



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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Farmer's Market Begins
Tuesday, June 1
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 10
1:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Stephen & Main
Downtown Lemont

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



Celebrating the
20th
Anniversary
of Heritage Fest

From the Mayor's Desk



State of the Village

Sincere thanks to the Chamber of Commerce for providing the opportunity for me to present the 2010 State of the Village address on May 19. The event was very well attended by the Lemont business community, and we were able to share some very positive information regarding commercial development in the Village. Despite the closing of three well-established businesses recently, over the course of the past year, about 20 new businesses have set down roots in Lemont.

Three new businesses are ready to open—Firestone Complete Auto Care, The Learning Center and Crystal Grand Banquets, and 3 more are well into the process of opening. A \$1.5 million enhancement project in the Target store is poised to begin. We will soon welcome a new construction business and an architectural firm in the Totura Food Store building downtown. The Front Street Cantina is beginning its build-out and may be operational by the end of summer.

Another initiative of interest to the businesses community is marketing. Recent strides in this area have increased our potential as a destination. Lemont has been designated by the White House as one of only ten Preserve America communities in Illinois. Through the efforts of the Planning & Economic Development Department and the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Lemont has been listed as a Heritage Travel destination on its Gozaic web site. In addition, the Village works closely with Heritage Corridor Convention & Visitors Bureau and other agencies for maximum exposure to tourists and visitors.

A summary of the State of the Village presentation is available on the Village website at www.lemont.il.us.

Metra and High Speed Rail

I have been asked by Senator Christine Radogno to serve as a representative on the recently-formed Illinois and Midwest High Speed Rail Commission. This commission's role

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is to develop criteria for how best to structure a public-private partnership to design, build, fund, and operate a high speed rail system. The commission would issue its report by March of 2011. Although this will involve a time commitment, I feel it is important for Lemont to be represented on this body.

The Heritage Corridor group continues to work with Metra for upgrades and expanded service on the Heritage Corridor line, and hopefully the new leadership at Metra will assign a priority to the under served communities on the line.

Leonas Farm Property - 131st & Parker

More than several inquiries have been received since the property we now call Glen Oaks Estates changed hands in early spring. The Village has already begun working with the new owners to ensure a quality phased development. Among the changes proposed by the new developer is the division of the project into five phases, instead of the 3 phases previously approved.

Sewer System Evaluation Underway

As mentioned in the Spring Newsletter, the Village is being required by the IEPA and MWRD to conduct a complete evaluation of the overall sewer system because of sporadic rainfall event overflows into the canals. Targeted areas in the Village are now being monitored to determine the cause of the increased flows by using specific meters to measure flow. Other testing including televising and smoke testing is included in this preliminary assessment. Village residents can assist in this effort by making sure that home downspouts, ejector and sump pumps are correctly channeled to the storm sewer, and not discharging into the sanitary sewer. Report any suspected water leaks immediately to the Public Works Department. In the second phase of the evaluation, a long range plan must be developed to control and reduce the rate of wet weather flow.

2010 Census Wraps Up

Congratulations to the citizens of Lemont for their fantastic participation in the 2010 Census. Lemont's mail-in participation rate was an amazing 85%. Our thanks to Trustee Ron Stapleton and all the organizations that served on the Complete Count Committee. Census workers are already knocking on doors to collect information from the remaining 15%. Please participate by answering the 10 questions if you are contacted. Also be aware that a census worker will display an identification badge and will not ask to enter your residence. They will not ask for social security numbers or financial information.

Mayor's Drive For Charity

It gives me great pleasure to announce that \$25,700 is being distributed to Lemont charities and community groups from the Mayor's Drive for Charity. Priority was given to the food pantries, Community Nutrition Network, Meals on Wheels, the Clergy Association, and agencies who can directly channel funds to those in need. Many of the other organizations receiving money will re-distribute the funds back into the community. No other single event can do so much for so many organizations and I am proud to be able to sponsor it. Sincere thanks to Ruffled Feathers Golf Club, the sponsors, volunteers, and the players for making this event such a success.

Mayor Brian Reaves



Village Receives 3rd Award for Excellence in Financial Reporting

For the third consecutive year, the Village of Lemont has received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. Achieving this certificate is a benchmark for excellence for state and local governments. GFOA standards are recognized nationwide and the certificate signifies superiority in budgetary and accounting practices.

The program requires that state and local governments exceed the minimum requirements of generally accepted accounting principles in preparing comprehensive annual financial reports that provide for full disclosure to the public.

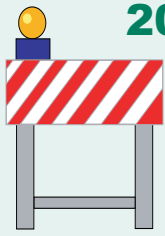
Congratulations to Trustee Rick Sniegowski, Finance Chair, and Village Treasurer Jean Nona on this achievement.

Facade Grant Program Funds Available for Downtown TIF District

A limited amount of TIF money is being made available to fund the Downtown TIF District Facade Grant Program. The Program, which is a matching 50/50 grant, is limited to properties in the Downtown TIF District. The maximum Village match is \$15,000.

The applicant must apply for the grant prior to the start of work, and must pay the full cost up front. The Village will reimburse the applicant for the grant amount specified.

For more information, please contact the Planning and Economic Development Department at (630) 257-1595.



2010 ROAD CONSTRUCTION

PROJECTS UNDERWAY



CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

ESTIMATED COMPLETION

Street Resurfacing
2nd Street, 3rd Street, Walter Street
(Jayne to Peiffer), Steepleview Drive

Completed

Talcott Street Reconstruction

May 24 - July 2

Traffic Signal, 127th & Timberline Dr.
(IDOT Project)

Completed
by end of May

Main Street Resurfacing

August 15 - Sept. 15

Warner Avenue Utility Replacement

On hold for award
of State funds

Water Main Replacement
State Street, Illinois to Cass

Sept. 6 - Oct. 15

I & M Canal Landscape, Phase I
Work at Front Street

June 1 - June 30 &
Sept. 15 - Oct. 15

Bell Road Water Main Extension

June 15 - July 6

Metra Lot Resurfacing
Lemont/Canal Parking Lot
Resurfacing

September

*For additional information on any of these projects, please contact
Ralph Pukula, Public Works Director at (630) 257-2532.*

Lemont Welcomes New Businesses



Firestone Complete Auto Care



The Learning Center



Crystal Grand Banquets

– Coming Soon!



Main Street Lounge & Pizzeria



Canal Street Deli

Spring Recycling Event a Green Success!

At the April 17 Spring Recycling event sponsored by the Environmental Commission, **11 tons** of electronics, **1,200 gallons** of motor oil, **160 gallons** of other automotive fluids, **4,800 pounds** of paper, and **500 containers** of latex paint were collected for recycling. In addition, **67 pounds** of miscellaneous drugs were collected, and **35 bicycles** recycled. **Thanks to the Environmental Commission and the residents of Lemont for choosing to be green!**

Waste Management reports that residents are taking full advantage of the free yard waste pick-up. An additional route may be added to handle the increased volume. **Congratulations Lemont!**

Public Works Department



New Director of Public Works

Ralph Pukula, a 21-year veteran in the Public Works Department was recently promoted to the position of Director. Ralph's goal is to continue to provide and even improve the quality of service that residents have come to expect from the Public Works Department. Ralph and his family are Lemont residents with a firm commitment to the community of Lemont. Visit the Village web site at www.lemont.il.us.

[il.us](http://www.lemont.il.us) for more information on the Public Works Department.

Public Works personnel are on call 24 hours a day. Residents should call 9-1-1 if an after-hours emergency arises, and dispatchers will contact the appropriate on-call staff. The Department's non-emergency number is (630) 257-2532.

New Look for Water & Sewer Bills

The next water & sewer bill you receive will have a fresh new look! The bills are now being mailed in envelopes for customer privacy and will be on easy to read full page sheets with a convenient detachable stub for remittance with payment. Be on the lookout for our new look!

Mosquito Abatement

The Public Works Department now manages the Village's mosquito abatement program. Six employees have been licensed through the Illinois Department of Agriculture to perform the application. Residential spraying will be limited only to periods of excessive annoyance. Storm drains will be treated regularly because control of larvae is critical to the success of any mosquito abatement program.

How Can You Help?

- Promptly remove standing water from all pots, containers and tire swings around the yard; mosquitoes can develop in only 5 days.
- Keep weeds and grass mowed; keep gutters free of leaves and debris so water runs freely; change water in bird baths once a week.
- Clean and chlorinate swimming pools, outdoor saunas and hot tubs regularly; drain water from pool covers.
- Take all recommended precautions to avoid mosquito bites; use DEET insect repellent when outdoors.
- For advance notification of spraying due to health concerns, please call the Public Works Department at (630) 257-2532.

Odd-Even Watering Regulations in Effect



Properties with odd-numbered addresses may water on odd-numbered calendar days; even-numbered addresses may water on even calendar days between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.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.

Public Works Department

**16680 New Avenue
(630) 257-2532**

Hours:

7:30 am - 4:00 pm M-F

• Director:

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rpukula@lemont.il.us

• Street Superintendent:

Randy Earnest
rearnest@lemont.il.us

• Water Superintendent:

Gerry Turrise
gturrise@lemont.il.us



Police Department

Police Dept. & Residents Become Partners in Crime Prevention

A Neighborhood Watch group is an association of neighbors who look out for each others' families and property, alert the police to any suspicious activities or crime in progress and work together to make their community a safer and better place to live.

If you would like information on how to form a Neighborhood Watch or join an existing Neighborhood Watch, contact Sgt. Therese Thompson at (630) 257-2229.

Communicating With Our Community

In today's age of instant communication, Nixle makes it possible for all Village departments, including the Police Department, to get information to the public immediately through text messaging, emails or an online account. Public safety alerts, important neighborhood advisories, and weather alerts can be sent instantly.

To register for Nixle messages, visit the Village website and click on the e-news icon, or sign up through <http://local.nixle.com/village-of-lemont>.

Cop on Top Raises Funds for Special Olympics

On May 21, the Lemont Police Department participated in its 5th annual Cop on Top Fundraiser at the corner of Archer and Derby. This year, the Police Department, with the help of the Citizens Police Academy Alumni, raised over \$4,200 for Special Olympics. Kevin Shaughnessy, Police Chief, wishes to thank Jeff Metz of Rilly's Pointe Plaza and Mike Peterson of Dunkin' Donuts for their cooperation with the fundraiser, and especially all the citizens who stopped by to donate to this worthwhile cause.

4th Annual

LEMONT Kops-n-Kidz Day



Saturday August 7

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Centennial Park

Parade from Timberline Park:

10:00 a.m.

Calling all kids! Come by bike or on foot to Timberline Park (Timberline Drive & Roberta Street) at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 7 for the 3rd Annual Kops-N-Kidz Parade. Join the officers at Centennial Park (Lemont Park District) for lunch, pony rides, a ride on the model train, demonstrations, great prizes and lots of fun activities until 2:00 p.m. Don't miss it!

Building Department

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) 243-2725,

Lawn Sprinkler Valves Testing Required 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.

NEED A CONTRACTOR?

A listing of licensed contractors is available on the website at www.lemont.il.us

Every Wednesday thru August 25th! Lemont Legends Cruise Nights

6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. – Historic Downtown Lemont



For more info & full details
on each night's entertainment,
call 630-257-5997.

- June 2 Calling All Cars
- June 9 Street Rod
- June 16 Chevy
- June 23 Ford
- June 30 Mopar
- July 7 Corvette - Judged Show
- July 14 Buick / Olds (Rain Date for Judged Show)
- July 21 Sports / Muscle Car
- July 28 Motorcycle
- August 4 GTO / Pontiac - Judged Show
- August 11 Custom Truck (Rain Date for Judged Show)
- August 18 Emergency Vehicle Night
- August 25 Pro Street (Rain Date for Emergency Vehicles Night) (Rain Date for Judged Show)

This year's events will feature more live entertainment, family friendly activities and local flavors for every taste, making Lemont Legends Cruise Nights bigger and better than ever.

12th Annual Farmer's Market!



Every Tuesday
June 1st to October 26th
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Stephen St. & Talcott St.

June 6: 3:00 p.m.

Southwest Community Band Concert
Free Admission. For more info 708-349-0454.

June 6 • June 27 • July 11: 1:30 p.m.

Gazebo Concerts Sponsored by Franciscan Village, 1260 Franciscan Drive. Open to the community. In case of rain, concerts are held indoors. Chairs and light refreshments provided. **Concerts are FREE.** For more info call 630-243-3448 or 630-243-3449.

June 10: 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Connect & Grow Business Networking/Expo

Location: Montefiori, 11250 S. Archer Avenue. Free admission for the general public, complimentary appetizers, cash bar, gift certificates, raffles, door prizes. For questions about this event please contact Vivienne Porter at 708-790-5461.

June 13: 7th Annual Biker Sunday

First Church of the Nazarene, 12725 Bell Road. Registration 9:30-10:45 a.m. All day motorcycle show. Free BBQ lunch, live music. Fully escorted 60-mile ride. For more info, call 708-349-0454.

August 10 & August 13: 9:00 to 4:00 p.m.

LJWC Safe Sitter Babysitting Certification
Safety Village. Extensive 2-Day Course. This program is a medically accurate child care course developed for 11-13 year olds. Cost per student: \$55, includes all supplies and lunch/snack for both days. For questions & more info contact Julie Tate at 630-257-9211.

June 25: 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Lemont Art & History Walk

For more information, call the Lemont Area Historical Society at 630-257-2972.

July 3: Fireworks Display & More!!!

Location: Centennial Park

Fireworks at Dusk, Live Band, Food Court & Beer Garden, Children's Games & Inflatables. For detailed information call 630-257-6787.

Summer Events



July 10: 1:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Heritage Fest Outdoor Street Festival - 20th Anniversary Celebration!



Food, music & family fun!
Historic Downtown Lemont
Stephen & Canal Streets. For more info see Pg. 7 & 8 of this newsletter and/or call 630-243-2700 or visit www.lemont.il.us.

July 17: 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Taste of Lemont & Sidewalk Sale

Historic Downtown Lemont. Food, music, great shopping, and a lot of fun! For more information on the event please call Michelle Zaper at 630-257-6199.

July 21: 1:00 to 4:30 p.m.

CPR Training Class for Teens

Location: Safety Village. This is an American Heart Association Certification class developed for young adults 11-16 years old. Cost: \$40.00. Call Mary Beth Gaffney at 630-243-9421 or email mbergaff@comcast.net to register.

July 29: 12:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Annual Block Party

First Church of the Nazarene, 12725 Bell Road. Free food, inflatables, and more! Call the church office at 708-349-0454 for more information.

August 7: 9:00 a.m.

Community Resale Registration

First Church of the Nazarene, 12725 Bell Road. Register to sell or volunteer for the Children's Resale, which takes place on September 18. For more info 708-349-0454.

August 7: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

4th Annual Kopz-N-Kidz Day

Location: Timberline Park - Parade to Lemont Park District. Activities, refreshments at Centennial Park. Watch our website for more information.

August 14:

Annual St. Matthew Garage Sale

Location: Lemont Township Center. Questions? Contact Karen at 630-257-1479.

August 15: SCOUT-A-POOL-OOZA

Back to School - Back to Scouts - Lemont Scout & Swim Open House.

All boys 1st - 12th Grade are invited for an exciting Open House at the Lemont Park District Swimming Pool. Bring a parent and come sign up for Scouts! Free swimming plus many more activities. For more info contact Ciara.Crowther@scouting.org.

August 28: 9:00 a.m.

Community Blood Drive

First Church of the Nazarene, 12725 Bell Road. Call the church office for an appointment time at 708-349-0454.



Lemont Homer Glen Lockport
July 9 - 10
6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

Lemont High School
Sports Complex
131st & Bell Road, Lemont

Relay for Life is not an athletic competition, but a walk where at least one team member walks around the field throughout the night, signifying that cancer never sleeps.

For more information, call the American Cancer Society at (708) 633-7770 and/or visit the Relay's website at:

www.relayforlifelemont.com

Safety Village Camps:

Sponsored by the Lemont Junior Woman's Club and Lemont Park District team together to teach safety lessons to children. Register at the Lemont Park District or online at www.lemontparkdistrict.org.

AGE	DATES	TIME	DAY
5&6	6/21 - 6-25	9 - 11:30 a.m.	M - F
5&6	6/21 - 6/25	12:30 - 3 p.m.	M - F
5&6	7/5 - 7/9	9 - 11:30 a.m.	M - F
7&8	7/6 - 7/8	12:30 - 3 p.m.	T - Th

Join the Fun!
For More Info
630-243-2700

Saturday, July 10, 2010

Heritage Fest 20th Anniversary
Schedule of Events
Historic Downtown Lemont



12:30 p.m.: Line-Up for Bike Parade (Legion Park)
1:00 p.m.: Kids Decorated Bike Parade - Prizes Awarded!
1:00 - 3:30 p.m.: Bingo

Kids Entertainment & Activities • *Main Stage Attractions*

1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.:

- Dunk Tank
- Old Time Photos!
- Face Painting
- Eurobungy
- Smash the Car
- Pony Rides & More!

- 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.: • Paradox
- Heartbreakers
- Rockaholics
- 2:30 - 3:00 p.m.: When In Doubt
- 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.: Work In Progress
- 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.: Three Ball Charlie
- 9:00 - 11:00 p.m.: Cover Junkies

Food Vendors & More!

Extra Attractions

Salt Creek Model A Ford Car Show

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO OUR HERITAGE FEST SPONSORS!

It's not too late! Sponsorships are still being accepted! Be a part of our 20th Anniversary Celebration! Contact the Village Hall at 630-243-2700 for more information.



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Vanda's Salon</p> |
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Kids' Stars & Stripes Decorated Bike Parade for Heritage Fest's 20th Anniversary

Calling All Kids! Decorate your bikes for the Red, White & Blue Heritage Fest Bike Parade at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 10. The parade theme is Patriotism. Decorated bikes, trikes, wagons, buggies, strollers, scooters and kids of all ages are welcome! Parade line-up is 12:30 p.m. at the Gazebo in Legion Park. Moms and dads are encouraged to join in the fun and walk the parade route with their kids. Prizes will be awarded for the best and most original entries.

Stick around for the fun at Heritage Fest, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Fun and entertainment for kids, food vendors, displays, family fun and Main Stage entertainment on Stephen Street until 11:00 p.m.

For more information on the Bike Parade or Heritage Fest, please call the Village Hall at (630) 243-2700. The event is sponsored by the Village of Lemont and produced by the Festival Committee.



Farmers Market Returns June 1 Bigger & Better Than Ever!

A bigger and better Farmers Market begins on June 1, 8:00 am - 1:00 p.m. and will continue every Tuesday through the end of October. The market has grown to 30 new and returning vendors with a wide array of bounty, including vegetables and fruits, flowers and plants, bakery, salsa, spices, artisan breads and cheeses. The market's spacious new location is in the Talcott Street Parking Lot off Stephen Street.

Plenty of free parking is available on Front Street and in the parking garage on River Street.



Curfew hours: Ages 17 and up: No curfew

Age 13 - 16: Sunday - Thursday, 11:00 p.m. - 6:00 a.m.; Friday - Saturday 12:00 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 Community Fireworks on July 3 - Dusk.



Lemont Village News

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2nd & 4th Mondays - 7:00 pm*

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