



# 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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*Supports for the 1.5 mile I-355 Tollway bridge are under construction and can be viewed along New Avenue near the new Public Works Building.*

**Farmer's Market Begins**  
Tuesday, June 27  
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 8  
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)

## From the Mayor's Desk —

### Public Works Facility

The Public Works Department is now completely moved into the new facility at 16680 New Avenue. The 40,000 sq. ft. building can provide garage space for all public works plows, sweepers, and maintenance equipment. The increased size of the vehicle service area will allow for more efficient repair of Village equipment and vehicles. I would encourage residents to stop by for the grand tour. Dan Fielding would be proud to show you around. The Police Department will move some of its operations to the 127<sup>th</sup> Street building, which will alleviate some of the crowding in the existing Police Department at 416 Main Street. The Board is considering an additional fee for future annexations to build the reserves to fund construction of a new police facility at the 127th Street public works site.



### Leonas Farm Property

The Village has initiated a legal action with Homer Glen, Lemont Township, Lemont Park District and both Lemont School Districts against Montalbano Builders, requesting the Court to declare that the Glen Oaks Plat of Subdivision be voided for failure to comply with state and local statutes regulating subdivisions within a mile and a half of a municipality. We contend that the Plat was recorded without the proper hearing and approval by any of these agencies. The Village is also contesting a request from Illinois American Water Company to expand its boundaries to provide utilities to the development. We have already begun the

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

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

water main and sanitary sewer extension along the north side of 131<sup>st</sup> Street at a cost of \$2.5 million. The Village will be represented at a hearing in mid-June on the facilities planning amendment before the Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission.

#### Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals

The Village Board is considering the consolidation of the Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals into a combined commission. The Plan Commission has done an excellent job with its assignments and revision of the Comprehensive Plan. An ad hoc Zoning Commission has completed the first round of revisions to the Zoning Ordinance with the remaining changes anticipated for completion by early fall. Having accomplished these major goals, it is possible that a combined Planning & Zoning Commission could now handle the current load of land use applications with a streamlined review process.

#### I-355 Local Contribution

We have reported more than a few times over the last several months regarding the Tollway's requirement of a \$20 million local contribution for the interchanges along the southern extension from I-355 to I-80. After several negotiation meetings between the Tollway and Mayors of the Tier 1 communities (Lemont, Lockport, Homer Glen, New Lenox and Will County), the Mayors presented a counter proposal reducing the cash contribution to \$7.5 million from the original \$20 million, which was accepted by the Toll Highway Authority. In-kind contributions (trees, intersection improvements, etc.) will make up the difference. The Tier 2 communities which also stand to benefit from Tollway construction will be approached for contributions. We anticipate positive responses from some of these communities which will even further reduce the amount each of the Tier 1 communities is expected to pay.

#### Mayor's Drive for Charity

I am pleased and proud to announce that approximately 40 Lemont charities and community organizations are receiving funds this year from the most successful Mayor's Drive for Charity ever. Thanks to the generosity of Ruffled Feathers Golf Club and the many sponsors and businesses participating in the event, just under \$40,000 was available for distribution to local scouts, food pantries, Community Chest, youth sports teams, service, fraternal, philanthropic art and historic organizations. Sincere thanks to all who participated in the outing—the sponsors, players and volunteers. Very special acknowledgement is due to the staff at Ruffled Feathers for their support of this community event.



### Zoning Ordinance Revision in Progress

The ad hoc Zoning Commission, appointed in February, recently held a public hearing on its first set of recommended comprehensive changes to the Zoning Ordinance. The changes are intended to reduce the complexity of the existing ordinance and produce a more usable document to streamline the approval process for Village residents.

The significant proposed changes include:

- **A total revision of the chapter on residential districts;**
- **Creation of a new 4A zoning district replacing the Residential Preservation/Enhancement Overlay District;**
- **Simplification of standards for the R-4 district;**
- **Clarification of the Zoning Hearing Officer's Duties;**
- **The right of owners of non-conforming lots to develop their property for single-family residential use;**
- **Updates on the provisions for home occupations and accessory uses;**
- **Commercial design guidelines to ensure a minimum standard for new commercial development.**

The draft zoning changes can be viewed and downloaded from the Village website at [www.lemont.il.us](http://www.lemont.il.us).

Additional revisions will be recommended by the Zoning Commission and a second public hearing is anticipated in early fall.

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



*Ribbon cutting at new Public Works facility on May 19.*

*Pictured l. to r. Trustee Peter Coules, Patrick O'Brien (Chamber of Commerce), Dan Fielding, Mayor John Piazza, Trustees Brian Reaves, Debby Blatzer, Clifford Miklos, Jeanette Virgilio and Ronald Stapleton.*



## Art & Culture Commission Tile Workshop for 2006 Public Art Project



### Stephen Street Bridge Project



Residents joined members of the Art & Culture Commission in creating tiles for the Stephen Street Bridge project in a ceramic workshop held on Saturday, May 27 on Stephen Street. Young and old helped create the textures representing land, water and sky using a variety of objects to impress into the clay slabs. The theme "Hopes For and Memories of Lemont" will be represented in the artwork. Once the clay has been cut, glazed and fired, the artist will incorporate them into the mosaic design for the pilasters of the Stephen Street Bridge. The commission has targeted the completion for October in celebration of National Art Month and in time for the Fall Art Festival on October 7th.



### Art & Culture Commission Fundraiser

The Art & Culture Commission is raising funds for public art projects through the sale of marble panorama plaques of the Lemont skyline. Local photographer Jerry Ptacek's photo has been laser etched on black marble and is available in 2 sizes: 4" x 12" - \$45.00, or 3" x 6" - \$15.00. Plaques may be purchased at the Village Hall or at Artful Gatherings, 106 Stephen Street. For more information, call Alice Chin at 630-257-8888.

### I & M Canal Pathway Extensions Underway

Thanks to an \$80,000 contribution from Citgo Petroleum, three additional sections of the I & M Canal pathway are being improved this summer:



- One section adding 900 feet to the pathway from Singer Landing to K.A. Steel Road;
- One section adding about 450 feet on the north side of Great Lakes Quarry, known as the peninsula, for the development of this area as a natural fishing pier;
- One section adding an additional 600 to 800 feet west of Industrial Drive. Bids were solicited for the extension and a contract awarded. It is anticipated that the improvements will be completed by June 30.

### 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. - 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.

## 2006 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>Main Street Culvert Replacement</b>	<b>Completed</b>
<b>131st Street Utility Extension</b>	<b>July 30</b>
<b>Central School Fire Supply Main</b>	<b>Completed</b>
<b>Division Court Sanitary Sewer Relocate</b>	<b>July 30</b>
<b>Illinois Street Water Main (300 Block)</b>	<b>June 30</b>
<b>2006 Road Resurfacing</b> All or Portions of: <b>Notre Dame Drive</b> <b>St. Vincent's Drive</b> <b>Camelot Lane</b> <b>Castlewood Court</b> <b>Drawbridge Lane</b> <b>Bailey's Crossing Drive</b> <b>St. Brendan's Court</b> <b>Pleasant Place</b>	<b>Completed</b>
<b>First Street Sanitary Sewer Construction</b>	<b>June 30</b>
<b>River &amp; Front Streets to begin mid-July</b>	<b>October 30</b>
<b>I &amp; M Trail Extension</b>	<b>June 30</b>

**I-355 Construction.** Bridge piers are now being constructed which can be viewed along New Avenue. Earthwork for a temporary road along 127th Street will begin in mid-June. The road should be in service in mid-July at which time 127th Street traffic will be diverted to the temporary road to allow for bridge construction.

**131st Street Road Closure.** In connection with the Cook County resurfacing project, 131st Street will be closed between Derby Road & Archer Avenue beginning July 5 until approximately September 12.

Phase I engineering will also be completed during this construction season for the west half of 127th Street from State Street to Smith Road. Actual construction of the 127th Street improvements will not take place until the 2007 construction season.

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



## Well # 6 On Schedule

The \$2.7 million Well #6 facility will be on line before July 1 with the capacity to pump an additional 1,000 gallons per minute into the Village water system, increasing the water system's pumping capacity to over 6 million gallons per day. Drilling for this well was completed in 2004 and the softening plant and well house were completed over the past 12 months.

Pump repairs at the State Street well were made over the winter, and Public Works Director Dan Fielding is confident that the village water supply will meet all of our community water needs for the next several years.

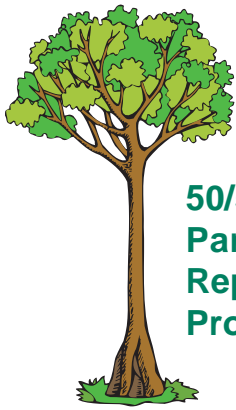
The 2005 Water Quality Report, an annual EPA requirement for public water supplies, will be mailed to Village residents in June.

## Summer Watering Restrictions

**Lawn sprinkling is permitted between 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. between May 15 and October 1.**

**Properties with odd-numbered addresses may water on odd-numbered calendar days; even-numbered addresses may water on even calendar days.**

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



**50/50 Parkway Tree Replacement Program**

The Public Works Department will again provide an opportunity for residents to replace dead or dying parkway trees. The Village will pay 50% of the cost of replacement, with the resident contributing the remaining 50%. Trees will be planted in the fall.

The program is for replacement of existing trees and is not intended for adding parkway trees in new subdivisions.

Because of the popularity of this program, requests will be honored on a first-come, first-served basis. Please contact the Public Works Department at 257-2532.

**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 Tree Replacement and Sidewalk Programs is July 31.**

**Julia Street to Become One-Way Northbound from McCarthy Road to Porter Street on July 1**



Effective July 1, Julia Street will be designated a one-way street northbound from McCarthy Road to Porter Street. The on-going construction project at the High School has dictated the necessity for this decision. The one-way northbound designation will improve traffic flow and ease congestion during the school season and during extracurricular events. It is also probable that morning and after-school traffic flow on McCarthy Road will be improved by the one-way street. The construction is expected to continue for the next 18 months, and at that time the Village will re-evaluate Julia Street traffic flow. It is very possible that the one way northbound designation will continue indefinitely.

*Register Now for the*



Over 500 Lemont residents have already registered to receive alerts for severe weather, health emergencies, neighborhood crime, and public safety information from SCAN USA. This free service will broadcast emergency information to your computer, mobile phone, FAX, pager or PDA.

Through a partnership with the Lemont Police Department, SCAN USA alerts are available to all Village residents. To register, go to [www.scanusa.com](http://www.scanusa.com) and click on "Register for Scan USA." Once registration is complete, you will start receiving alerts for the zip code areas you have chosen.

For more information, please contact the Lemont Police Department at (630) 257-2229.

**Thanks from the Police Chief . . .**

Residents of Lemont reached deep into their pockets to help raise nearly \$2,000 for the Special Olympics in the Police Department's first participation in "Cop On the Top" at the Derby Road Dunkin' Donuts on May 20. 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!



Lemont Police Department has recently acquired an ARGO 8 x 8 amphibious vehicle through a Homeland Security grant for use in patrolling the Heritage Quarries Recreation Area and as buffer protection for the industries along the waterways. The vehicle is capable of movement on water or land.

## Every Wednesday thru August 30th!

### Lemont Legends Cruise Nights

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



For more info:  
call 630-257-5997

- June 7 Sports Car
- June 14 GTO  
ENTERTAINMENT by the NEVERLY BROTHERS
- June 21 Street Rod
- June 28 Ford / Lincoln / Mercury
- July 5 1976 (Bicentennial)
- July 12 Vintage Emergency Vehicles/DARE Cars
- July 19 Chevy  
ENTERTAINMENT by the NEVERLY BROTHERS
- July 26 Olds / Buick / Mopar
- August 2 Pontiac
- August 9 Corvette
- August 16 Custom & Vintage Motorcycles & Trucks
- August 23 50's and 60's
- August 30 Orphan



## Summer Events

July 21 & 22: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

### Sidewalk Sale

#### Historic Downtown Lemont

Visit our unique shops for incredible bargains! For more info call 630-243-2700.

August 5th: 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.  
Concert on the I & M Canal



Location: General Fry's Landing  
Band: Chicago's Od Tapo Imi.  
For more info: 630-243-2700.

August 6th - 10th: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
Vacation Bible School

Location: First Church of the Nazarene,  
12725 Bell Road, Lemont, IL

Theme: "The First Action Heroes - To Eternity and Beyond..."  
Registration fee: \$10/child; \$25/family before July 26. \$15/child; \$30/family July 26 or after. Registration begins July 1. For more info call 708-349-0454.

August 20th: 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### Annual Picnic in our Backyard

Sponsored by Franciscan Village,  
1260 Franciscan Drive, Lemont, IL

For more information, call Monica Barichello  
at 630-243-3450.

## Lemont's 8th Annual Farmer's Market!



Every Tuesday

June 27th to October 31st  
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

*Budnik Plaza Location!*

Stephen St. & Canal St.

June 11 • June 25 • July 9  
July 23 • August 13 • August 27  
2:00 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. For more information call Monica Barichello at 630-243-3450.

July 3rd thru July 9th

### Western Open Golf Tournament

#### Cog Hill Golf & Country Club

12294 Archer Avenue, Lemont, Illinois.

For more detailed information go to <http://www.cialiswesternopen.com>.

July 3rd: At Dusk

### FIREWORKS DISPLAY!!!

Location: Centennial Park

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

July 4th: 6:00 a.m. Check-In

29th Annual Lemont Freedom Run  
Centennial Park; 5K race (3.1 mile),  
10K race (6.2 mile), and a kids dash  
in the park. For more information call  
630-257-6787.

July 8th: 1:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

### Heritage Fest Outdoor Street Festival

Food, music & family fun!

Historic Downtown Lemont

General Fry's Landing, Stephen

& Canal Streets. 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

Thursday, June 15 – Madagascar  
(Rain Date June 22nd)

Thursday, July 20 – Annie  
(Rain Date July 27th)

Thursday, August 17th – Superman  
(Rain Date August 24th)

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

Sponsored by Calvary Church, Lemont  
Park District and Suburban Bank & Trust.

## TEAMS NOW FORMING!

### 2006 RELAY FOR LIFE OF LEMONT/HOMER GLEN

Sponsored by  
American Cancer Society

Gather your friends and neighbors and form a team for the 2006 Relay for Life on July 28-29, 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 Amy Bogatto, American Cancer Society.

Amy Bogatto (708) 633-7770 or  
[amy.bogatto@cancer.org](mailto:amy.bogatto@cancer.org).

# Heritage Fest Schedule of Events

Saturday, July 8, 2006

*Join the Fun!*

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

*Food Vendors & more  
 on Canal Street!*

## General Fry's Landing

1:00 - 6:00 Kids Entertainment and Activities  
 of all sorts at General Fry's Landing

- Carnival Games
- Lazer Tag
- Rock Climbing Walls
- Dunk Tank
- Moon Jump
- Pony Rides



2:30 - 5:30 Face Painting by Sparkles Entertainment

## Main Stage Attractions

1:00 - 3:30 Battle of the Bands  
 4:00 - 6:00 Timing's Everything  
 6:30 - 8:30 Shortcuts  
 9:00 - 11:00 Johnny Russler & The Beach  
 Bum Band

## Extra Attractions

Main Street Classic Car Show  
 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 –



### Eagle Level Corporate Sponsors

- Gilfillan Callahan Architects
- M & M Orthopaedics, Ltd.
- Wight & Associates



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**Architects  
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### Liberty Level Corporate Sponsors

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- La Dolce Vita of Lemont
- Lemont Park District
- Lemont Primary Care
- Lemont Reporter / Met
- Lifescapes @ Montefiori, LLC
- Long Run Marketplace (Home Goods, Office Max, Great Clips, Famous Footwear, Radio Shack, Target & Kohl's) Leased by Inland Continental
- MERR Studio & Gallery
- Pancake Cafe of Lemont
- Rag's Electric
- Riccio Construction Corp.
- Silver Cross Hospital
- Stoffel & Tomazin Dental Associates
- Timberline Knolls
- Tom's Place
- Waste Management



### Children's Activity Level

- Alex Trucking, Inc.
- Alvernia Manor Retirement Community
- Chase Bank
- DONVEN Homes
- Farmers Insurance - Radwanski Agency
- Fred Bluder & Son Tree Service
- Illinois Bar & Grill - Carousel
- Lemont Area Chamber of Commerce
- Lemont Chiropractic Center
- Lemont Family Dental, Ltd.
- Markiewicz Funeral Home
- Southwest Fireplace Supply
- Suburban Bank & Trust Co.
- Superior Print Services
- Sure-Fire (CARQUEST) Auto Parts



### Friend of Fest Level

- Allison E. Murchison, MD, SC/Ophthalmology
- Allyn Corp. Plumbing
- Chipain's Finer Foods
- Community Bank of Lemont
- Edward Jones Investments
- Franciscan Village/Mother Theresa Home
- Gerharz Funeral Home
- H & H Family Restaurant
- Hoppy's Landscaping, Inc.
- Illinois Marine Towing, Inc.
- IMTT - Lemont
- Joe's Decorating, Inc.
- Kave, Inc.
- Lemon Tree Casual Dining, Inc.
- Lemont Paving Company
- Lemont Professional Fire Fighters Union
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- Phil Mormann - State Farm Insurance
- Planet Chiropractic
- Portable John, Inc.
- River Road Tops, Inc.
- Steger Automotive
- Tebo's Evergreens
- The Lemont National Bank
- Totura's Food Center

# 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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### **Mayor**

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### **Clerk**

Charlene Smollen

### **Trustees**

Debby Blatzer	Clifford Miklos
Peter Coules	Ronald Stapleton
Brian Reaves	Jeanette Virgilio

### **Village Administrator**

Gary C. Holmes

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

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