



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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Ribbon Cutting on May 17th at the River Street Parking Garage. About 150 spaces will be available starting in mid-June for public parking.

Village of Lemont - Celebrating 135 Years in 2008

From the Mayor's Desk —

Most of you have already heard or read that I have decided not to seek re-election as Mayor when my term expires next April. The decision was hard to make, but one every elected official has to face sooner or later. Most of you know that my wife Karen and I have three boys, Dominic (16), Tony (13) and JP (10). I decided that guiding them through high school and college deserved my full attention and commitment. I also realized that the cost of sending three children to college was going to significantly extend my "target" retirement date unless I focused a little more on my insurance and mortgage businesses.



Seven years ago, this Administration accepted the mandate of the citizens of Lemont to serve as their elected officials. That mandate was to effectively manage growth, re-zone and improve the property along the I & M and Sanitary & Ship Canals, revitalize the downtown, improve traffic conditions in Lemont and pursue economic development. I believe we can look back with pride and the satisfaction of having achieved most, if not all of these goals. Serving the citizens of Lemont has been both a pleasure and a learning experience.

In the remaining year, there is still much to be accomplished and I will work harder than ever to make it happen. I look forward to completion of Phase I of the downtown redevelopment this summer; to finally seeing the junk yards cleared away and laying the groundwork for the appropriate development of the eastern gateway to Lemont, and seeing the new Police Facility finished before the end of my term.

Mayor's Drive for Charity

Despite some thoroughly nasty weather conditions on April 28, the Mayor's Drive for Charity came off as scheduled. My congratulations to the golfers who accepted the challenge with generosity and good humor. At the June 9 Village Board meeting over 40 local organizations received checks from the \$27,000 pot including local scouts, the food pantries, youth sports teams, Community Chest, VFW, service, fraternal, philanthropic, art and historic

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Farmer's Market Begins

Tuesday, June 24
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Budnik Plaza

DON'T MISS . . .

Fireworks Display
July 3 at Dusk
Centennial Park
16028 - 127th Street

Heritage Fest
Saturday, July 12
1:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Stephen & Main
Downtown Lemont

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at www.lemont.il.us

Mayor's Desk *(cont'd from Pg. 1)*

organizations. Sincere thanks to all who participated in the outing—the sponsors, players and volunteers. Very special acknowledgment is due to the staff at Ruffled Feathers for their support of this community event.



Police Department Construction Underway

Construction is moving along at the former Public Works site on 127th Street. Demolition and excavation are finished, the foundation has been poured, so in very short order, walls will begin to go up. The Village has reached an agreement with the adjoining property owner for shared access, parking and storm water detention, which are important components of the project.

Road Construction Projects

- **127th Street:** The good news is that Cook County's reconstruction project on 127th Street has again resumed construction. The bad news is that construction is likely to drag on through August. We are all anxious to see this project wrapped up so work can begin on the pedestrian bridge over 127th Street.
- **Illinois Street Water Main:** Through a Community Development Block Grant, water main will be upgraded in the block of Illinois Street between Fremont and Holmes Streets. This project will begin in mid-June and take about 30 days to complete.
- **Singer-Norton Storm Sewer Project:** This project will begin very soon and should provide some real relief for the overloaded combined sewer system in the Singer/Warner/Norton Drive neighborhoods. This construction is complicated and will take about 8 weeks to complete.
- **Water/Sewer Extension along Main Street to Route 83:** The Village has begun the process of creating a special service area to extend water and sewer main along Main Street to the Camp Sagawau nature preserve at Rt. 83. The extension of utilities will be critical for any future development at Rt. 83 & Main Street.

Downtown Redevelopment/Front Street

On May 17, a ribbon cutting for the new parking garage on River Street was held. The garage is basically complete, but will not officially be open for business until mid-June. Public parking for about 150 vehicles will alleviate some of the parking crunch the downtown has always had to deal with. Initially, parking will be free until the entire set of buildings is complete. Permits are slowly being issued for commercial spaces in the Marquette Development and the Talcott Street buildings. Utility undergrounding and Front Street streetscape are underway and should be fully in place by summer's end. Because of these developments I believe we will see several new commercial enterprises in other vacant buildings in the downtown.

New Commercial Development

Derby Plaza at the corner of McCarthy and Derby Road is now built out. The first tenant, O & M Foot & Ankle Clinic, is ready to move in. In Lemont Village Square, at 127th & State Street, we welcome Aurelio's Pizza as a new commercial tenant, soon to be followed by Coldstone Creamery. American Mattress has broken ground at the north end of the Square, and construction permits have been issued for the Aldi store.

John F. Piazza, Mayor

Coming this Fall . . .

Electronics Recycling
October 4
Metra Lot

By popular demand, the Lemont Environmental Advisory Commission and E-Scrap Technologies will again offer Lemont residents the opportunity to recycle outdated electronic equipment on Saturday, October 4 in conjunction with the fall Motor Oil Recycling Event.

E-Scrap Technologies can safely smelt unusable electronic items into their components which can then be used in the manufacture of new equipment. E-Scrap can also protect valuable information by removing data from the hardware and exceed Department of Defense security standards. Most items are FREE but there is a small charge for TVs, older monitors, copiers and battery back-up units.

More information will be published in the Fall Newsletter.



Time to
Renew Animal
License Tags

Village Ordinance requires that all dogs and cats must be licensed and wear an animal tag. Licenses are now on sale at the Village Hall, 418 Main Street. The fee is \$3.00.

Licenses may be purchased during regular business hours: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday and 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Saturday.

Village Ordinance also requires that pets being walked on the public way must be leashed. Pet owners are required to clean up after their animals.

Village Adopts New Building Codes

On June 9, 2008, the Village Board approved the adoption of the:

- **2006 International Building Code**
- **2006 International Residential Code**
- **2005 National Electrical Code**
- **2006 International Mechanical Code**
- **2004 Illinois Plumbing Code**
- **2006 International Property Maintenance Code**

to replace older versions of these codes. The text of the code revisions can be found in Title 15 of the Lemont Municipal Code and on the Village web site at www.lemont.il.us.

The new codes will update the required means of construction to a level that is more in line with that of the surrounding communities, is more familiar to architects, engineers and contractors, and addresses many of the new products and engineering developments that have surfaced since the adoption of the previous codes.

In adopting the new codes, the Village will be able to improve its ISO rating, which directly affects the amount that residents will pay for their homeowner's insurance.

Lawn Sprinkler Valves Testing Required Annually

The Building Department wishes to remind residents that Lawn Sprinkler RPZ valves must be tested annually by a certified technician to prevent contamination of the public water supply by faulty valves. The RPZ valve is a backflow prevention device which prevents water from the sprinkler system from backing up into the Village water supply.

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 in the Download Directory.

Reminder postcards are mailed to residents when their sprinkler system's RPZ valve is due for its annual inspection.

Art & Culture Commission "Inch by Inch, Row by Row" Community Painting Jam



The Commission's first painting sale and exhibit was held May 10th at the Front Street Lofts.

During the month of April, the Art and Culture Commission sponsored three Saturday Community Painting Jams at MB Financial Bank. Residents were invited to visit and create a painting exploring the values of color by using black, white and gray. Over 80 participants, ranging in age from toddlers to senior citizens painted more than 120 works of art in the painting jam. The Commission intends to sell the paintings to raise money for a building fund for a Lemont Center for the Arts.

The Community Painting Jam will continue through the summer with events at Franciscan Village on June 16th and at Heritage Fest on July 12th. Samples of the works created are now on display at the Lemont Park District, the Lemont Public Library and MB Financial Bank.



The Commission wishes to thank MB Financial, Front Street Lofts and all participants for the success of this event.

Free Radon Test Kits Available from Cook County

The U.S. EPA and the U.S. Surgeon General recommends testing all homes below the 3rd floor for Radon. Free Radon Information and Test Kits are available from the Cook County Department of Environmental Control by calling (708) 865-6177.

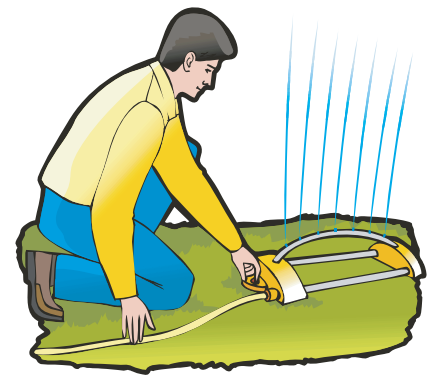
2008 STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS UNDERWAY

Construction season is in full swing with several street improvements underway. Estimated timetables for completion are listed below. With any road improvement, there is bound to be inconvenience, but every effort will be made to keep traffic disruption to a minimum. Affected residents will be notified of the start and of any change to the construction schedule.

PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION	ESTIMATED COMPLETION
2008 Road Resurfacing All or Portions of: Povalish Court Custer Street Lintz Street Fifth Street Kromray Drive Carriage Ridge Lane	June 30
2008 Singer/Norton Storm Sewer Project to begin early June New sewer will follow Peiffer Street from State to Warner, north on Warner to Norton and along Norton Drive.	August 30
River & Front Streets Front Street Underground Utilities, Paving & Streetscape should finish up by June 30.	October 30
Illinois Street Water Main - 500 block Project will begin early August. Completion by	September 15
127th Street (Smith Road to State Street) (This is a Cook County Project) Reconstruction resumes this Spring. Estimated Completion	August 15
131st & Archer Traffic Signal (IDOT project to begin in June)	October 30
Archer/Derby/McCarthy Intersections Engineering still in progress.	

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

To Report a Street Light outage, call (630) 257-2532 and give the number on the tag located on the street side of the light pole. The number will identify the exact location of the outage.



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.

50/50 Sidewalk Replacement Program Underway

The Village of Lemont will pay 50% of the cost for complete or partial replacement of the public sidewalk in front of your home. To apply for the program, please contact the Public Works Department at 257-2532 Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The program is available annually. The cost per square foot is split equally between the homeowner and the Village. This is a great opportunity to repair deteriorated walkways.

Deadline for Sidewalk Program is July 31.

State Awards Grant to Lemont P.D.

The Lemont Police Department has been awarded grant funding by the Illinois Department of Transportation for community traffic safety education, including increased enforcement of seat belts, speed, and impaired driving laws.

This grant allows the Department to hire back officers to specifically enforce traffic safety laws, over and above the regular patrol.

Enforcement activities include occupant protection enforcement zones, saturation patrols, zero tolerance mandates, and roadside safety checkpoints.

The grant period will extend through September 30, 2008 and coincide with State/National "Click It or Ticket" and "You Drink and Drive, You Lose" campaigns.

In 2005 and 2006 the Lemont P.D. was honored with Top Awards at the State and National Level for exemplary efforts in traffic safety. The Illinois Department of Transportation has been very supportive in funding these traffic safety projects and furnishing the Police Department with equipment and community education materials.

Seat Belts Save Lives

Cops on the Top Raises \$3,000 for Special Olympics

On Friday, May 9, the Lemont Police Department participated with other Chicago area law enforcement agencies in Cops on the Top. The event was held at the Dunkin' Donuts at Derby Road & Archer Avenue. Through the generosity of Lemont customers, a record \$3,000 was raised for the Special Olympics.

From the Police Department



Bike Rodeo & Registration - July 19
5:30 - 6:30 p.m. - Lemont Library Parking Lot
Join Lemont Police Bike Patrol for bike skills & registration.

National Night Out Against Crime - August 5

Turn on your Porch Light from dusk to dawn to show your support for a crime-free community.

KOPS 'N' KIDZ Day Saturday, August 16

Calling all kids! Come by bike or on foot to **Timberline Park** (Timberline Drive & Roberta Street) at **10:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 16** for the 2nd Annual Kops 'N' Kidz Parade. Join the Officers for free hotdogs and chips, music, dunk tank action, skate board demonstrations, petting zoo, great prizes and lots of other fun activities until 2:00 p.m.

*Image by Raymond Cepele,
St. Cyril's 7th Grader*



Chief Kevin Shaughnessy is seeking old memorabilia and vintage photos related to the Lemont Police Department. Photos will be copied and returned. Please contact the Police Department at (630) 257-2229 if you can help. Photos to be displayed at our new Police facility.

Register for CodeRed Weather Warnings

Southwest Central Dispatch will deliver severe weather warnings to your telephone within seconds after being issued by the National Weather Service. Severe weather warnings, flash flood and tornado warnings are included in the service. Only residents who sign up to receive the warnings will be notified. Register at www.southwestcentral911.org. Click on the CodeRed Link. CodeRed Weather Warning can provide critical extra time for preparation in case severe weather threatens.

Fireworks are Illegal

The Lemont Police Department wishes to remind all residents that Chapter 8.32 of the Lemont Municipal Code prohibits the storage, sale, or discharge of fireworks or pyrotechnics anywhere in the Village of Lemont. Violation of this ordinance can carry a fine **up to \$500** and will be actively enforced.

Each year, countless people are permanently injured in fireworks accidents. Residents are urged to leave the pyrotechnics to the professionals and celebrate safely by attending the Community Fireworks Display on July 3.

Every Wednesday thru August 27th!

Lemont Legends Cruise Nights

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



For more info:
call 630-257-5997

- June 4 Ford, Shrek (children's nite)
- June 11 Chevy, The Real Gone (live entertainment)
- June 18 Street/Rod, Artist's Guild (specialty show)
- June 25 Pontiac, Elected Officials/Police & Fire Dept. (meet & greet)
- July 2 Import, Cinderella (children's nite)
- July 9 Mopar, The Runaways (live entertainment)
- July 16 Antique Truck/Motorcycle, Misc. Jewelry, Bags, T-Shirts (specialty show)
- July 23 Pro Street/Kit Car, School Boards, Teachers/Coaches (meet & greet)
- July 30 Buick/Olds
- August 6 GTO, Snow White (children's nite)
- August 13 Corvette, No Show Joe Band (live entertainment)
- August 20 Vintage Emergency/DARE, Antiques (specialty show)
- August 27 Sportsman/Muscle, Clubs & Organizations (meet & greet)

Summer Events



July 7th - 11th: Band Camp

Presented by the Southwest Community Concert Band. Open to all students entering grades 6-9, currently enrolled in an organized band program. For more information, please email: info@swcommunityband.com.

July 12th: 1:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Heritage Fest Outdoor Street Festival



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

July 27th: 12:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Annual Block Party: First Church of the Nazarene, 12725 Bell Road

Inflatables, food, and more! All FREE! Call the church office at 708-349-0454 for more info.

August 5th

National Night Out Against Crime

Lights On - Crime's Out!

Watch our website for more details on this event.

August 5th: 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Annual Blood Drive

Franciscan Village, 1270 Village Drive
To register or to donate call 630-243-3500.

August 16th: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

2nd Annual Kopz "N" Kidz Day

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

August 23rd: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Annual Blood Drive: First Church of the Nazarene, 12725 Bell Road

To register or to donate call 708-349-0454.

August 30th: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Annual Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show

First Church of the Nazarene, 12725 Bell Road. Registration fee: \$15, 80+ trophies. FREE ADMISSION to the public.

Safety Village Camps:

Sponsored by the Lemont Junior Woman's Club

- June 23rd - 27th: 5 & 6 yr. olds, AM & PM Classes
- July 7th - 11th: 5 & 6 yr. olds, AM Class
7 & 8 yr. olds, PM Class
- July 14th - 18th: 5 & 6 yr. olds, AM Class
9 & 10 yr. olds, PM Class

For more info. call Theresa Vasvery, 630-243-1749.

Lemont's 10th Annual Farmer's Market!



Every Tuesday
June 24th to October 28th
8:00 a.m - 1:00 p.m.
Budnik Plaza Location!
Stephen St. & Canal St.

June 22nd

5th Annual Biker Sunday

First Church of the Nazarene, 12725 Bell Road, Lemont. Registration 9:30 - 10:45 a.m. At 11 a.m. hear "Bubba" Blair's testimony about the dark side of the biker lifestyle. Free BBQ lunch, live entertainment, all day motorcycle show, trophies for top five bikes, 60-mile escorted ride. Call 708-349-0454 for more information.

June 22nd • July 6th • July 20th: 1:30 p.m. (Open to the Community)

Gazebo Concerts Sponsored by Franciscan Village, 1260 Franciscan Drive, Lemont, IL. In case of inclement weather, concerts are held indoors. Chairs and light refreshments provided. Concerts are FREE. For more information call 630-243-3448 or 630-243-3449.

July 3rd: Fireworks At Dusk FIREWORKS DISPLAY & MORE!!!

Other Activities Starting at 4:00 p.m.

Location: Centennial Park

Kids games, activities, DJ, Touch-A-Vehicle, 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament, Rock Pit Skateboard Competition, and "Battle of the Boards." For more detailed information call 630-257-6787.

July 4th: 8:00 a.m.

Annual Lemont Freedom Run

Centennial Park, 16028 127th Street
Event will feature a 5K race (3.1 miles), a 10K race (6.2 miles), and a kids dash in the park. For more information or to register, call Mike Struck at 630-257-6787.



Lemont
Homer Glen
Lockport
July 11 - 6:00 p.m.
to
July 12 - 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. Teams of 10 to 15 members raise money, prior to and at the event to help fund cancer research, early detection and prevention programs.

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

www.RelayForLifeLemont.com

Heritage Fest Schedule of Events

Saturday, July 12, 2008

Join the Fun!

12:30	Line-Up for Bike Parade (Legion Park)
1:00	Bike Parade
1:00 - 3:30	Bingo (Inside Air Conditioned Tangles Salon, 117 Stephen Street)

Kids Entertainment & Activities

- 1:00 - 6:00:
- Carnival Games
 - Dunk Tank
 - Moon Jump
 - **NEW!** Eurobungy
 - **NEW!** Bath Tub Racers
 - **NEW!** Money Machine and
 - **BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND:** Pony Rides
 - Plus Much More!

*New!
Ice Cream Contest!
Cookie Stacking Contest!*

2:00 - 5:00: Face Painting by Sparkles Entertainment

Food Vendors & More!

Main Stage Attractions

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| 1:00 - 2:00 | Ken Schultz "The Flying Fool" |
| 2:30 - 3:30 | Od Tapo Imi |
| 5:00 - 7:00 | David Alan, Country Singer |
| 7:00 - 9:00 | The Sound Decision |
| 9:00 - 11:00 | Timing's Everything |

Extra Attractions

- 12:30: Registration for Bean Bag Tournament
- 2:00 - 5:00: Bean Bag Tournament - 32 Teams
- 1:00 - 4:00: Salt Creek Model A Ford Car Show
- 3:00 - 7:00: The Original Rollin' Cruisers Car Show

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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.

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418 Main Street
Lemont, IL 60439



Place your home on "vacation watch" while you are away by contacting the Lemont Police Department at 257-2229. Officers will survey your residence at regular intervals during your absence to verify that all is secure.

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.

Have a Safe Summer!



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