



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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October 31

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Saturday, October 24
1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Historic Downtown Lemont




Commuter Permits on Sale October 3

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



Farmers Market at its New Location

Talcott Street Parking Lot (Talcott & Stephen Streets)

More vendors! More parking!

Every Tuesday
8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
through October 27th



From the Mayor's Desk

Moving Forward Together—The First 100 Days.

Having survived the first 100 days as Mayor, let me say that in the midst of the doom and gloom reported every day in the media, I'm pleased to be able to state that as a community, we are surviving and moving forward together. Over the past month or so, we have seen an increase in new construction building permits; several roadway construction projects that directly benefit Lemont have been completed or will be in the near future. Even one foreclosure is too many but in comparison to surrounding communities, Lemont's rate seems to be holding steady at less than 5%. These are small glimmers of hope that the economy may be starting to rebound. Village employees in all departments have risen to the occasion, implementing innovative cost cutting measures, foregoing training opportunities, and putting in extra time without compensation to continue delivering the level of services that Lemont residents have come to expect from their Village.

In June, the Village Board officially adopted the "Green Lemont Initiative," a document written by Jim Brown, Community Development Director, which creates policies and is organized into eight broad goals, with each goal containing several objectives and examples of ways the goals can be achieved. The plan addresses conservation of resources, air and water quality, green building, biodiversity, stewardship, education and outreach. The Green Plan can be found on the Village website at www.lemont.il.us. One of the "Green Initiatives" the Board is especially proud of is the new E-Waste Recycling Program. Lemont residents may now drop off used computer equipment and most electronics at the Village Hall for recycling instead of allowing these potentially hazardous materials to find their way into landfills. Complete information on the E-waste Recycling Program can be found in this newsletter.

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From the Mayor's Desk

On June 30, in cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce, I delivered the annual State of the Village report. The focus of this year's report was centered around economic development initiatives and projects that the Village and the Chamber have joined forces to provide including the commercial recycling program at Sullivan & James and the 3/50 project, encouraging residents to support local small business by spending \$50 per month at 3 businesses of their choice. The State of the Village report is available on the Village website at www.lemont.il.us.

Police Department

The Police Department has done a great job of settling into the new facility at 14600 127th Street. Congratulations are in order for Chief Shaughnessy and the department on receiving a first place award in the Municipal 26-35 category of the Illinois Chiefs of Police Traffic Safety Challenge and a second place award in the National Law Enforcement Challenge. These are annual competitions which evaluate the effectiveness of local police programs to improve roadway safety. The Police Department has also begun posting photos of lost pets and bicycles in their possession on the Village website in the NEWS Section.

Public Works Department

Probably the most innovative cost cutting measure implemented this year is the Public Works Department's mosquito control program. The department obtained the required certifications through the Illinois Department of Agriculture for six employees in treating catch basins and storm drains and performing the residential spraying operation. This service was formerly contracted out at substantial cost to the Village. The Department now also has the ability to provide notice to Village households when spraying is planned. Residents who would like to be notified in advance of spraying may contact the Public Works Department at (630) 257-2532 to receive an automated message by phone.

Moving Ahead Together

Over the next few months the Village will be updating and launching a new and improved website to provide better communication capabilities with residents, and provide information that is easier to use and access. At the same time, the Administrative staff is doing a complete update of the Municipal Code to eliminate conflicting and archaic provisions. We look forward to the completion of both of these projects.

Intergovernmental cooperation remains a very high priority with the Village Board. Representatives of the other governmental agencies are being invited to attend Board meetings and provide regular updates to the community on their individual programs and goals.

Your suggestions and comments are always welcome either by phone at the Village Hall or by email at breaves@lemont.il.us.

Brian K. Reaves, Mayor



The U.S. Census Bureau has begun printing 2010 Census questionnaires as the agency continues preparations for next year's count. The new questionnaire, which every residential address will receive is designed to be one of the shortest since the first census in 1790, asking just 10 questions and taking about 10 minutes to complete.

The goal of the Census Bureau in designing the new questionnaire is to make responding to the census easy, important and safe.

Is it Safe? Fact: The information from your questionnaire is counted but your individual personal information is sealed by law for 72 years. The information cannot be accessed by any other agency. Even the President of the United States does not have access to your personal information.

Census Jobs

According to the Census Bureau, peak recruitment effort for census taker jobs will begin this fall, with the majority of hiring taking place in spring, 2010. To learn more about census jobs, Please visit the census website: www.census.gov/2010census.

A GREENER COMMUNITY




Commercial Recycling Site at Sullivan & James – 900 Main Street

Most businesses in Lemont do not have the option of recycling because they have commercial hauling accounts that do not offer a recycling program.

Ryan Sullivan of Sullivan and James, President of the Lemont Chamber of Commerce, with support from Waste Management and the Village of Lemont has set up a commercial recycling station for businesses to drop off any recyclable items in the commercial recycling dumpsters located at 900 Main Street at Sullivan & James Kitchen & Bath.

The following items can be accepted for recycling M-F 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Sat 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

- Newspapers & Newsprint
- Mixed Office Paper
- Used Mail & Envelopes
- Cardboard Boxes (flattened)
- Phone Books & Magazines
- Glass Jars & Bottles
- Aluminum/Metal Cans
- Plastic #1 and #2 (Rinsed)

Look for the  symbol on the container.

For more information on the commercial recycling program, please contact Ryan Sullivan at Sullivan & James (630) 257-2999.

Prescription Drug Disposal at Police Department



Residents may now safely dispose of discontinued and outdated medications without the danger that these drugs will find their way into the water supply.

Any prescription or over the counter medications (no needles or syringes) may be brought to the Lemont Police Station, 14600 127th Street, in an appropriate container. The meds will be taken to an EPA collection site for safe destruction. For additional information, contact officer Denise Bode at (630) 257-2229 or dbode@lemont.il.us.

E-Waste Recycling for Residents and Businesses at Village Hall

As part of its Green Lemont Initiative, the Village of Lemont has established an electronic waste recycling drop-off site at Village Hall, 418 Main Street.

The drop-off site remains secure, thus preventing theft of hard drives or other electronic items with potentially sensitive information. Residents and businesses wishing to recycle e-waste should contact Village Hall at (630) 257-1550 to arrange a drop-off.

E-waste can be accepted during normal business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. There is no charge.

The following items are accepted for recycling:

- Calculators & Cell Phones
- Computer Notebooks & Laptops
- Desktop Computers & Printers
- Telephones
- Copiers
- Portable Music Players, MP 3 Players & Speakers
- CD & DVD Players
- Tape Players, Radios, Boom Boxes
- VCRs & Microwave Ovens.



TVs and Computer Monitors CANNOT BE ACCEPTED

The program is offered in conjunction with COM2 Recycling Solutions. For more information, contact Jim Brown, Community Development Director at jbrown@lemont.il.us.

Environmental Commission to Sponsor Motor Oil Recycling Day

October 17th: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Metra Commuter Lot – 101 Main Street

Residents may dispose of used:

- Motor/Fuel/Lubricant Oil
- Brake/Transmission Fluid
- Antifreeze



These fluids will be processed for additional uses. Motor Oil Recycling is co-sponsored by Citgo Petroleum.

Dedication

September 12
3:00 p.m.



Art & Culture Commission's Rudy Kling Mural Project

The Art & Culture Commission's Community Mural Project is well on its way to completion in time for dedication ceremonies on September 12 at 3:00 p.m. at Front Street Lofts.

The mural, depicting the life and adventures of Lemont's own Rudy Kling, 1930's flying ace, will be installed on the west wall of the All Service Auto building on Front Street. The mural was commissioned by the owners of the Front Street Lofts development in cooperation with the Art & Culture Commission.

Lead artists **Mona Parry** and **Rob Moriarty** saw it as an opportunity to get the community involved. Front Street Lofts provided a vacant storefront for use as a studio and the community was invited to participate in painting the events on parachute cloth which will then be applied to the building wall.

More Trains on the Heritage Corridor Line? Only if YOU Help!

RTA is having its 2010 Budget Hearings and is accepting Public Comments through September 30.

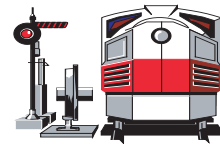
PLEASE CONTACT RTA AND MAKE THE FOLLOWING REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL SERVICE ON THE HERITAGE CORRIDOR LINE:

- A fourth morning and evening rush-hour train.
- Mid-day service on weekdays.
- Saturday train service.

There are 3 ways to submit your comments:

1. Go to <http://programs.rtachicago.com>
2. E-mail comments to FundingProgramsComments@rtachicago.org
3. Call (312) 913-3143 and leave a message

ACT NOW TO HAVE YOUR COMMENTS HEARD!



Commuter Parking Permits On Sale October 3

Riders on the Heritage Corridor Line are reminded that the 2010 Commuter Lot Parking Permits will go on sale Saturday, October 3, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. **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.

For additional information, please contact the Village Hall at 630-257-1550.

Permit Fees:

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

A daily parking fee of \$1.00 is payable at the METRA lot. The pay station is located in the train station.

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.

Lemont Township
1115 Warner Avenue

Annual Flu Shot Clinic
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
October 10, 2009

Seniors and persons with chronic respiratory illnesses are encouraged to take advantage of the flu shot clinic.

Call Pat at (630) 257-2532
For More Information

Fall Programs



FREE Yard Waste Pick-up Begins October 15 and Continues through November 27

NO STICKER NEEDED

Beginning Thursday, October 15 and continuing each week through the end of November, Waste Management will pick up bagged yard waste as a free service to Village residents. **NO STICKER IS REQUIRED.**

Yard waste, including leaves, **must be bagged in biodegradable paper bags** (*leaves in cans will not be accepted*) and placed at the curb before 6:00 a.m. on your **regular trash pick-up day.**

Take advantage of the

FREE Branch Pick-up October 15 - November 27

During the 6-week **FREE** fall pick-up period, bundled branches will also be collected.

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.*)
- Branches must be less than 4 feet in length, less than 4 inches in diameter and weigh less than 50 pounds.

NO STICKER IS REQUIRED OCTOBER 15 - NOVEMBER 27 FOR BRANCHES PROPERLY BUNDLED AND TIED

Volunteers Needed



**Saturday, September 19
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon**

Governor Pat Quinn and the Friends of the Illinois River have designated Saturday, September 19 as a volunteer clean-up day for the Illinois River and its watershed.

Lemont River Sweep captain, Sue Murphy, will focus local efforts at various locations along the I & M Canal.

Volunteers should wear long pants, long sleeves and gloves, and can register on K.A. Steel Road near the Heritage Quarries entrance. Turn north off Main Street on K.A. Steel Road across from Turnabout Pizza and follow the signs to parking.

To sign up, or for more information, please contact Sue Murphy at 630-257-2821 or register on-line at www.friendsoftheillinoisriver.org.

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 \$27.89 to \$28.73, and each additional thousand gallons will increase from \$5.59 per 1,000 gallons to \$5.70 per thousand.

Senior Rates remain unchanged.

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

Road Construction Projects Continue into Fall

• Lemont Road Bridge Redecking (IDOT)	Phase 2 Begins Sept. 14 Through October 30
• 127th Street Resurfacing (IDOT) New Avenue to Smith Road	Began August 24 Complete by September 15
• State Street Resurfacing (LAPP) (127th Street to Illinois Street)	Begins September 14 Complete by September 30
• New Avenue Resurfacing (IDOT) Archer Avenue to Lockport Street	Began August 24 Complete by September
• Main Street Utility Extension (County) Rt. 83 to Camp Sagawau	Began June 15 Complete by September 30
• Traffic Signal Timberline Drive & 127th Street	Engineering 2009 Construction 2010

Lemont Welcomes New Businesses



Shop Local - Shop Lemont!



Petal Play Design Studio
Moves to 435 Talcott



Stone House Pub
103 Stephen Street



1 Happy Girl
314 Canal Street

The 3/50 Project – Save Your Local Economy Three Stores at a Time

Think about which three independently owned businesses you would miss most if they were gone. Make it a point to spend \$50 over the course of a month at those three stores to see them through the current economic crisis.

For every \$100 spent in independently owned stores, \$68 returns to the community through taxes, payroll, and the investment these business owners make in supporting local sports teams, charities and community events. It only takes one person to start the trend – you!

Police Briefs

KOPS N KIDZ DAY 2009



On August 1, the Lemont Police Department and Lemont Park District hosted the 3rd Annual Kops N Kidz event.

The Jesse White Tumblers put on a spectacular performance. Kids enjoyed the inflatables, face painting, petting zoo, pony rides, Police equipment demonstrations, the wiffle ball game, and the landing of the Police Helicopter, Air 2, which is always an attention getter. The big hit of the day was a train from CN Railroad named OBIE.

Plans are already underway for next year's event on August 7, 2010!

Lemont to Become A Heritage Travel Destination

The Village of Lemont has entered into an exciting partnership with the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The National Trust, through its subsidiary, Heritage Travel, Inc., is creating an on-line travel business. The website, **Gozaic.com**, will showcase a broad range of historic destinations, events, and venues across the United States, and Lemont will be among the featured destinations. As a featured destination, Lemont will benefit from the \$4 million annual advertising budget for Gozaic.

You can visit the pre-launch mini site, **www.gowithapurpose.com** to take a sneak peek at Gozaic, read travel reviews from other travelers and view photos from historic sites around the country. You can even post your own photos and reviews of historic sites in and around Lemont.

For more information, please contact Village Planner, Charity Jones at (630) 257-1595 or cjones@lemont.il.us.



Have some FUN in Lemont this FALL!

Lemont Junior Woman's Club 2nd Annual Homecoming End-Zone Seating Ticket Raffle

Win four "end-zone" seats for the Lemont High School Homecoming Game complete with game-time food and beverages! Sponsored by the Lemont Junior Woman's Club. Tickets will be sold at the September 11th & September 18th Home Football Games! Tickets are \$1 each, 6/\$5 or \$20 for Nose to Toes! All proceeds benefit the Lemont Athletic Dept. For more info contact Kim Manning at 630-312-8779.

The LJWC's General Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Lemont Village Hall, 418 Main Street.

September 12: 9:00 a.m. to Noon Fall Children's Resale.

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

September 13: 12:00 p.m. Rally Day Church Picnic

St. Matthew will kick off our Sunday School year on Rally Day, 9/13. Church picnic at noon at Northview Park, McCarthy Street, Lemont. Hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks will be provided. Bring a dish to pass and a lawn chair. For more info call 630-257-5000.

September 17: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

November 21: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Let's Connect (Gathering for Christian Women to "connect" with other women) will have its first gathering for fall at the Lemont Police Department's new meeting room on 127th Street. Also, Let's Connect will host a breakfast at Ruffled Feathers on Saturday, November 21 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. There will be music and a guest speaker. Any questions, call Julie Johnson at 630-243-1898.

September 19: 9:00 a.m. to Noon Illinois River Sweep

I & M Canal - Heritage Quarries Clean-Up
To sign up, or for more information, contact Sue Murphy, Captain, 630-257-2821 or register on-line at www.friendsoftheillinoisriver.org.

September 19: Noon to 4:00 p.m. Lemont Downtown Merchants Hold Another "Stroll" Downtown Lemont

Come enjoy a stroll through historic downtown Lemont. And while you're at it, stop into one of the participating event stores for some specials and free refreshments! Make sure to pick up your map and ticket voucher at Belle De Jour... In Style at 108 Stephen Street. Questions: belledejourss@yahoo.com.

September 23: Game Time 7:11 p.m. White Sox vs. Twins Fundraiser Night Game at Cellular field

To purchase tickets contact Joan Swigon, Franciscan Village, at 630-243-3435. Tickets sold on a first come first served basis depending on availability. Ticket price does not include transportation.

October 3: Noon til Dusk Art & Culture Commission of Lemont's Fall Art Festival

Location: Main Street in Historic Downtown Lemont featuring an Artists Market and local vendors. Eclectic entertainment occurring all day long and into the evening at This Must Be The Place, 216 Main Street. For more info, call Meg Crowell at 630-257-5359 or Emily Christian at 630-257-8930.

October 10: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Lemont Historical Society Presents Lemont Street Fair!

300 Block of Lemont Street between Illinois & Cass. An antique market, craft vendors, fun for kids, pumpkins, food, a D.J., and tours of the museum will add to the fun! The Holy Cross/HM Marimba Ensemble performs from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Bring your treasures to the Fair between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m.! A professional appraiser will be giving "Roadshow" appraisals of antiques and collectibles, courtesy of Smokey Row. For more info, call Sue Donahue at 630-257-2972.

October 14: *4:30 p.m. & *6:00 p.m. Ladies Aid Turkey Dinner

*Tickets must be purchased in advance. St. Matthew Lutheran Church. For ticket information call 630-257-5000.

October 18th thru 28th: Franciscan Village Annual Fannie May Christmas Candy Sale

20% Discount on Christmas catalog items. Proceeds will help purchase outdoor benches for Franciscan Village. Contact J. Swigon at 630-243-3435 for brochure and order form (available beginning October 15th).

October 22 - 25: During Library Hours Friends of the Library Book Sale

Donations of books, books on tape, movies and music are welcomed. For more info, call the Library at 630-257-6541.

October 27: 7:00 p.m. Fright Night in the Old Stone Church!

Lemont Historical Society Museum, 306 Lemont Street. Join us for tales of the supernatural. Meet Resurrection Mary. Visit the 1860 haunted coffin if you dare. For more info, call the Historical Society at 630-257-2972.

October 30: Time to be announced Franciscan Village Fall Fundraiser

Dinner at Stone House Pub, plus paraffin spa night. Tickets:\$30 and can be bought at Franciscan Village, 630-243-5823, x 3435 or Belle De Jour, 108 Stephen Street. Call for vendor information.

October 31: 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Annual "Halloween Trick or Treat Trail"

All children thru the 6th grade, are invited to Trick or Treat in a safe environment. The Trail will go through the community ending in the Multi-Purpose Room on the lower level of Franciscan Village, where refreshments will be served. For more info, call Teresa Sheldon at 630-243-3412. **RSVP requested by Monday, October 26, 2009.**

– October 31 –

Happy Halloween!



3:00 to 6:30 p.m.
Trick or Treat Hours

Turn on your porch light if
you welcome trick-or-treaters!

November 7: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For the Love of Art Centennial Community Center

Features oils, jewelry, photography, prints, pottery and sculptures. Art work available for purchase. For more information, contact Barbara Dwersteg Norum at barbara@norum.ca or 630-243-6134.

November 26: 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Black Friday

Historic Downtown Lemont. You don't have to wake up early to enjoy the sale in Downtown Lemont. Look for the "Turkey" in the window for participating merchants. Watch for more details on this event!

Watch for info on the Jaycees
Haunted House!

HAUNTED HAPPENINGS

Historic Downtown Lemont
October 24th

Halloween Hoedown – 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Costume parade & contest, haywagon rides, scarecrow building contest, kids entertainment, trick or treat at Safety Village, downtown stores and LOTS MORE! For further information call 630-243-2700 or watch the Village website.



AND Continue the Festivities If You Dare... The Downtown Merchants are busy planning some Haunted Happenings of their own from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Adult entertainment - Al Capone Theme! Costume contest, scavenger hunt, map & clues! More details to come!

FEEDBACK

Your comments, suggestions and concerns are important to us. Please use this form to communicate and include your name and address if you would like a response.

Return to:
Village of Lemont
418 Main Street
Lemont, IL 60439



Don't miss Halloween Hoedown!
Saturday, October 24
1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Costume Parade - 1:00 p.m.
Line-up at 12:30 p.m.
Legion Park - Historic Downtown Lemont



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2nd & 4th Mondays - 7:00 pm

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