



# 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 7  
3:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
Downtown Lemont

**Community  
Tree Lighting**  
5:30 p.m.  
Budnik Plaza

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*From our families to yours,  
wishing you a Joyous Holiday Season!*

## From the Mayor's Desk



### On Board With Metra

On October 18, I had the honor of being appointed to the Commuter Rail Board (Metra) representing South Suburban District 3. This includes Berwyn, Cicero, Lemont, Lyons, Orland, Palos, Proviso, Riverside and Stickney.

Through my involvement in various transportation issues over the past several years, a constant challenge has been ridership and train frequency on the Heritage Corridor line which runs through Lemont. The last time Metra added a daily round-trip train to this line, the third, was in April of 1999. Considering the amount of growth in population of the towns this line serves, it is imperative that the request for additional lines be given full consideration. Metra has been the second busiest commuter rail system in the U.S. by average weekday passenger trips throughout the 21st Century. It is my hope to bring the Heritage Corridor line into the 21st Century by adding additional stops to this line.

The history of the railway and Metra is abundant. To mention a few points of interest, the line segment running from Lemont to Chicago was completed in March of 1858. The Lockport and Lemont Stations, made of Lemont limestone, are the oldest stations which remain standing in the Metra system. On May 2, 1865, a nine-car train bearing the body of Abraham Lincoln left Chicago bound for his final resting place of Springfield in which thousands of crowds lined the route (Source, <http://metrarail.com>).

I also want to share with you Metra's announcement of the 8th Annual Metra Safety Poster Contest. The contest is part of the ongoing effort to increase awareness of lifesaving railroad

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safety practices. This year's theme is "Get Smart." One first, second and third place winner will be selected from each grade, K-12, with prizes awarded. In addition, the school who submits the most entries will win a new computer! Let's go Lemont – the submission deadline is January 31, 2014. Visit [www.metrocontest.com](http://www.metrocontest.com) for all the details.

### **MWRD Lemont Plant Expansion**

MWRD's Lemont Water Reclamation Plant will be undertaking an expansion project at the wastewater treatment facility located off Stephen Street in downtown Lemont. According to MWRD, the Lemont plant will benefit from a \$30 million Wet Weather Treatment Facility to help improve storm water management at the facility. This will reduce the destruction caused by future strong weather systems in our region. The project will also include installing a larger sewer line into the facility, which should help mitigate combined sewer overflow events for Lemont. The project is slated to begin in November 2013 and be completed by July 2015. Following are the Major Project Objectives provided by MWRD:

- Demolish existing residential structures and install a new site access driveway on Stephen Street.
- Rock blasting & removal for construction of new Wet Weather Reservoir and Wet Well (scheduled to begin in January 2014).
- Install a diversion structure in the Emergency High Level Overflow.
- Construct Vortex Separator & Disinfection Contact Basin and Building.
- Yard piping & tie-ins to existing LWRP electrical & controls distribution system.

MWRD and the Village realize the inconvenience this construction will cause to traffic in the downtown area. We strongly urge residents to use caution and be alert of the construction activity taking place. Contact information has been provided by MWRD to report any safety concerns to the Public Information Officer at (847) 244-3222 or email [admin@jjhenderson.com](mailto:admin@jjhenderson.com). As updates are obtained, we will relay the information to our residents via our website at [www.lemont.il.us/mwrdfacility](http://www.lemont.il.us/mwrdfacility), and through other available forms of communication. We appreciate your patience during this expansion project.

### **Road Construction Updates**

#### ***Triangle Project***

The Village of Lemont sponsored roadway improvement project at McCarthy/Archer/Derby Road has been completed ahead of schedule. The improved intersections and added turn lanes greatly increase the safety in this area. Thanks go to everyone involved in making this project a success and to the businesses that were patient and accommodating during the process.

#### ***McCarthy & Walker Intersection Improvements***

The IDOT sponsored intersection improvement project at Walker Road and McCarthy Road will unfortunately not be completed prior to wintertime as previously expected. The project has been delayed due to multiple utility conflicts that needed time to be resolved. The roadway will be paved, except for the top coat of asphalt and storm sewers installed. The contractor will work on the traffic signals over the winter and have them operational by May 2014. The 4-way stop signs will remain in place until the signals are installed, so please pay extra attention at this intersection. IDOT has assured the Village that the project will be completed early in the spring. A sincere thank you goes out to the businesses and residents that have been patient during this project.

### **Sports Complex Update**

For the last couple of years, the Village Board has been exploring the feasibility of building a regional municipal owned and operated sports complex for Lemont, with the hopes of developing a true economic draw for the community. After evaluating the feasibility on multiple sites in town, the Village Board's attention turned towards the Tri-Central site at the north end of Stephen Street, owned by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD). The project intends to accomplish many Village goals including the creation of a self sustaining economic draw to downtown Lemont that will bring added benefits to the community as a whole. Accomplishing another long-time community goal, the project

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will facilitate the remediation and development of this long-time brownfield site into a true recreational site.

Earlier this year, the Village Board approved an ordinance authorizing the process to issue alternative revenue bonds to fund the project. Because this type of bond has the statutory ability to be levied on the residents' tax bills, the bonds have a petition process built into it that allows for the residents to send the question to referendum. Several residents exercised this petition option, and in order to utilize this type of bond, a successful referendum would be required.

Over the last couple months, the Village has been researching alternative methods to finance the project that would give residents assurances that there would be no property tax levied as part of the project. After reviewing several options, the Board is close to presenting to the community an option to finance the project utilizing a financing tool that has no statutory ability to levy property tax against the residents, and consequently would not require a referendum. If the Village is unable to secure financing in an alternate method than proposed earlier this year, the item could still be presented to the community at the March referendum. More information will be available on the project in the coming weeks.

*Brian K. Reaves, Mayor*



## Help Shape Lemont's Future Growth

Lemont's Comprehensive Plan update kicked off nearly 24 months ago with over 400 Lemont residents and business owners participating in surveys and workshops to help develop a vision for what Lemont should look like in the year 2030. The vision statements created from this input have guided the Village staff as they have developed the 2012 Lemont Active Transportation Plan, the Lemont Target Industries Report, and draft chapters of the Lemont 2030 Comprehensive Plan.

The Village is seeking your input again. We will be conducting two workshops, at which you will have an opportunity to influence the character of future growth and development in Lemont. Workshop participants will use interactive tools to aid in the development of the Lemont 2030 Comprehensive Plan's future land use map. A future land use map is an essential element of any comprehensive plan and recommends locations for various types of future development. Workshop participants will also be able to pick up copies of draft chapters of the Comprehensive Plan for review and comment. Both workshops will follow the same format. Please select the date and time that works best for your schedule. For those who cannot attend the workshops, draft chapters of the Lemont 2030 Comprehensive Plan will be available online at [www.lemont.il.us/lemont2030](http://www.lemont.il.us/lemont2030).

### Lemont 2030 Future Land Use Workshops:

- **6:00 p.m.**      **Tuesday, January 28, Lemont Village Hall**
- **7:00 p.m.**      **Monday, February 3, Lemont Village Hall**



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

Nomination letters must be received by **February 7, 2014** 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 23rd 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.

*In your travels this holiday  
season, remember two  
important convictions:*

**ALWAYS use your  
seatbelt and NEVER  
drink and drive.**



# 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  
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.**



  
 Salting  
 and  
 Snow Removal  
  


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.**



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**and Traffic Alerts Sent**  
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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.

## Lemont Emergency Management Agency (L.E.M.A.) Seeks Volunteers

The Lemont Emergency Management Agency (L.E.M.A.) is looking for dedicated volunteers to serve the Village of Lemont and surrounding communities during times of need. If you desire to serve others and meet the following requirements, please contact Deputy Director James Boyer at (630) 675-3759 or email [jboyer@lemont.il.us](mailto:jboyer@lemont.il.us).

### Requirements:

- 18 Years of age or older with a good driving record.
- Successful completion of a background check.
- Pass physical and drug screen.
- Available to respond when needed.
- Available to assist with pre-planned events.
- Able to complete training requirements.
- Available to attend monthly meetings.



## Be Smart, Don't Start! Just Say No!

The Lemont Police Department has started a new program that will begin allowing youths 11-17 the opportunity to learn the harm and affects of Drugs/Alcohol in a two day course. This course offers juveniles and their parents the opportunity to learn how important it is to say **NO!** *A parent/legal guardian will need to attend the course on the second day with their child.* The fee is \$50.00 (per child) to attend the course.

If you are interested in registering your child for this course, please contact [dbode@lemont.il.us](mailto:dbode@lemont.il.us). Payment will be accepted on the first attendance day. **Cash or money orders ONLY.**

### Course Location

Lemont Police Department  
14600 127th Street  
Lemont, IL 60439

Contact: Denise Bode  
[dbode@lemont.il.us](mailto:dbode@lemont.il.us)  
or (630) 257-2229

### Risks for Teens

- Becoming addicted quickly
- Drinking to get drunk
- Impairing judgment
- Hindering schoolwork
- Using in order to deal with emotions
- Interfering with relationships
- Interfering with developing life skills

### Current Course Offerings

- December 16 & 17: 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. RSVP by December 9.
- January: *No Course Scheduled*
- February 25 & 27: 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. RSVP by February 18.
- Check the Community Calendar at [www.lemont.il.us](http://www.lemont.il.us) for future course dates to be announced or call for further information.



# HOMETOWN HOLIDAY

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

**Historic Downtown  
Lemont**

**Saturday,  
December 7  
3-7:30 p.m.**

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

**PLUS**

**MIDNIGHT  
MADNESS**

**Friday, December 13  
6 p.m. - Midnight**





### Holiday Artists Bazaar Lemont Center for the Arts

The Lemont Center for the Arts will host its Fourth Annual Holiday Artists Bazaar. This is a great opportunity for shoppers to find exquisite and unique gifts.

**Extended Holiday Shopping Hours  
Now through December 22  
Thursday thru Sunday  
10 a.m. to 6 p.m.**



**Hometown  
Holiday**  
December 7, 3:00 - 7:30 p.m.

**Midnight Madness**  
December 13  
6:00 p.m. to Midnight  
*See Page 6 for  
More Information.*

**December 1: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

**Cub Scouts Pack 149 Pancake Breakfast**  
American Legion, 15052 S. Archer, Lockport, IL.  
All you can eat pancakes! Sausage and bacon, scrambled eggs, coffee and juice. \$7 adults, \$6 seniors, \$5 children 5-10, children under 5 free. Call (708) 214-6391 for more information.

**December 5: 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. Tickets are limited. No admission without a ticket. Call (708) 349-0454 for more info.

**December 5: 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 take place, too. Questions, call (630) 816-4972.

**December 7: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

**December 8: 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**  
**Lithuanian World Center Holiday Craft Fair**  
Art, Crafts, Jewelry, Gifts, Food, Drinks, Music.  
For more information call (630) 257-8787.

**December 8: Beginning at 8:00 a.m.**  
**5th 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 8: 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

**St. Alphonsus/St. Patrick School Pancake Breakfast With Santa**

St. Alphonsus Church Hall, 210 E. Logan Street.  
Bring your family and friends to enjoy this special pancake breakfast. Santa will be there to listen to children's wishes, hand out candy canes, and to have pictures taken with him! Tickets: Adult, \$6, Seniors and Children 4 & Older, \$4. Children 3 and under free - no ticket required. Pictures with Santa in a festive photo holder will be available to purchase. Find treats at our bake sale, too! For more information: (630) 783-2220.

**December 8: 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 14: 2 Seatings - 8:30 & 11:30 a.m.**  
**Lemont Junior Woman's Club Hosts its 19th 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 15: 9:00 a.m. to Noon**  
**Breakfast With Santa**

Centennial Building Gym. Enjoy all your breakfast favorites and join Snoopy, Lucy, Charlie Brown & Friends for a "Charlie Brown Christmas." Children visit and have their pictures taken with Santa, make a holiday craft and play holiday games. For more information, call (630) 257-6787.

**Lemont Police Department Holds New Classes  
Be Smart, Don't Start! 2 Day Courses, Multiple Class Dates Available:**

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Ages 11 to 17. Juveniles and their parents have an opportunity to learn how important it is to say NO! A parent or legal guardian will need to attend the course on the 2nd day with their child. For more info: Denise Bode ([dbode@lemont.il.us](mailto:dbode@lemont.il.us)). RSVP by December 9 for the December class. See Page 5 for more details.

**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. More info: (630) 257-6787.

**January 12: 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

**CORE Indoor Sprint Triathlon**  
Athletes swim 10, bike 15 and run for 15 minutes. Total distance traveled will be measured at the conclusion of the event. Register at Active.com. For more information: (630) 257-6787.

**January 22: 7:00 p.m.**

**Lemont Historical Society Presents  
Historic Hangouts in Lemont**  
Lemont Area Historical Society, 306 Lemont Street. Historic Hangouts - walk through the saloons, taverns and pubs of days gone by in Lemont. Feel free to bring photos or any memorabilia you may have. For more information: (630) 257-2972.

**February 7: 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.**

**Chamber of Commerce Presents Day at the Derby (An Interactive Murder Mystery Dinner)**  
Crystal Grand Banquets. Production presented by Lemont's own Little Mountain Community Theater. For more information: (630) 257-5997.

**February 22: 9:00 a.m. to Noon**

**Passport to Lemont and Beyond...Community Showcase & Expo at the CORE Complex**  
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 at (630) 257-5997.

**February 22: 6:00 p.m. to Midnight**

**St. Alphonsus/St. Patrick School's "A Lil Bit of Country and a Whole Lot of Rock N Roll" Gala**  
Featuring live & silent auctions, dinner and live music. Enjoy an exciting evening at the Gala at the Marriott of Burr Ridge. For ticket information, please contact the school at (630) 783-2220 or [www.stals-stpats.org](http://www.stals-stpats.org).

### SAVE THE DATE:

March 5: State of the Village Address  
March 8: St. Patrick's Day Parade  
For More Info: 630-243-2700





# 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 20 (Martin Luther King Day).



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



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