemont**



Lemont Village News

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