



Village News

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News & Information for Residents

The Village of Lemont is dedicated to promoting and preserving the character of the community and ensuring a high quality of life through professional public service provided in a friendly, consistent, and fiscally responsible manner, emphasizing the best interest of the community as a whole.

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DON'T MISS . . .

**St. Patrick's Day
Parade and Festival
March 10th - 1:00 p.m.
Historic Downtown
Lemont**

New Event:

**Electronics Recycling
Saturday, May 5
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Metra Lot**

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



***Aerial View
Downtown
Redevelopment
Phase I at 340 River
Street is now under
construction.
This phase includes
82 for sale
residential units and
24,346 sq. ft.
of retail space along
with a 262 car
parking deck.***

From the Mayor's Desk



Transportation News

The 2007 construction season promises to surpass last year's for the number and complexity of road projects. As the Tollway interchange nears completion, work by Cook County is scheduled to begin on 127th Street between State Street and Smith Road. The project will mirror the improvements on the east side of State Street, widening 127th Street to 3 lanes with a turn lane in either direction and will provide sidewalks to the State Street intersection. During construction, early June through November, 127th Street will become one-way westbound from Walter Street to Rolling Meadows Drive. This process is guaranteed to inconvenience those who have to travel 127th Street, but once it is complete, the benefits will certainly outweigh the aggravation this summer. The good news is that the bulk of the project will be completed when school is not in session. We have also received word that the County intends to re-surface Smith Road this summer.

Downtown Redevelopment

It is extremely gratifying to see the progress of the development in our historic downtown. There are 4 different projects that are well underway which will serve as the catalyst for even greater things to come. Marquette Development has provided a professional grade model of the finalized version of our plans for the downtown. It is truly an impressive piece of architecture. Although no additional motivation is needed, it provides further inspiration to all who believe our goals for the downtown are within reach.

New Police Facility

Progress has been made toward achieving our goal of constructing a new Police facility in 2008. Wight & Company has been hired as the architect for the design of the building and has had several meetings with Police Department personnel to arrive at a facility tailor made to the department's immediate and future needs. The Village intends to use the former public

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works site on 127th Street as the location for the facility. The biggest obstacle to moving forward into the construction phase is financing. The Board has informally discussed the option of seeking a 1% sales tax increase through referendum next March to fund the construction. The Board favors this alternative because there would be no impact on property taxes, grocery or drug purchases, and minimal impact to the senior population. The sales tax option would also target shoppers from outside Lemont who purchase at our stores.

Glen Oaks Annexation

For the 6 years this administration has been in office and for several years before that, the development of the Leonas Farm property at 131st & Parker by Montalbano Builders has been a topic of either discussion or litigation. Through Village efforts, the proposal has been revised from a 500 unit mixed development to a 250 unit single-family development with a minimum 12,500 sq. ft. lots expanding to 17,000 sq. ft. on the west end. Construction materials are now within the standards adopted for new construction in the Village. Water and sewer have been made available to the site from the utility extensions to Bell Road, and Cook County has already approved a final plat. Of significance is the fact that Montalbano has agreed to sell the property and will not be building any units in the development. Over the past months, the Village has been in discussion with the developer regarding annexation of this parcel. Whether or not it comes into the Village, our schools will still be impacted by the students from the development, and the Fire and Library Districts would also have to provide services. It makes sense to the Board to move forward with the annexation and gain control over the build-out instead of leaving it in the hands of the county. Engineering concerns raised by surrounding township residents

are more likely to be satisfactorily resolved if Glen Oaks becomes a Village development.

State of the Village Report

I would like to thank the Chamber of Commerce for again allowing me the opportunity to present the annual State of the Village Report. This year's presentation will be held on Thursday, March 15 at Cog Hill Golf and Country Club.

John F. Piazza, Mayor



Model of the Downtown Redevelopment Project is on display at Front Street Lofts marketing office at 102 Stephen Street.

Mayor's Drive for Charity - Monday, April 30

The 2007 Mayor's Drive for Charity, jointly sponsored by Mayor John Piazza and Ruffled Feathers Golf Club, will tee off on Monday, April 30. **The 1:00 p.m. shotgun start is sold out.** Some spots are still available for the 7:30 a.m. start.



Fees:

\$150 Per Player Includes:

18 Holes & Cart

Cont'l Breakfast - Box Lunch

Buffet Dinner

Scramble Format - Prizes

Hole sponsorships (\$175), lunch and beverage sponsorships are also being accepted to defray some of the costs of the outing.

One hundred percent of the profits from the outing will be made available to all bona fide Lemont service and non-profit organizations, and recognized community groups. **Registration Forms are available at the Village Hall or by calling 630-257-1590.**

State of the Village Report on March 15

The 5th Annual State of the Village Report, sponsored by the Lemont Area Chamber of Commerce, will be held on Thursday, March 15 at 11:00 a.m. at Cog Hill Golf & Country Club. Mayor John Piazza will present information on current and future Village plans and projects.

Tickets (\$35.00 for Chamber members) are available by contacting the Chamber of Commerce office at 101 Main Street (630) 257-5997.

Additional information is available from the Chamber at (630) 257-5997.

Special Census Still on Track for Spring

As soon as final approval and a firm date is received from the Census Bureau, the Village will move forward to certify the Village's current population. The census will only be conducted in areas of new growth including the following subdivisions:

- Ashbury Woods 1 and 2
- Covington Knolls 4B, 5, 6A,7
- Rolling Meadows Phase 3
- Amberwood
- Kensington Estates 1 and 2
- Fordham Hill Estates
- South Pointe
- Briarcliffe
- Mayfair Estates

An accurate population count matters because state aid sent to municipalities is based on a per capita formula.

The special census questionnaire contains only six questions: name, household relationship, gender, date of birth and age, Hispanic or Latino origin and race. Residents in the special census areas are urged to participate in the census process. By participating you will insure that your money comes back to the Village to provide local services.

CENSUS EMPLOYMENT

Workers will be hired to conduct the special census. Those who have already applied will be contacted as soon as we are notified by the Census Bureau to proceed. Those who can work 20 hours a week are preferred. Census jobs are temporary in nature. Salaries range from \$9 to \$14 per hour depending on the position.

Please call the Village Hall at (630) 257-1590 or contact us by e-mail at vlemont@lemont.il.us if you are interested in employment as a census worker.



From Charlene Smollen, Village Clerk

Registration to Close March 20 for April 17 Consolidated Election

In order to cast a ballot in the April 17 Consolidated Election, voters must be registered by March 20. Residents may register in person during business hours at the following locations:



Lemont Village Hall	418 Main Street	257-1550
Lemont Township	16020 127th Street	257-2522
Lemont Public Library	50 E. Wend Street	257-6541

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. Your registration is permanent unless you move or change your name.

Not sure if you are registered?

Voters may check their voting eligibility on line at www.voterinfonet.com, via e-mail at voterreg@cookcountygov.com or by calling (312) 603-0906.

Grace Period Registration and Voting March 21 - April 3

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, March 26 through Thursday, April 12**. For a complete listing of early voting sites, consult the County Clerk's web site or call the Village Hall at 630-257-1590.

Absentee Voting

Applications for absentee ballots are available at the Village Hall and Lemont Township and must be received in the County Clerk's Office no later than **5:00 p.m. on April 12**. Residents who plan to be absent from the county on April 17th may cast an in-person absentee ballot at the Bridgeview Mini Center, 10220 S. 76th Avenue in Bridgeview (708) 974-6150 or any of the County Clerk's regional mini centers through April 16. For questions regarding absentee voting, please contact the Cook County Election Department at (312) 603-0944 or visit www.voterinfonet.com.

For a complete listing of early voting sites, please visit the Cook County Clerk's web site at www.voterinfonet.com.



Planning a Spring Garage Sale?

No Village permit is required for garage sales. Any temporary signs for garage sales must be located on private property (no utility poles or parkways) and must be less than 6 square feet. Signs must be promptly removed after the sale.

March is Severe Weather Preparedness Month



Prepare a Home Tornado Plan

Take a few minutes this month to have a family tornado drill. Designate a safe area where family members should gather – a basement, center hallway, bathroom, or closet on the lowest floor. Avoid areas with glass. Keep the chosen area uncluttered. Make sure the disaster kit is kept in this area. Replace batteries in radios and flashlights.

The tornado siren will sound to warn residents of imminent weather emergency in the following situations:

- A tornado, rotating wall cloud or funnel cloud aloft is reported within a ten-mile radius based from the center of Lemont.
- When reported that a tornado has touched down in Lemont Township.
- When wind gusts are clocked in excess of 50 m.p.h.
- Any time the National Weather Service advises a warning which will impact the Village and Township.

Once activated, the sirens will not be reactivated for at least one hour unless a rotating wall cloud, funnel cloud aloft or tornado has been sighted and is a clear and present danger to the Village or Township.

**THERE WILL NOT BE
AN ALL-CLEAR SIREN.**

The Tornado Siren is tested on the first Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m.

When a Tornado WARNING is issued . . .

- If you are inside, go to the designated safe area.
- If you are outside, hurry to the basement of a nearby sturdy building or lie flat in a ditch or low lying area.
- If you are in a car or mobile home, get out immediately and head for safety (as above).
- Do not attempt to pick up children from school or childcare facilities. They will prepare for a tornado accordingly.

Waste Hauling Program New Containers Coming

New Containers for Trash & Recycling

Beginning later this spring, Waste Management will provide a 96 gallon toter to each household for trash pick-up and a 64 gallon toter for recycling. Toters are on wheels and come complete with a hinged cover to keep loose items from blowing and keep animals out. Additional toters may be rented for larger families. If the toter should become damaged through normal usage, Waste Management will replace it. The toters can be mechanically emptied by the truck, avoiding the need for the driver to lift the can thus reducing the number of work-related injuries. Senior citizens (65 and over) will have the option of selecting a smaller toter for trash.

Waste Management will pick up any trash that does not fit in the toter if placed in a **33 gallon can** or bags. The program will still be a "take all" program.

Landscape Waste

Residents may also choose to rent a 96 gallon landscape waste cart for a flat fee or may continue to use the paper bags and stickers. Waste Management will continue to provide one free landscape waste pick-up in the spring and free pick-up from October 15 through November 30 each year.

Bulk Items

As with the previous "take all" program, residents may still put out one bulk item per week, such as a couch, chair or mattress – or additional trash cans **33 gallons or under (less than 50 lbs)** along with the toter.

Recycling

With the larger and more secure containers, residents are urged to continue an aggressive family recycling program. Paper, cardboard, catalogs, junk mail, magazines, aluminum & metal cans, glass jars & bottles, and plastic containers are accepted. No need to sort, the items are sorted at the recycling facility.

A Senior Discount of \$1.00 per month is available to seniors at age 65 who live in the dwelling.



Waste Management will contact each household directly regarding the new containers and with specific information regarding the trash removal, recycling and landscape waste programs.

Toters are on wheels, easy to handle, and the hinged cover keeps trash from blowing around the neighborhood.

For additional information, please call the Village Hall at (630) 257-1590 or Waste Management at (800) 796-9696.

Landscape Waste and Branch Pick-up to Begin April 3

The landscape waste pick-up program will resume on April 3 and continue through the end of November. Yard waste will be collected on your regular trash pick-up day. To guarantee timely pick-up, landscape waste must be placed in a biodegradable paper landscape waste bag up to 33 gallons in capacity. **LANDSCAPE WASTE IN CANS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED.**

Place landscape waste at the curb prior to 6:00 a.m.

A landscape waste sticker is required and may be purchased at the Village Hall, Lemont Township Office, Chipain's, Jewel Foods, Peterson's Hardware, Sears Hardware, and Totura's.

The cost per sticker is \$2.50.

SPRING CLEAN-UP

A special **FREE Spring Yard Waste Pick-up** provided by the Village of Lemont and Waste Management has been scheduled on the **REGULAR TRASH PICK-UP DAY:**

APRIL 17, 18, or 19

Place bags at curb by 6:00 a.m.
NO STICKER NEEDED

Branches/Brush

The annual branch/brush pick-up program will begin on April 3 and continue through the end of November. Branches and tree limbs will be picked up on the regular trash pick up day by Waste Management.

BRANCHES MUST BE TIED:

- less than 4 feet in length.
- less than 4 inches in diameter.
- less than 50 pounds.
- tied with biodegradable string/twine.



Lemont Environmental Advisory Commission Earth Week Events

Earth Day - Saturday, April 21

Motor Oil Recycling Day: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. - Metra Lot

Residents may dispose of used motor oil, fuel oil, lubricant oil, brake/transmission fluid and antifreeze, which will be processed for additional uses.

Sponsored by Lemont Environmental Advisory Commission, Citgo Petroleum, and IMTT Lemont.

Clean-Up Day: 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. WATCH MEDIA FOR DETAILS

Heritage Sanctuary Open Space - 127th Street & Timberline Drive (behind Pepper's Automotive)

Volunteers should follow the signs near Pepper's Automotive. Bring gloves, wear long sleeves and long pants.

Earth Day Tree Planting: Wednesday, April 25

Bambrick Park & River Valley School

Please watch the media for other activities planned for Earth Day. For additional information or to volunteer, please contact Tom Thomas, Chairman, at 630-257-1902 or the Village offices at 630-257-1550.

New Event!

Electronics Recycling Day

Saturday, May 5th • Metra Lot

8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.



Thanks to Lemont Environmental Advisory Commission and E-Scrap Technologies, Lemont residents will have an opportunity to recycle outdated electronic equipment. Each year businesses and individuals dispose of more than 100,000,000

computer items. Sadly, most of it winds up in landfills. 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 charge for certain non-qualifying items.**



Recycle These Accepted E-Waste Items

Charges for Non-Qualifying Items

All PCs and Computer Peripherals
Networking Equipment
15" & 17" Monitors
Stereo & Home Entertainment Equipment
Phone Equipment & Cell Phones
Servers

TV = \$5.00
Console or Wood TV = \$10.00
14" Monitor = \$10.00
Mono or Terminal Monitor = \$10.00
Copier = \$10.00
Battery Backup Unit = \$7.00

Drop off your electronic items at the Metra Commuter Lot, 101 Main Street (Enter from Canal Street) between 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 5.

Boats, RVs and Commercial Vehicles Village Parking Regulations

Boats

A boat under 24 feet may be stored or parked in the open within the buildable area of a residential lot, or in the rear yard if stored in a garage, carport or similar structure designed to substantially conceal it from the view of adjoining property owners.

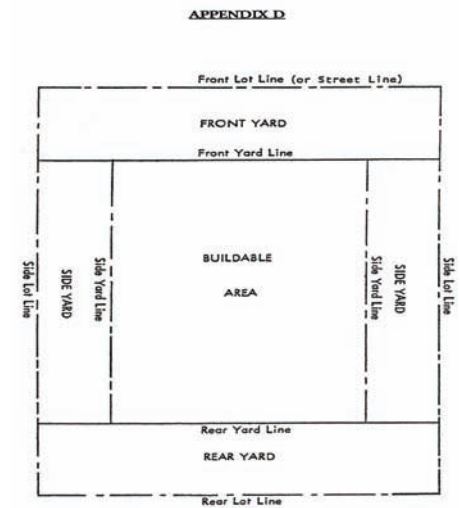
RVs

RVs up to 32 feet in length may be legally parked in the open in the side or rear yard buildable area, but not closer than 3 feet to the property line. They may also be stored in a garage, carport or similar structure designed to substantially conceal it from the view of the adjoining property owners if parked in the rear yard. RVs may be parked in the front or side yard only for the purpose of loading or unloading, not more than 6 hours. RVs over 32 feet in length must be stored off site unless fully enclosed in a garage structure.

Commercial Vehicles

One commercial vehicle with a "B" license plate may be parked on a residential lot. Vehicles with "C" through "Z" license plates must be parked off-site unless fully enclosed in a garage or similar structure.

Boats and Recreational vehicles that provide so much entertainment in the summer can create a storage problem during the off-season.



This diagram illustrates the buildable area of a residential lot.

Returning This Year –

QUARRYMAN CHALLENGE 07

When: Saturday, May 19
Where: Main Street - 200 Block
Check-in: 6:00 a.m.
Race begins: 7:30 a.m.

Back by popular demand, the **Quarryman Challenge 10 Mile Road Race** will be returning to Lemont on Saturday, May 19. The course will begin and end on Main Street and winds through the Village's historic residential area. The Quarryman Challenge offers athletes of all abilities, from elites to beginners, a unique and challenging race at the beginning of the mid-west running season.

This USATF-sanctioned race will be coordinated by Ed Kerfin of Human Race Sports in Orland Park, and a committee of members of the Village staff and Lemont Police Department. The organizing committee for this event includes Trustee Jeanette Virgilio, Park District Commissioner Dan Ganzer, Keith Nowakowski, Guy Petruzzelli, Sr. and Dave Fako of Lemont, and Guy Petruzzelli, Jr. of Downers Grove and Nichelle Tang of Naperville.

For additional information or to register for Quarryman Challenge 07, visit www.quarrymanchallenge.com or call (815) 483-9387.

Public Works Building Wins 2nd Award

The new Public Works building at 16680 New Avenue has received a second "Project of the Year" award in the \$2 million - \$10 million category from the Chicagoland Regional Chapter of the American Public Works Association. Receiving the award now qualifies the project to advance to national consideration. The building was completed in May, 2006 at a cost of \$3.2 million.

Lemont Police Cadet Program

New Candidates Accepted

Lemont Police Department has applications now available for Lemont Police Explorer Post #449. Any young person who has an interest in the profession of law enforcement, is between the ages of 14-20, and enjoys training and community service can pick up an application during business hours at Lemont Police Department, 416 Main Street. For more information, please contact Officer Kurzawa or Officer Pruchnicki at (630) 257-2229.



Celebrate St. Patrick's Day!

PARADE & IRISH FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, MARCH 10 - 1:00 PM

Historic Downtown Lemont

Featuring Chicago Stockyard Kilty Band & Lemont's Own Irish Queen, Ashley Marie Ahline.

Fun!

Parade Route

Line-up at Lemont Safety Village 12:30 p.m.
South on Stephen to Main Street, West to V.F.W. Hall,
15780 New Avenue.

ENTERTAINMENT AFTER THE PARADE

Visit the V.F.W. Hall for great family fun!

- 1:30 Irish Dancing
- 3:00 The Larkin Brothers
- 4:00 Soda Bread Contest

Music



Sponsored by the Village of Lemont

Carriage Ride for Lemont's St. Patrick's Day Queen sponsored by Joe Galica - Paradise Banquets, Bridgeview, Illinois.

Flowers Provided for our St. Patrick's Day Queen by Petal Play Design Studio, Lemont, Illinois.

Spring Events



March 30 - 7:00 p.m.; March 31 - 6:00 p.m.; and April 1 - 6:00 p.m.

Passion Play 2007 - "Encountering Christ"
Location: First Church of the Nazarene. Presented by the Worship & Drama Teams. For more information, please call 708-349-0454.

March 30: 8:00 p.m. Teen Flashlight Egg Hunt

Location: Northview Park. Eggs will be hidden with prizes, gift certificates & candy. Find the golden ticket & win an Apple 80 GB iPod Video. Must be 13 or older to participate. For more info call the Park District at 630-257-6787.

April 1: 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 pm. A Spring Alive Brunch & Silent Auction at Brookfield Zoo.

Advance Registration Required by March 19th. A limited number of children. For more info, call 630-257-6787.

April 1: 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 pm. The Hippy Hoppy Hop



Location: Centennial Community Center. FREE! An egg-citing afternoon of coloring eggs, hopping in the moon jump and enjoying carrot cake. All ages welcome! For more info, call 630-257-6787.

April 14: 8:00 p.m. Remedy Drive & Clemency in Concert

Location: First Church of the Nazarene. Tickets: \$10, open to the public. For further info contact the church office at 708-349-0454.

April 15: Noon to 5:00 p.m. Lion's Club Spring Community Dinner

Location: Lesnieski Center. Get your taste buds ready for some awesome boneless pork chops! Tickets: \$6 Seniors, \$7 Adults, \$5 Grade School Children, Preschool Children Free. For further information call Ross Lillwitz at 630-257-7236.

April 21 & 28: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. AARP Safe Driver Class (Must attend both classes). Location: First Church of the Nazarene. Cost: \$10, Bring a valid IL driver's license. Call 708-349-0454, x 54 to register or for more information.

April 30: 7:30 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. Mayor's Drive for Charity



Ruffled Feathers Country Club. 1 Pete Dye Drive. For info: 630-257-1590.

April 25: 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Professional Staff Luncheon

Location: To Be Announced. Sponsored by the Lemont Area Chamber of Commerce. For more info contact the Chamber at 630-257-5997.

For the most up-to-date event listings, visit our web site at www.lemont.il.us.

March 9: 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Rules of the Road Class for Seniors

Location: Lemont Township, 16020 127th St. Uncertain about taking the written test? Renewing your driver's license soon? This is the class to take - consists of a review of the current traffic laws and information. For more info contact the Township at 630-257-2522. FREE!

March 10: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon Children's Resale

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

March 11: Noon to 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts Annual Spaghetti Dinner

Location: Lesnieski Center, 16050 127th Street. For tickets or info, contact Anita Lane (630-243-1678) or for Silent Auction donations and info contact Theresa Hill (630-257-8041).

March 15: 11:00 a.m. State of the Village Luncheon

Location: Cog Hill Golf & Country Club. **Advance Registration Required.** \$35 Chamber Members, \$45 Non-Members. For further info contact the Chamber at 630-257-5997.

March 16: 7:00 p.m.; March 17: 6:00 p.m. KidzBlitz Live!

Location: First Church of the Nazarene. The high-octane night for parents & kids. Free to all! More information at kidzblitz.com or call 708-349-0454.

March 20: 7:00 p.m. Lemont Area Historical Society Women's History Program

Location: 306 Lemont Street. Presentations by Lemont women in the teaching profession. For more information, please call 630-257-2972.

March 31 - April 21 - May 19: 5:30 p.m. Special Needs Respite Night

Location: First Church of the Nazarene. Supervised by trained professionals. No cost, please call Adam Lewis (708-349-0454, x41) to register for any one of the above dates.

March 31: 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 2nd Annual "Easter Egg Hunt"

Location: Franciscan Village, 1270 Village Drive, Lemont. Entertainment and refreshments will be provided. Door prizes and face painting in addition to goodies for each child. Admission is FREE!



Event Schedule:

10:00 - 10:30	Visits with the Easter Bunny
Easter Egg Hunts:	
10:30 a.m.	1 yr. - 4 yr. olds
11:00 a.m.	5 yr. - 8 yr. olds
11:30 a.m.	9 yr. - 12 yr. olds
11:30 - 12:30	Entertainment/Refreshments

For questions or additional information, please contact Teresa Sheldon at 630-243-3412 or tsheldon@franciscancommunities.com. **RSVP appreciated by March 26, 2007.**

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



Severe Weather Preparedness Week March 4 - March 10

**A State-wide Torndado Drill will be held on
Tuesday, March 6 at 10:00 a.m.**



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Village Board Meetings
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