

# 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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*Construction of the Police Facility is underway at the 127th Street site.*

*The 29,000 sq. ft. facility should be complete next spring and will house the Police Department and Emergency Management Agency.*

## From the Mayor's Desk



### Intergovernmental Partnerships

This summer the Village and Township concluded a 5-acre property transfer in the Heritage Quarries which allowed the Township to purchase an additional 45 acre parcel as Open Space. The collaboration will guarantee that the entire 50 acres will remain as open recreation area for the citizens of Lemont. It is the intention of the Township to lease the property back to the Village to maintain and develop additional bike trails.

Recently the Village entered into an agreement with Lockport to participate with New Lenox, Lockport, Homer Glen and Will County to develop a regional I-355 Area Master Bikeway Plan along the Tollway. ComEd's Transformation Grant Program has committed \$5,000 to initiate the plan.

### Commercial Development

Despite a general decline in new construction starts, the Village has recently approved the development of a 10 acre assisted living facility, Paradise Park, at 131<sup>st</sup> and Parker Road. The development will have 5 buildings with 16 units each and 9 duplex units.

The construction of the Aldi store is well underway in Lemont Village Square and opening is anticipated for late fall.

The public hearing process has begun on creation of a TIF district in the Eastern Gateway Corridor from the junkyards along Route 83 to the intersection at Main Street. Although response has been positive to the idea, the process is complicated because there are many property owners involved and several annexations must take place before the TIF can be finalized. The TIF would make the area much more attractive to any developer seeking to develop commercial property along the gateway corridor. It has been a goal of this administration to eradicate the junkyards and foster well-planned development of the area.

*Mayor's Message cont'd on p. 2*

## From the Mayor's Desk

### Road Construction Projects

The Singer-Norton storm sewer separation project is now complete. Approximately 2,125 feet of storm sewer and 1,281 feet of sanitary sewer is now replacing the old combined sewer system in this neighborhood to greatly improve flow and reduce flooding. Water main and services were also replaced as part of the project. Curbs and gutter will be replaced on Norton Avenue and Norton Drive in the 2009 Road Program.

Emergency patching has been completed on 127<sup>th</sup> Street between Smith Road and New Avenue. The roadway seriously deteriorated over the winter and spring, making for a potentially dangerous situation. Funds for complete resurfacing of the roadway have been requested through the Southwest Conference of Mayors and we expect to be able to accomplish the resurfacing as soon as funds become available.

Water Main replacement has already begun in the 500 block of Illinois Street and will take about a month to complete.

### Green Lemont Initiative

Last fall the Village Board passed a resolution approving the Green Lemont Initiative, with the goal of making Lemont an environmentally sustainable and healthy community. Progress continues on several projects. With the help of the Center for Neighborhood Technology in Chicago and a local church, a model rain garden is in the works. The Planning & Zoning Commission and staff worked with a local developer on the Village's first conservation design subdivision. The design incorporates bioswales, a high percentage of naturalized areas, reduced pavement, and the preservation of groves of mature oak trees. Approval by the Board is expected this fall. Additionally, the Village is reviewing policies and ordinances to seek ways to encourage green practices within the community. Joint initiatives with community agencies are in the early stages of planning, and we will try to keep the community informed of these opportunities to be more green on the Village's website and in future newsletters.

In response to many requests received from our residents, the Environmental Advisory Commission will sponsor another electronics recycling event and latex paint recycling on October 4 along with the semi-annual Motor Oil Recycling Day. Complete information is in this newsletter.

– *John F. Piazza, Mayor*

*The Aldi Store is under construction in Lemont Village Square. The store expects to open in late fall.*

## NEW HOURS AT VILLAGE HALL

Effective October 1, the Village Hall will be **closed on Saturdays**.

### New Hours

**Monday - Friday  
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

Residents who wish to pay utility bills or fines may deposit payment in the Payment Box located in the Police Department vestibule. The box is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

**The Village Hall WILL be open on Saturday, November 1st for sale of Commuter Parking Permits.**

### Volunteers Needed



**Saturday, September 20  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon**

Lieutenant Governor Pat Quinn and the Friends of the Illinois River have designated Saturday, September 20 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](http://www.friendsoftheillinoisriver.org).**



# A GREENER COMMUNITY

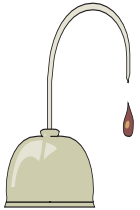


## Environmental Commission Sponsors Recycling Events



Saturday, October 4, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Metra Commuter Lot  
101 Main Street

### MOTOR OIL RECYCLING:



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 and IMTT-Lemont.

### ELECTRONICS RECYCLING:



**E-Scrap Technologies** will collect outdated electronic equipment. This firm can safely smelt unusable electronics into their components which can then be used in the manufacture of new equipment. Most items are free, but there is a charge for certain non-qualifying items. There is a nominal fee (\$5.00 to \$10.00) for console or wood T.V.s, older computer monitors, copiers and battery back up units. These items can be recycled free:

- All PC's and Computer Peripherals
- Networking Equipment
- 15" and 17" Monitors
- Stereo & Home Entertainment Equipment
- Phone Equipment & Cell Phones
- Servers

### LATEX PAINT:



**Earth Paints Collection Systems** will accept cans of used latex paint, any color, which can be processed into new, useable latex paint. Latex paint that cannot be processed for reuse is turned into a filler product used in the manufacture of concrete. Paint may be brought in cans or mixed into a 5-gallon container. There is a \$2.50 per gallon fee; \$8.00 for 5 gallon containers.

- 59 acres of restored savannas, wetlands & woodlands
- Miles of walking paths, with seating & picnic area
- 100 species of trees, shrubs & wildflowers
- Coming soon... an educational interpretive center

*An Invitation from  
Lemont Township*

**Grand Opening  
Heritage Woodland Sanctuary  
127th Street & Timberline Drive**

**Saturday, September 13  
12:00 noon - 4:00 p.m.**

**Octoberfest • Food • Entertainment**

For more information  
on these  
**RECYCLING  
EVENTS**  
please contact the  
Village Hall  
at (630) 257-1590.



# Election Information

## Voter Registration Closes October 7

In order to cast a ballot in the November 4 Presidential Election, voters must be registered by October 7. Residents may register in person during business hours at the following locations:

<b>Lemont Village Hall</b>	<b>418 Main Street</b>	<b>257-1550</b>
<b>Lemont Township</b>	<b>1115 Warner Avenue</b>	<b>257-2522</b>
<b>Lemont Public Library</b>	<b>50 E. Wend Street</b>	<b>257-6541</b>

Mail-in registration applications are available at all locations above. If you register by mail, the first time you vote must be in person. In order to register, you must be a United States citizen, at least 18 years old before the election and live in your election precinct at least 30 days before the election.

**Not sure if you are registered?** Voters may now check their voting eligibility on line at [www.voterinfonet.com](http://www.voterinfonet.com), via e-mail at [voterreg@cookcountygov.com](mailto:voterreg@cookcountygov.com) or by calling (312) 603-0906.

### Grace Period Registration and Voting October 8 through October 21:

There is only one way and one place to register during the 14-day grace period. Unregistered voters must sign up to vote in person at the Clerk's downtown Chicago office at 69 W. Washington Street, Room 500.

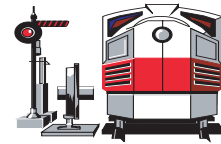
**Early Voting:** Any registered voter may cast a ballot at one of the Clerk's early voting sites from **Monday, October 13 through Thursday, October 30** without specifying a reason or excuse. A photo I.D. is required. **Voters may vote early at Lemont Public Library, 50 E. Wend Street, M-F, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** Call (630) 257-6541 for more information.

**Absentee Voting:** Applications for absentee ballots will be available at the Village Hall and Lemont Township beginning September 23, and must be postmarked no later than November 3. **Applications may also be downloaded from the Cook County Clerk's web site.** Residents of Lemont who plan to be absent from the county on November 4 may choose to cast an in-person absentee ballot between October 31 and November 3 at any of the County Clerk's offices.

**For complete election information, visit the County Clerk's website at [www.voterinfonet.com](http://www.voterinfonet.com)**

*Suggestions Welcome*  
**[www.lemont.il.us](http://www.lemont.il.us)**

The Village is considering options to make its website easier than ever to use. We welcome your suggestions for information you would like to find on the site or for making it more user-friendly. Please contact us at [vlemont@lemont.il.us](mailto:vlemont@lemont.il.us) with your ideas.



## Commuter Parking Permits On Sale November 1

Riders on the Heritage Corridor Line are reminded that the 2009 Commuter Lot Parking Permits will go on sale Saturday, November 1, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Permitted parking spots are limited and will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis.

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.**

### Channel 6 Expands Lemont High School Football Broadcasts

The Lemont High School Football Game of the Week will now be broadcast on Saturdays at 7:00 p.m. in addition to the regular Tuesday night replay of the game.

[info@lemont6.org](mailto:info@lemont6.org)

# Fall Programs



**FREE Yard Waste Pick-up Begins October 14 and Continues through November 28**

**NO STICKER NEEDED**

Beginning Tuesday, October 14 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 14 - November 28**

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 14 - NOVEMBER 28 FOR BRANCHES PROPERLY BUNDLED AND TIED**

## Public Works Completes Ash Tree Inventory

The Public Works Department has completed an inventory of 2,736 Ash Trees lining Village parkways. Each tree has been cataloged by location, size and height, and a cursory inspection has been completed for signs of the Emerald Ash Borer.

Traps have been installed at various locations for the past 3 weeks and to date there is no evidence of ash borer infestation. Borers have been reported in Tinley Park and Naperville and at the current rate of travel which is 5-6 miles per year, it is not a matter of if but when we might begin to see signs of the ash borer.

Residents can assist by periodically doing a visual inspection of the trees in their parkway and reporting telltale signs like the crown of the tree beginning to die, suckers growing at the base of the tree, small D-shaped holes on the tree, or bark that is slit.

For more information, please contact the Public Works Department at (630) 257-2532.

## UNITED STATES CENSUS 2010

Census Bureau Hiring Managers for Local Offices

Visit: [www.census.gov/rochi/www/empty.html](http://www.census.gov/rochi/www/empty.html)

or call 1-800-470-8896

## 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 \$27.08 to \$27.89, and each additional thousand gallons will increase from \$5.48 per 1,000 gallons to \$5.59 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.



### Singer-Norton Sewer Separation

*2,125 feet of new storm sewer and 1,281 feet of sanitary sewer have been installed to improve flow and alleviate flooding in this neighborhood.*

# Police Briefs

## KOPS-N-KIDZ DAY

On Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup> approximately 400 kids and parents participated in the Police Department's 2nd annual **Kops-N-Kidz Day**. A bike parade from Lions Park to the Park District at 9:00 a.m. kicked off the festivities.

The Police Department was assisted by 8 outside agencies and about 100 volunteers in putting on a day of fun activities for the kids. The dunk tank, petting zoo, Police K-9 demonstration, and the helicopter were all big hits with the youngsters.

The kids received special t-shirts and about 100 door prizes were given out, donated by the business community of Lemont.



### S.A.L.T. Council Forming

Lemont Seniors and Law Enforcement Together Council is being formed to connect the 55+ community with the Police Department and give a voice to seniors on problems or concerns that can be addressed by Law Enforcement.

For more information on the S.A.L.T. Council, contact the Police Department at (630) 257-2229.

### *Get a New Phone?*

The Police Department collects used cell phones and chargers for recycling. Drop boxes are located in the lobby of the Police Department and at the Village Hall.

### Emergency 9-1-1 Cell Phones Available from the Police Department

The Lemont Police Department, in partnership with Secure the Call, is able to provide an emergency cell phone and charger for the purpose of calling 9-1-1 to those in need. The program is especially geared to the elderly who cannot afford a cell phone, and to victims of domestic violence.

To find out more about this program, please contact Officer Therese George at (630) 257-2229.



"Be A Buckle Buddy!" is a public service program featuring a statewide, toll-free, nonpunitive hotline which any concerned individual in Illinois may call to anonymously report an unbuckled child. The caller leaves a message detailing the Illinois license plate, vehicle description, city, and county. The registered owner of the vehicle then receives an informational packet explaining the program, and giving information on child passenger safety and Illinois state law.

The Lemont Police Department has become a partner with Children's Hospital of Illinois and IDOT's Division of Traffic Safety in this endeavor.

The program is not intended to be punitive, it is strictly a public service meant to put useful information in the hands of those who may not know the current Illinois child passenger safety laws.

**Buckle Buddy Hotline**  
1-888-800-2642

**Buckle Buddy Website**  
[www.bucklebuddy.org](http://www.bucklebuddy.org)





# Have some FUN in Lemont this FALL!

## September 1 - November 30th:

**Entertainment Book 2009** being sold at Franciscan Village Development Office. Cost \$20 each. Contact J. Swigon at 630-243-3435 to purchase or for more info.

## September 20: 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](http://www.friendsoftheillinoisriver.org).

## September 11: 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: From Noon thru 5:00 p.m.

**Emmanuel Baptist Church Hosts a Community Fun Social,** 1191 McCarthy Road, Lemont. Fun, Food, Games, Crafts, Public Awareness. Tickets - \$0.25 each, used for games, inflatable jump units, balloons and face painting. Food & craft prices set by vendors.

## September 20: 6:00 p.m. to Midnight

**LHSEF's "Food for Thought: Enjoying Tastes from Around the World in Lemont."**  
Location: Montefiori, 11250 S. Archer Avenue. Tickets: \$75 includes unlimited food and bar from 6-9 p.m. Cash bar available after 9 p.m., with music and entertainment until midnight. Tickets: Dee Regan at 630-243-0433; Further info: 630-243-3280. Raffle tickets, too: \$20.

## September 27: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Lemont Historical Society Presents Lemont Street Fair!**  
300 Block of Lemont Street between Illinois & Cass Streets. Ice Cream Social, Antique Market, Craft Vendors, Food, Music & Fun! Tours of the Historical Society Museum. For more information, 630-257-2972.

## September 27: 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

## October 25: 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

## November 22: 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

**Special Needs Respite Nights**  
First Church of the Nazarene. Register for one, two or all three nights! Crafts, music, sensory integration, snack and more. Call 708-349-0454 to register.

## October 3: Starting at 5:00 p.m.

**St. Al's/St. Pat's Oktoberfest**  
St. Pat's Church Parking Lot, 200 E. Illinois Street. Activities/Games for kids from 5-8 p.m. Live entertainment, bingo and food/beer for sale. For more info, please call Brendan McGuire at 630-739-4345.



## October 4: 6:30 p.m.

**LJWC's Comedy for a Cause**  
Arabian Knights, 6526 Clarendon Hills Road, Willowbrook. Evening includes cocktails, buffet dinner, comedy show featuring Randy Levin, a DJ and dancing, Raffles. All proceeds benefit LJWC philanthropic causes. Tickets: \$60. Contact Carey Main, 630-410-8170.

## October 5: 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Fire Station's Annual Open House**  
Fire Station No. 1, 15900 New Avenue. For further info call 630-257-2376.

## October 5: 12:00 noon

**Oktoberfest 2008 - 7th Annual**  
St. Matthews Lutheran Church, 305 Illinois Street. Great food & desserts. Free will donation. For more info call 630-257-5000.

## October 12th thru 22nd:

**Fannie May Christmas Candy Sale**  
20% Discount on Christmas catalog items. Orders will be mailed directly to purchasers from Fannie May. Anticipated arrival week of November 17th. Contact J. Swigon at 630-243-3435 for brochure and order form.

## October 15: \*4:30 p.m. & \*6:00 p.m.

**Ladies Aid Turkey Dinner**  
Servings at 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.  
\*Tickets must be purchased in advance. St. Matthew Lutheran Church. For ticket information contact Marie at 630-257-2029.

## October 19: 1:00 p.m.

**Lemont Garden Club Presents "Holiday Beginnings"**  
Location: Mt. Assisi Academy, Lemont. Please join us for an afternoon of creative floral design to celebrate the coming holiday season. Coffee and desserts will be served. For more info, contact Sue at 630-257-7787.

## October 25: 7:00 p.m. til ?

**Lemont VFW Halloween Party**  
For more info call Donna at 630-257-9859.

## October 25:

### Lemont Park District's Fall Fest!

Costume Contest, Kids Games, Bonfire, S'More-Making, Hayrides! Scarecrow Building Contest at 4:30 p.m. Pumpkin Shot-Put at 6:00 p.m. For further info, 630-257-6787.

## October 25:

**Best of the Midwest Chili Cook-Off**  
Lemont Park District. Fee: \$10. Cooks Meeting, Noon; Turn in Time, 3:00 p.m. Everyone welcome to the Public Tasting, 4:30 p.m.

## October 26: 3:00 p.m.

**Southwest Community Band Concert**  
First Church of the Nazarene, 12725 Bell Road. Free Admission. For info: 708-349-0454.

## - 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 1: 10:00 a.m. - 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 further info, 630-257-6787.

## November 1st & 8th: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

**AARP Driver Safety Class**  
First Church of the Nazarene. MUST ATTEND BOTH DAYS. Cost \$10 (bring valid Ill. driver's license.) Refreshments. Info: 708-349-0454.

## November 6-9: During Library Hours

**Annual Fall Book Sale**  
Donations of books, books on tape, movies and music welcomed. Info, call 630-257-6541.

## November 11: Meet at Post 10:30 a.m.

**Lemont VFW Veteran's Day Celebration**  
For more info, call Donna at 630-257-9859.

## November 11: 7:00 p.m.

**Lemont Library Presents Veteran's Day Commemoration**  
Library Meeting Room. For more info, call 630-257-6157. Free. Registration not required.

## November 15: Doors Open at 6:00 p.m.

**St. Al's/St. Pat's Texas Hold 'Em Tournament. Play Starts at 7:00 p.m.**  
Buy-in \$50. Prize money split 50/50. Food/beer for sale. For Info, Jen Pickering, 630-863-2252.

## November 16: Starting at Noon

**Lemont VFW Meat Raffle**  
For more info, call Donna at 630-257-9859.

## November 20: 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

**Lemont Library Presents Planning for Retirement**  
Library Meeting Room. For more info, call 630-257-6157. Registration not required.

## October 25 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Halloween Hoedown



**Historic Downtown Lemont.**  
Costume parade & contest, haywagon rides, kid's entertainment, trick or treat at Safety Village, downtown stores and LOTS MORE! For further information call 630-243-2700 or watch the Village website.

**Continue the Festivities If You Dare... On Our Haunted Trail Ride After Dark! 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.

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



**Don't miss Halloween Hoedown!**  
**Saturday, October 25**  
**1:00 - 4:00 p.m.**  
**Costume Parade - 1:00 p.m.**  
**Line-up at 12:30 p.m.**  
**Legion Park - Historic Downtown Lemont**



## Lemont Village News

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### Mayor

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Charlene Smollen

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Debby Blatzer	Brian Reaves
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Clifford Miklos	Jeanette Virgilio

### Village Administrator

Gary C. Holmes

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

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