



# Village News

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## News & Information for Residents

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

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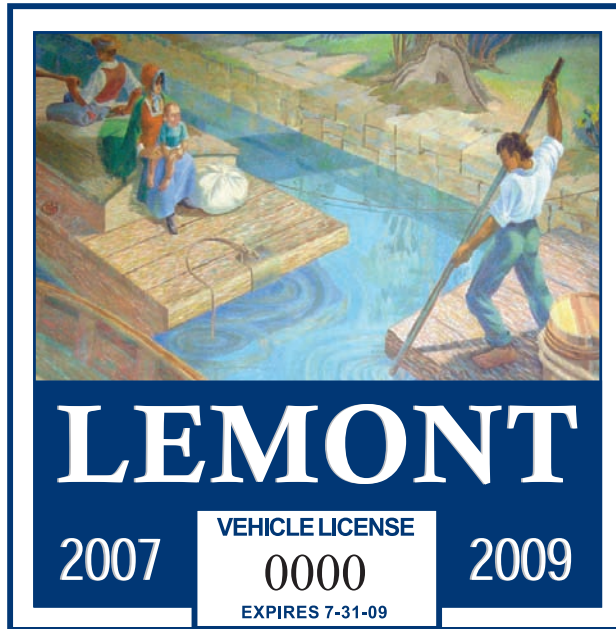
**Farmer's Market Begins**  
Tuesday, June 26  
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Budnik Plaza

### DON'T MISS. . .

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

**Heritage Fest**  
Saturday, July 14  
1:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.  
Stephen & Main  
Downtown Lemont

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at [www.lemont.il.us](http://www.lemont.il.us)



### 2 - YEAR Village Vehicle Stickers On Sale Now!

**Purchase By July 31st at Discounted Price!**

**Details on Page 3.**

## From the Mayor's Desk —

### Trustees Re-Elected

Congratulations to Trustees Debby Blatzer, Brian Reaves and Ron Stapleton on their re-election to the Village Board. Their commitment to the community is a real asset to Lemont. Trustee Blatzer will continue to chair the Public Works and Engineering Committee and Trustee Reaves will remain as Finance Committee chair. Trustee Stapleton is chair of the Economic Development Committee and serves as liaison to some of the Village commissions. One of the reasons we are able to accomplish so many of our objectives is that the Board is able to work together on important issues.

### Commercial Development

In mid-May, Village staff and I attended a trade show by the International Council of Shopping Centers. The Village collaborated with the developers of the Front Street Lofts project in providing a booth at the show. Our purpose in attending was to place a focus on Lemont as a location for new commercial development. Our goal is to attract specific retailers for the downtown redevelopment projects, to fill vacant commercial spaces in the downtown and on State Street, and attract retailers to the 127th Street corridor. We presented a two-fold marketing approach, making connections with brokers for some of the larger scale acreage to be developed and with individual retailers and restaurants for the smaller commercial spaces. Other communities have been successful in attracting commercial development through the trade show, and we are hopeful that our efforts will bring the desired results over the next year.



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

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

### Billboards on I-355

Thanks to all the citizens who took the time to attend the public hearing in May, write letters of objection, and sign petitions objecting to the billboard proposal for the I-355 bridge along New Avenue. The Cook County Zoning Board of Appeals should vote on the requested variations within 30 days after the close of the comment period which will then be forwarded to the Cook County Board. We expect that the County Board will hand down its final decision by the end of July. The Village will continue to lobby our Cook County Commissioner, Liz Gorman, with our opposition to the project. You may have already read in news accounts that these would be the only billboards along the entire length of I-355 and if approved would be twice the size of any existing signs on the tollway system. Additionally, the digital LED display would be capable of changing every 10 seconds, and the signs as proposed would only be 180 feet apart. I encourage all residents to continue making written objections to the Cook County Board. Specific information is inside this Newsletter.



### New Zoning and Land Development Ordinance

The ad hoc Zoning Commission has been working on a complete update of the zoning ordinance and other Village land use regulations since March, 2006. The Commission will complete its work this summer and publish a new "Unified Development Ordinance" to replace the existing Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision Regulations, and Design Standards. The document will contain the regulations on zoning, subdivision, historic preservation, impact fees and flood prevention which were previously in several separate ordinances, making it much more efficient. Trustees Peter Coules and Cliff Miklos served on the Commission to draft the new ordinance.

### Special Census

I would like to put in a plug for the special census that is underway in areas of new growth. I urge everyone who is contacted to respond to the questionnaire. This is our last opportunity to verify an accurate population until the next national census in 2010. Since state-shared revenue is distributed on a per capita basis, by responding to the census you will insure that your tax dollars remain in Lemont and are used to improve the quality of life for you and your family.

### Mayor's Drive for Charity

Finally, I would like to thank Ruffled Feathers Golf Club, the golfers and the many sponsors and businesses who participated in the 2007 Mayor's Drive for Charity. Through your generosity, we are able to distribute just over \$39,000 to 44 different local charities, service organizations, youth sports programs, and social service agencies. Having sponsored 6 outings as Mayor, I am constantly amazed that together we can raise this amount of money to put back into the community where it will do the most good.

*John F. Piazza, Mayor*

**Say NO to Billboards  
by contacting your Cook County Commissioner**

## Public Hearing July 9 - 5:00 p.m. Unified Development Ordinance

The ad hoc Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, **July 9 at 5:00 p.m.** in the Board Room at the Village Hall, 418 Main Street on a Unified Development Ordinance for the Village. The new ordinance incorporates the revised zoning ordinance, subdivision regulations, design standards, historic preservation ordinance, impact fees and flood prevention regulations into a single ordinance.

The public is invited to attend the public hearing and offer comment on the document prior to its adoption by the Village Board.

The draft Unified Development Ordinance will be available on line at [www.lemont.il.us](http://www.lemont.il.us) prior to the hearing.

For more information regarding the Unified Development Ordinance, please contact Community Development Director James Brown at (630) 257-1595 or [jbrown@lemont.il.us](mailto:jbrown@lemont.il.us).

## SAY NO TO BILLBOARDS

The comment period for the Cook County Zoning Board of Appeals is now closed. However, written comments on the proposed variations to increase the size and height of the Billboards along the I-355 bridge on New Avenue can still be sent to the address below. The County Board of Commissioners will vote to approve or deny the recommendation of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

*Elizabeth Gorman  
Cook County Commissioner  
118 N. Clark Street, Suite 567  
Chicago, IL 60602*

*or  
[eadgorman@cookcountygov.com](mailto:eadgorman@cookcountygov.com)*

Reference Docket #s 8262 and 8263.

# 2-Year Vehicle Stickers on Sale Now!

## Deadline is July 31

Village vehicle stickers are now on sale for 2007 through 2009. The 2-year stickers are required for any vehicle registered at a Village street address and must be affixed to the vehicle before July 31. Renewal forms were mailed to residents in late May to allow the purchase of stickers by mail. If you did not receive an application, forms are available at all locations listed, or contact the Village Hall at 630-257-1550. *The discounted price is available only until July 31. On August 1 stickers will return to full price.*

**The Secretary of State's database will be used to verify that all registered vehicles have stickers. Compliance will be enforced.**

### Fee Schedule Discounted Price Until July 31

	<u>BEFORE JULY 31</u>	<u>AUGUST 1</u>
Passenger Auto	\$ 48.00	\$ 96.00
Recreational Vehicle	60.00	120.00
Truck "B" Plates	60.00	120.00
Truck "D" & "F" Plates	105.00	210.00
Truck "H" thru "Z" Plates	123.00	246.00
Motorcycle/Motor Bike	39.00	78.00
Senior Citizen Auto (1 per family)	16.00	32.00
Senior Citizen 2nd Auto	32.00	64.00
Senior Citizen, Truck (1 per family)	20.00	40.00
Antique Vehicle	6.00	12.00
Transfer Fee	3.00	

Stickers may be purchased at the following locations:

- **Lemont Village Hall**  
418 Main Street
- **MB Financial Bank**  
1151 State Street
- **Marquette Bank**  
15730 127th Street
- **Lemont National Bank**  
1201 State Street

## DEADLINE FOR DISPLAYING VEHICLE STICKERS IS JULY 31

**Discounted Price until July 31 only - August 1 Full Price - Get Them Early!**



## SPECIAL CENSUS UNDERWAY



The Special Census is now underway. Only the areas below will be counted in the census and residents are urged to complete the census questionnaire. All census workers will carry identification.

**Ashbury Woods 1 and 2**  
**Covington Knolls 4B, 5, 6A, 76**  
**Rolling Meadows Phase 3**  
**Amberwood**

**Kensington Estates 1 & 2**  
**South Pointe**  
**Briarcliffe**  
**Mayfair Estates**

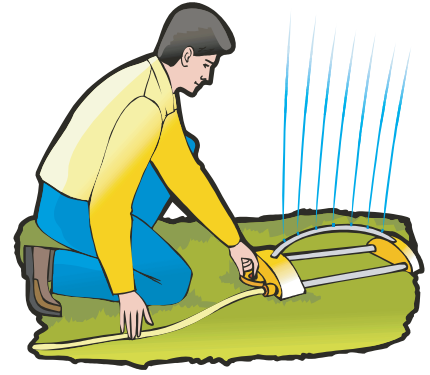
Only 6 questions will be asked in the census questionnaire: name, household relationship, gender, date of birth and age, Hispanic or Latino origin and race. By participating in the census you will insure that your tax dollars come back to the Village to improve the quality of life for you and your family.

## 2007 STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS UNDERWAY

Construction season is in full swing with several street improvements underway. Estimated timetables for completion are listed below, but for the most current information, consult the updates on the Village website at [www.lemont.il.us](http://www.lemont.il.us). 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
<b>2007 Road Resurfacing</b> All or Portions of: Arbor Drive                      Eagle Crest Drive Grove Court                      Acorn Street Harper Lane                      Connaught Street Deer Lane (Partial)	<b>Completed</b>
<b>2007 Road Reconstruction to begin June 11</b> East Street - south of Logan St. Logan Street - Walnut St. to Hickory St. Moczygamba Street - Ledochowski St. to Czacki St.	<b>September 30</b>
<b>River &amp; Front Streets will remain closed</b> Underground Utilities will be completed by Paving & Streetscape to begin in October - Street will re-open	<b>June 30</b> <b>November 30</b>
<b>Illinois Street Water Main - 400 block</b> Project will begin early June. Completion by	<b>July 15</b>
<b>131st &amp; Archer Traffic Signal</b> (IDOT project to begin in July) 2-way traffic will be maintained throughout	<b>August</b>
<b>Tollway Interchange at 127th Street</b> Interchange will be open	<b>November</b>
<b>127th Street (Smith Road to State Street)</b> (This is a Cook County Project) Reconstruction scheduled to begin mid-August. Traffic will be one-way westbound from Walter Street to Rolling Meadows Drive during the summer & fall construction season. 2-way traffic will resume during the winter months.	<b>Spring, 2008</b>
<b>Archer/Derby/McCarthy Intersections</b> Engineering still in progress.	

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



## Odd-Even Watering Regulations in Effect

Properties with odd-numbered addresses may water on odd-numbered calendar days; even-numbered addresses may water on even calendar days between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. Odd-even regulations apply until October 1.

On the day new sod is laid, residents may water freely (no permit required). Thereafter the odd-even regulations apply.

## 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.

## 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.**

## Parking Regulations

- Parking across sidewalks is prohibited in the Village.
- Boats or RV's up to 32' in length may be parked in the side or rear yard buildable area, or fully concealed in the rear yard, not closer than 3 feet to a property line. These vehicles may not be parked in driveways, except to be loaded or unloaded.
- Trucks and Commercial vehicles with "C" thru "Z" plates are not permitted to be parked in a residential district, except when located in a garage or in a manner to substantially conceal it from view of adjoining property owners if parked in the rear yard area.
- A limit of one commercial vehicle with a "B" license plate shall be permitted to be parked on a residential lot.

## From the Police Department



### KOPZ 'N' KIDZ Day Saturday, July 28

Calling all kids! Meet on bike or on foot at Timberline Park (Timberline Drive & Roberta Street) at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 28 for the first annual Kopz 'N' Kidz parade. The parade will be led by the Lemont Police Department bike patrol to Lemont Park District to show our support for a safe pedestrian footbridge over 127th Street. Join the officers for free hotdogs and chips, music, dunk tank action, skate board demonstrations, bike rodeo, prizes and lots of other fun activities until 2:00 p.m.

### National Night Out Against Crime Tuesday, August 7

Lights On - Crime's Out! Turn on your front porch light to show you support crime prevention. By taking small measures, you can protect your family and property from criminals. Light your home's exterior, keep garage doors closed, lock any vehicles parked in the driveway or street and make sure no valuables are left inside. Register at Lemont Police Department when you go on vacation.

Be aware of local curfew hours: Age 12 and under: 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. every day; Age 13 - 16 Sunday - Thursday 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., Friday - Saturday 12:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.

Child safety seat technicians are available to assist you in safely installing your child's car seat. Obey all posted speed limits and be sure to buckle up for a safe summer!



*Enjoy the spectacular light & siren show at dusk on Police Cruiser Night at the Main Street Car Show, Wednesday, August 22.*

### Thanks from the Police Chief . . .

Residents of Lemont reached deep into their pockets to help raise \$2,500 for the Special Olympics in the Police Department's participation in "**Cop On the Top**" at the Derby Road Dunkin' Donuts on May 19. The officers, staff and volunteers were overwhelmed by the generosity displayed by all those who made a donation. A special note of thanks to Mr. J. Patel of Dunkin' Donuts, Mr. Jeff Metz of Pico Del Mundo and to the Public Works Department. On behalf of the Special Olympians, their families and the members of the Lemont Police Department, thank you Lemont!

## Every Wednesday thru August 29th!

### Lemont Legends Cruise Nights

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



For more info:  
call 630-257-5997

- June 6 Fifties
- June 13 Vintage Truck & Motorcycles
- June 20 Ford / Mopar
- ENTERTAINMENT by the NEVERLY BROTHERS
- June 27 Pontiac
- July 4 (NO SHOW!)
- July 11 Olds / Buick
- July 18 Chevy
- July 25 Street Rod
- August 1 Corvette
- August 8 Cadillac / Lincoln
- August 15 GTO
- August 22 DARE Emergency Vehicle
- August 29 Sports Car / Muscle Car



## Summer Events

July 22nd: 12:00 to 5:00 p.m.  
Block Party

First Church of the Nazarene, 12725 Bell Road, Lemont, IL. Games, inflatables, food, and more! All FREE! Call David Baillie, 708-349-0454, Ext. 28, for more information.

July 28th: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
First Annual Kopz "N" Kidz Day

Location: Timberline Park - Parade to Lemont Park District. Activities at Lemont Park District. See details Page 5.

August 7th

National Night Out Against Crime

Lights On - Crime's Out!

See Page 5 and watch our website for more details on this event.

August 19th: 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Annual Picnic in our Backyard Sponsored by Franciscan Village, 14700 Main Street. Open to the community. Games, raffles, food, entertainment. Admission and parking FREE. Come and enjoy the new Beer Garden Tent! For more info, call the Picnic Hotline at 630-243-3435.

## Lemont's 9th Annual Farmer's Market!



Every Tuesday  
June 26th to October 30th  
8:00 a.m - 1:00 p.m.  
*Budnik Plaza Location!*  
Stephen St. & Canal St.

June 10th

### 4th Annual Biker Day

First Church of the Nazarene, 12725 Bell Road, Lemont. Registration 9:30 - 10:45 a.m. Service at 11 a.m. with Robert Pickle, former motorcycle gang member. Starting at 12:30 - Free BBQ lunch, live entertainment, motorcycle show, 60-mile escorted ride. Call 708-349-0454 for more information.

June 10th • July 1st • July 9th •  
July 22nd • August 12th: 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 will be moved indoors. Chairs and light refreshments will be provided. Concerts are FREE and last about 1 1/2 hours. For more information call Monica Barichello at 630-243-3450.

July 3rd: At Dusk

### FIREWORKS DISPLAY!!!

Location: Centennial Park

16028 127th Street. For more information call 630-243-2700 or 630-257-6787.

July 4th: 8:00 a.m.

### 30th Annual Lemont Freedom Run

Centennial Park. Event will feature a 5K race (3.1 miles) and 10K race (6.2 miles). Register before June 27th to receive a Freedom Run t-shirt. Pre-registration ends on Wednesday, June 27th. For more information call 630-257-6787.

July 14th: 1:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

### Heritage Fest Outdoor Street Festival

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



Bring a blanket or a lawn chair and enjoy three favorite family movies under the stars. Showtimes to begin at sunset.



## Movie in the Park

Location: Centennial Park, Lemont Park District

Monday, June 11 – Happy Feet  
(Rain Date June 14th)

Monday, July 9 – The Princess Bride  
(Rain Date July 13th)

Monday, August 13th – The Sound of Music (Rain Date August 16th)

For more info visit  
[www.lemontmovieinthepark.com](http://www.lemontmovieinthepark.com)  
or call 630-257-9333.



**TEAMS  
NOW  
FORMING!**

## 2007 RELAY FOR LIFE OF LEMONT/HOMER GLEN Sponsored by American Cancer Society

Gather your friends and neighbors and form a team for the 2007 Relay for Life on July 27-28, 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. to help raise funds to eradicate cancer. Teams of residents from Lemont and Homer Glen will camp out overnight and take turns walking or running around the track at the Lemont High School Soccer Fields, 131st & Bell Road. Each team is asked to have a representative on the track at all times during the event – because cancer never sleeps. **Companies, neighborhoods, service organizations are all invited to form a team, be a sponsor, donate food or beverages, or volunteer the day of the event.** For more information, contact Matt Popovich, American Cancer Society.

Matt Popovich (708) 633-7770 or  
[matt.popovich@cancer.org](mailto:matt.popovich@cancer.org)

# Heritage Fest Schedule of Events

Saturday, July 14, 2007

*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 )

*Food Vendors & More!  
 Stephen Street/ Canal Street*

## Stephen Street | Safety Village

1:00 - 6:00 Kids Entertainment and Activities of all sorts:

- Carnival Games
- Dunk Tank
- New! Bungee Run
- Moon Jump
- New! Windjammer Swing



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

## Main Stage Attractions

1:00 - 4:00 Battle of the Bands  
 4:30 - 5:30 The Frantic  
 6:30 - 8:30 Thunder Road  
 9:00 - 11:00 Shortcuts

## Extra Attractions

Salt Creek Model A Ford Car Show

## A GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO OUR HERITAGE FEST SPONSORS!

– It's not too late! Sponsorships are still being accepted! Contact the Village Hall at 630-243-2700 –



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- Waste Management



### Children's Activity Level Sponsors

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### Friend of Fest Level Sponsors

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*Well Wisher Donations:* Chipain's Fresh Market, Gilfillan Callahan Architects, Mount Assisi Academy, Walgreens.

# 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**



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.



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website address: www.lemont.il.us

### Mayor

John F. Piazza

### Clerk

Charlene Smollen

### Trustees

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Brian Reaves	Jeanette Virgilio

### Village Administrator

Gary C. Holmes

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

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