

# Village News

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## News & Information for Residents

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

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October 31

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Halloween Hoedown**

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Historic Downtown Lemont

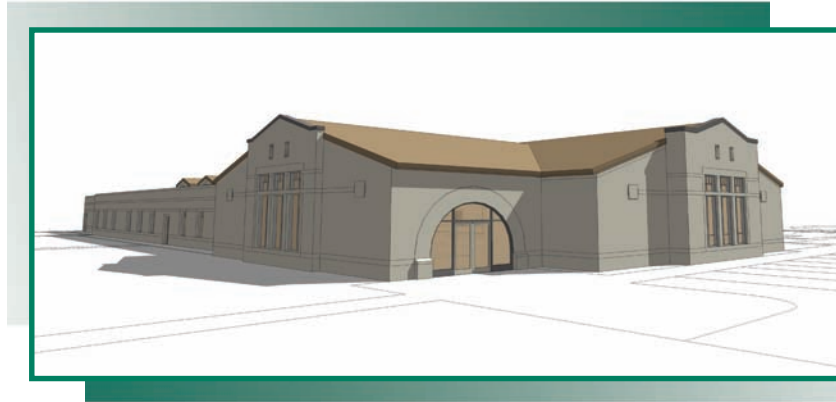


**Farmer's Market**

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Budnik Plaza  
Tuesdays Thru October 29th

Visit us on the web  
at [www.lemont.il.us](http://www.lemont.il.us)



*Concept Drawing  
new Police Facility*

*Construction  
scheduled to begin  
in Spring, 2008*

## From the Mayor's Desk



### Village's Bond Rating Upgraded

In July the Village's bond rating was reviewed by Moody's Investors Service in connection with the issue of \$2.7 million in bonds for the Village share of the downtown parking garage construction and related infrastructure improvements. The previous rating of A1 was upgraded to Aa3, which means a lower interest rate for the Village in financing the bond debt and makes the bonds more attractive to investors. Moody's cited the Village's well-managed financial operations, manageable debt burden and aggressive repayment of existing debt as reasons for the better rating. The improved rating will save the Village \$125,000 to \$150,000 over the life of the bonds, and is likely to carry over to any bonds we may have to issue to finance the new Police facility.

### Update on New Police Facility

The consultant has been back to the drawing board more than a few times in designing the new Police facility on 127<sup>th</sup> Street. The Board requested several changes to the original concept in an effort to control costs. When completed, the department will have a 29,000 sq. ft. building, providing space for existing police divisions with room to expand in the future. We hope to approve a final design by the end of September in order to break ground in the spring of 2008 and have the building completed by the end of next year.

### I-355 Tollway Update

The Tollway Authority is already making plans for the grand opening of the I-355 extension in November and several community activities are being planned for that weekend to coincide with the event. The Village, Park District and Chamber of Commerce are coordinating some of the events in connection with the occasion.

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

## From the Mayor's Desk

Cook County's reconstruction project on 127<sup>th</sup> Street is well behind schedule waiting for utilities to be relocated. During the past few weeks, we have been successful in having 127<sup>th</sup> Street opened to 2-way traffic from Rolling Meadows Drive to Timberline for the residents west of the interchange to be able to have access to the school and Park District.

The decision on the billboard issue is still stalled in the Cook County ZBA. Lamar Advertising has withdrawn its request for the size variation, but the height and setback variations are still being requested. The ZBA is examining conflicting provisions in the County Ordinance and the State Highway Code to determine which should prevail.

### New Developments

The end of an 8 year saga over the Leona's Farm property came to a close in August. The Village entered into an Annexation Agreement with Montalbano Builders for the 131 acres at Parker Road and 131<sup>st</sup> Street. The original plan that Montalbano took to Cook County was negotiated down from about 500 units to 250; lot sizes were increased to the Village standard of 12,500 sq. ft. tapering to 17,000 sq. feet at the perimeter to buffer existing subdivisions; building materials are required to meet Village standards for new construction; and a walking trail and park site were included as a part of the Planned Unit Development. Another condition of the Annexation Agreement is that Montalbano Builders will not be building any homes in the subdivision because of their poor track record in other nearby developments.

The better part of the last year has been devoted to revising and re-revising engineering plans for the parcel to insure that storm water does not impact surrounding properties. Lemont water & sewer was extended along 131<sup>st</sup> Street to Bell Road and is already available to the site. Eighteen properties along Red Drive and the School District property at 131<sup>st</sup> & Derby were annexed to provide a corridor for the annexation.

Whether or not this parcel remained unincorporated or was annexed to the Village, our schools, Library, Park and Fire Districts would be impacted by the development, so it made sense to the Board to annex the property to control the type of construction and achieve a higher quality product.

There has been a resurgence of interest in the junkyards along Route 83 by a variety of developers. The Village has answered more than a few inquiries and met with some of the potential purchasers of the property. Although it seems like an insurmountable task to remove all of the debris from the site, from all indications we may see that eyesore cleaned up in the not too distant future.

The downtown Front Street project is proceeding on schedule, and despite a very soft real estate market, I am told that about 30% of the units have already been sold. Interest in the downtown in general has increased, due in large part to the construction activity underway. By the end of the year we should be seeing evidence of that interest.

### Special Census

The special census is concluded. Close to 2,500 residents were counted in the new surveys but since some of these may have been counted in a previous census, we are waiting for the state to certify our population which should be received in the next 60 days. The special census was conducted this year because it was our last opportunity to verify the population before the next national census in 2010.

--John F. Piazza, Mayor



**Saturday, September 15  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon**

Lieutenant Governor Pat Quinn and the Friends of the Illinois River have designated Saturday, September 15 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.

Lemont is known for having one of the largest turnouts for the River Sweep. Last year about 200 volunteers turned out for the sweep and hauled truckloads of litter and debris from the area.

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.com](http://www.friendsoftheillinoisriver.com).**

### 127th Street Reconstruction

**One-Way Traffic  
Walter Street to Timberline Drive  
through November 1**

**Parking Restrictions  
on Walter Street  
Wend Street  
and Timberline Drive**

# COMMISSION NOTES

## Zoning Commission Completes Unified Development Ordinance

The final draft of the new Unified Development Ordinance was reviewed by the Village Board on August 20. A public hearing was held on July 9 prior to preparation of the final draft. The complete document is available on the Village web site at [www.lemont.il.us](http://www.lemont.il.us).

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, much more efficient to use and administer.

Congratulations to the members of the Zoning Commission who have been working on the document for the past 18 months. Trustees Coules and Miklos and Community Development Director Jim Brown were instrumental in drafting this important document.

The final document should be approved by the Village Board in September and become effective January 1, 2008.

## Heritage Committee Studies I & M Canal Dredging

One of the key components in the downtown redevelopment is the I & M Canal. In order to make this amenity the centerpiece envisioned by the Heritage Committee and the Village Board, improvements to the Canal will be necessary. Dredging the canal to improve both water flow and quality is key to the restoration.

The Village Board recently approved a contract with Crawford, Murphy & Tilley for engineering services and recommendations related to the dredging. The scope of this contract is for the section of the canal between Stephen Street and Bossert Drive.

The consultant will gather the necessary data to determine the sediment volume, conduct the testing and recommend the procedure for dredging and disposing of canal sediment, and finally, create a water feature to improve water quality. Due to requirements for engineering and a lengthy permit process, it will be at least a year before work can begin.

## Art & Culture Commission to Expand Bridge Project this Fall



This year the Art & Culture Commission will continue the mosaic tile project started last summer on the pilasters of the Stephen Street bridge over the I & M Canal. The Commission hopes to have the new artwork completely installed before the end of October.

The intricate and colorful designs made from tiles created in a public workshop by Lemont residents will be added to the pilasters on the south end of the bridge and be visible to vehicle and pedestrian traffic downtown.

The Commission has done an outstanding job of adding public art to the streetscape downtown and has plans for more in the future. The Board liaison to the Art & Culture Commission is Trustee Ron Stapleton.



**The I & M Canal flow and water quality will be greatly improved by dredging.**

**Trustee Jeanette Virgilio is the Board liaison to the Heritage Committee and has been involved in every aspect of the Canal improvement project.**



## Important Information from the Building Department

### Lawn Sprinkler System RPZ Valves Require Annual Testing

RPZ (Reduced Pressure Zone) valves on residential lawn sprinkler systems must be tested and certified annually and a report submitted to the Building Department. This is a requirement of the Illinois EPA and Illinois Department of Public Health to prevent possible contamination of the public water supply by faulty backflow prevention devices.

Testing must be completed by a certified Cross Connection Control Device Inspector. The Building Department maintains a list of certified inspectors which can be obtained by calling (630) 243-2733 or on the Village website at [www.lemont.il.us](http://www.lemont.il.us).

The Building Department sends annual reminder postcards. Please respond promptly when the notice is received. For additional information, please contact the Building Department at (630) 257-1580.

### Tollway on Schedule for Mid-November Opening



The Tollway Authority will meet on September 10 to finalize plans for the opening of the I-355 southern extension in mid-November. Construction is now 81% complete and moving along on schedule. Some local community organizations are planning events to coincide with the opening.

- **127th Street Reconstruction - Cook County Project**

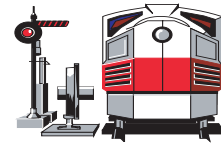
One-way traffic westbound will remain in effect until November 1 between Walter Street and Timberline Drive. Eastbound traffic can access State Street via Wend. Parking restrictions are in place on Timberline Drive, Wend Street and Walter Street because of the reconstruction.

- **Archer Avenue - 135th to 143rd Street - Tollway Project**

Archer Avenue is closed temporarily between 135th and 143rd to accommodate Tollway bridge work. Estimated completion in early October.

- **Archer Avenue/131st /Ashbury - IDOT Project**

IDOT will begin construction and installation of a traffic signal at the Archer Avenue/131st Street/Ashbury Drive intersection. Street closures at the intersection are likely. Estimated completion of this project is November.



### Commuter Parking Permits On Sale November 3

Riders on the Heritage Corridor Line are reminded that the 2008 Commuter Lot Parking Permits will go on sale Saturday, November 3, 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	\$196.00

A daily parking fee of \$1.00 is payable at the METRA lot. The pay station is located on the north side of 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.

### Household Hazardous Waste Disposal

Fall is a good time to rid our homes of unnecessary household chemicals, including oil-based paint, cleaners, flammables and automobile fluids. These items may be dropped off at the HHW collection site:

**Fire Station #4**  
1971 Brookdale Road  
(corner of Rt. 59 and  
Brookdale Road)  
Naperville, IL  
(630) 420-6700 # 7559

# Fall Programs



**FREE Yard Waste Pick-up Begins October 16 and Continues through November 29**

**NO STICKER NEEDED**

Beginning Tuesday, October 16 and continuing each week through November 29, 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 16 - November 29**

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 16 - NOVEMBER 29 FOR BRANCHES PROPERLY BUNDLED AND TIED**

## Office Max and Sims Recycling Collaborate to Offer Electronics Recycling in Lemont

Starting in late September, Lemont residents will be able to recycle their consumer electronics at the Office Max Store, 13406 Archer Avenue.

The EPA estimates that every year over 30 BILLION pounds of consumer electronics containing lead, mercury and cadmium are thrown into landfills. This is a convenient and environmentally friendly way to dispose of broken or outdated computer equipment. The resident pays a small fee (between \$5.00 and \$20.00 depending on the items) and then receives a manufacturer's coupon that covers both the recycling fee and gives an additional savings on a replacement product. For more information: (630) 243-6464.

*Watch for more information on the Village-sponsored Electronics Recycling Day to be held next Spring. Last May, over 200 residents participated in the program. Most items are FREE.*

## Motor Oil Recycling October 20 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Metra Lot

Lemont Environmental Advisory Commission, Citgo Petroleum and IMTT-Lemont will co-sponsor the Fall Motor Oil Recycling Day on Saturday, October 20, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Metra Lot at Ed Bossert Drive and Main Street.

This is your opportunity to recycle:

- Motor oil
- Fuel oil
- Lubricant oil
- Brake/Transmission fluid
- Antifreeze

These fluids will be processed for additional uses. For more information, contact the Village Hall at (630) 257-1550.

## EPA Gives Tips to Prevent Stormwater Runoff Pollution

Reducing the amount of stormwater runoff that reaches local waterways can help keep storm water clean and reduce localized flooding. Around the house there are several things that can be done to make your home a solution to pollution.

- When necessary to use pesticide or fertilizer, choose the least toxic or organic products. Do not apply near waterways or storm drains.
- Use de-icing salt sparingly or use sand as an alternative.
- Pick up after your pet.
- Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces.
- Use a commercial car wash to minimize the amount of dirty, soapy water flowing into the storm drain.
- Check your vehicle for leaks and make repairs as soon as possible. Clean up spilled fluids with an absorbent material like kitty litter—don't rinse into the storm drain.
- Never dump chemicals of any kind into a storm drain.



# Police Briefs

## Vehicle Sticker Enforcement in Progress

### First Annual Kops - N - Kidz Day

On Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup> approximately 350 kids and parents participated in the Police Department's first annual **Kops - N - Kidz Day**. The event was a huge success and will undoubtedly be repeated next year. A bike parade from Lions' Park to the Park District at 9:00 a.m. demonstrated support for the proposed pedestrian bridge over 127th Street.

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, mounted Police and the helicopter were all big hits with the youngsters.

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



### Neighborhood Watch Program

**Neighborhood Watch is an association of neighbors working together to prevent crime and build an alliance to make their neighborhoods safer and a better place to live.**

**If your subdivision or neighborhood is interested in setting up a Neighborhood Watch program, please contact Officer Therese George at (630) 257-2229.**

Village residents are reminded that every vehicle registered to a village street address requires a vehicle sticker. Tickets are being issued to vehicles without stickers after verifying the registration. Residents can avoid a \$75.00 fine by purchasing a sticker at the Village Hall, 418 Main Street, M-F 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

### Fees

Passenger Auto	\$96.00
Senior Citizen Auto	\$32.00
Senior 2nd Auto	\$64.00
Senior Citizen Truck	\$40.00
Recreational Vehicle	\$120.00
Truck B Plate	\$120.00
Truck D & F Plates	\$120.00
Truck H thru Z Plates	\$120.00
Antique Vehicle	\$ 12.00

Stickers may also be purchased by mail by contacting the Finance Department at (630) 257-1550 to request a form.

*Buying a new car? A transfer sticker can be purchased for \$3.00 for your new vehicle.*

### Lemont Police Explorer Post 449 Open House for New Cadets

High School students age 14 and older with an interest in law enforcement are invited to attend an informational meeting on Thursday, September 27, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall Board Room. Explorer advisers and current members will be on hand to discuss the cadet program, community service and leadership opportunities.

For more information, contact Officer Joe Kurzawa at 630-257-2229.



# Have some FUN in Lemont this FALL!

## September 5: 2:00 p.m. Initial Response Program Medical Alert Bracelets

Lemont Township, 1115 Warner. Program that allows medical personnel to access critical information in the event of an emergency. Fill out an application and bring it to Lemont Township on the 5th. Officer Therese George will take your digital photo, attach it to your form, and issue the bracelet right there. For more info contact Debbie at 630-257-2522.

## September 8: 6:00 p.m. Service

**September 9: 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Services**  
**3rd Annual First Responders Appreciation Weekend**, First Church of the Nazarene, 12725 Bell Road. Police, Fire & EMS Emergency Services personnel honored in all 3 weekend services. Emergency equipment on display. For more information, call 708-349-0454.

## September 14: 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Rules of the Road Class

Lemont Township, 1115 Warner. For more info contact Debbie Schmitt at 630-257-2522.

## September 15: 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.com](http://www.friendsoftheillinoisriver.com).

## September 15: 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.

## September 22: 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

**Oktoberfest 2007 - 6th Annual**  
St. Matthews Lutheran Church, 305 Illinois Street. Great food & desserts. Freewill donation. For more info call 630-257-5000.

## September 23: 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**St. Al's/St. Pat's School Annual Pancake Breakfast at St. Alphonsus Church Hall**  
For tickets or more info, call 630-783-2220.

## September 29: 1:00 to 9:00 p.m. OKTOBERFEST!

Location: Parking Lot Behind 102 & 106 Stephen Street. Outdoor festival sponsored by Front Street Lofts to benefit the Community Nutrition Network & Meals on Wheels Program. Food - Entertainment - Fun! For more information call 630-243-6162.

## October 6 & 7:

**St. Al's/St. Pat's School Rummage Sale**  
Parking Lot between Community Bank & Starbuck's on State Street. For further info call the school office at 630-783-2220.

**October 7: 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.

**November 10: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**  
**Lemont Public Library's  
10th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!**  
50 E. Wend Street. Come join us for a fun filled day of celebration! For more information call the Library at 630-257-6541.

## October 12, 13, 19 & 20: 7:00 p.m.

**October 21: 1:30 p.m.**  
"Every Little Cook and Nanny" presented in Dinner Theatre, First Church of the Nazarene, 12725 Bell Road, Lemont. Tickets: \$20 Adults, \$15 (Seniors 62 +Students Under 12). For more info, call 708-349-0454.

**October 14: Starting at 10:00 a.m.**  
**Best of the Midwest Chili Cook-Off**  
Location: Centennial Community Center. Cooks meeting at 10:00 a.m., turn-in time 2:00 p.m., public tasting 2:15 p.m. Tasting: Free. For more information call 630-257-6787.

**October 15th thru 25th:**  
**Fannie May Christmas Candy Sale**  
20% Discount on Christmas catalog items. **Pick up date November 16th Franciscan Village Development Office.** For more information or to order call 630-243-3435.

**October 17: \*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 25 - 28: During Library Hours**  
**Annual Fall Book Sale**  
A pre-sale for Friends of the Library members only will be on Wed. evening, October 24th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. We are always looking for donations of good used books for our sale. For more information, call the Library at 630-257-6541.

## October 27: 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Halloween Hoedown

Historic Downtown Lemont. Costume parade, haywagon rides, kid's entertainment, trick or treat in downtown stores and MORE! For more information call 630-243-2700 or watch the Village website.



## October 27: 3:00 - 10:00 p.m. Spooktacular Fall Fest

Hayrides, trick or treating, a bonfire, and a haunted path for those who want a scare. Evening will end with a spooky movie in the park at sundown. For further information on this event call the Park District at 630-257-6787.

**October 27: 7:00 p.m.**  
**Lemont VFW Halloween Party**  
Costume contest, music, food & prizes. For more information call 630-257-9859.

**October 28: 3:00 p.m.**  
**Southwest Community Band Concert**  
First Church of the Nazarene, 12725 Bell Road. Tickets: \$10. For more 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!*



**October 31: 6:00 p.m.**  
**Family Fall Fun Fest**  
First Church of the Nazarene, 12725 Bell Road. Free admission. For more info: 708-349-0454.

**November 3: 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 at this show is available for purchase at great prices. For further information, call 630-257-6787.

**November 11: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**  
**"Gateway to Lemont" Community Expo**  
Lemont Chamber of Commerce Businesses display their wares and services. For further information call 630-257-5997.

**November 11: 11:00 a.m.**  
**Lemont VFW Celebrates Veteran's Day**  
March to Memorial - Historic Downtown Lemont. For more details call 630-257-9859.

**November 11: 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**  
**12th Annual Holiday Housewalk  
Sponsored by Lemont Jr. Woman's Club.**  
Tickets \$30 in advance, \$40 at the door. For more info call Shelley Taylor at 630-243-8122.

**November 17: 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.**  
**Turkey Hoops  
3-15 Years Old Plus an Adult  
Centennial Community Center Gym**  
Free throws win you a turkey. For further information call 630-257-6787.

**November 18: Noon to 5:00 p.m.**  
**22nd Annual Lions Club Chili Supper**  
Centennial Park at Lesnieski Ctr. Seniors/\$5; Adults/\$6; Ages 6-12/\$4; Under 6 Free. Hot dogs available for the children.

**November 18: 12:00 Noon**  
**Lemont VFW Thanksgiving Meat Raffle**  
Door Prizes, Hams, Turkeys, Steaks & More. For further information call 630-257-9859.

# 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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Village of Lemont  
418 Main Street  
Lemont, IL 60439



**Don't miss Halloween Hoedown!**  
**Saturday, October 27**  
**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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Charlene Smollen

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### Village Administrator

Gary C. Holmes

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

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