



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...

Farmer's Market
begins June 29
Budnik Plaza
Tuesdays - 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

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

Heritage Fest
Saturday, July 10
Noon - 11:00 pm
Stephen & Main
Downtown Lemont

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at www.lemont.il.us



The Public Works Department has completed a street light inventory. The new identification tags allow for more accurate reporting of outages and more efficient repair of street lights. See article on Pg. 4.

From the Mayor's Desk — Mayor's Drive Raises \$38,300 for Charity

Thanks to the generosity of Ruffled Feathers Golf Club and the many sponsors and businesses participating in the Mayor's Drive for Charity, approximately 30 local charities and organizations are receiving funds from the golf outing this year. The 2004 Drive netted a total of \$38,300 after expenses to be distributed throughout the community. Checks will be issued on June 14 to Bethany Open Food Pantry, United Methodist Food Pantry, Christian Clergy Relief Fund, Boy Scout Troops 149 and 49, Cub Scout Packs 149 and 249, Girl Scout Service Unit 24, Community Chest, Lemont Artists' Guild, Lemont High School Band Parents, Lemont High School Hockey Club, Lemont H.S. Baseball, Lemont Historical Society, Lemont Junior Woman's Club, Lemont Lions Club, Lemont Jaycees, Lemont Indians Baseball, Lemont Little League, AYSO Soccer, Lemont Legacy Soccer, Lemont Raiders, Lemont Sizzlers, Lemont Law Enforcement Association, SPRED, Lemont Township Senior Organization, Public Art Advocates of Lemont, Police D.A.R.E. Program, Police Cadet Explorer Program, and the Veterans War Memorial.

It is very gratifying to be instrumental in assisting these groups to achieve their community goals. My very sincere thanks to all who participated in the outing, the sponsors, players and volunteers. I cannot say enough about the staff at Ruffled Feathers for their support of this community event.



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From the Mayor's Desk *(cont'd from p. 1)*

Intergovernmental Summit

On May 26, the Village hosted an informal meeting of Lemont's governmental agencies to discuss future capital projects and goals of each taxing district. It's been more than a few years since these agencies had an opportunity to spend some time in open discussion of Lemont's future. The purpose of the get-together was to identify areas where there may be some overlap and to see how we might be able to work together to get the best bang for the taxpayer's buck.

I am encouraged to say that the meeting went very well and the dialogue proved to be very interesting. We achieved our primary objective which was to identify opportunities in which the taxing bodies could leverage our resources with improved communication, cooperation, and coordination.

In the brief two and one-half hours that we were together, we identified several possibilities where two or more taxing bodies might be able to join forces on projects that would result in considerable savings to the taxpayers. As elected officials of the people, we are all very cognizant of the fiduciary responsibility we have to each and every citizen.

The next step that we intend to take is to appoint liaisons from each board to serve on a committee to identify specific projects and opportunities for intergovernmental collaboration. We will continue to keep the public apprised of our efforts and plans as we move forward.

Sincerely,

John F. Piazza, Mayor



We're Counting on You to be Counted in the SPECIAL CENSUS

The 2000 census lists Lemont's population at 13,098. However, based on our estimates, the Village's population is already greater than 15,000. An accurate census matters because state aid sent to municipalities is based on a per capita formula of about \$102 per person. If Lemont has grown by 2,000 people since the 2000 census, which we believe it has, it will mean about \$204,000 more in yearly aid to the Village.

It is imperative that each household within the special census area participate in the process. By participating in the Special Census, you will ensure that your money comes back to our community to pay for the services that contribute to your quality of life.

The Special Census Questionnaire contains only six questions: name, household relationship, sex, date of birth and age, Hispanic or Latino origin, and race.

The special census will only be conducted in areas of new growth. However, because the counting is done by census block, some households that participated in the 2000 census will be counted again.

Generally, the special census will be conducted in areas including, but not limited to **Abbey Oaks, Amberwood, Ashbury Woods, Covington Knolls, Eagle Ridge, Fire Rock Farm, Fordham Hills, Franciscan Village, Hirsekorn Ridge, Kensington Estates, Lemont Senior Housing, Mayfair Estates, Oak Tree, Rolling Meadows, and Ruffled Feathers.**

Most likely, the census will begin in late summer or early fall.



Historic Landmark plaques have been installed on the Village Hall, Lemont Train Station and Old St. Patrick School by the Historic Preservation Commission.

Pictured: Mayor John Piazza, Barbara Buschman & Ken Baldwin of the Historic Preservation Commission and Ralph Pukula of the Public Works Department.

CENSUS JOBS will be AVAILABLE

Many community workers will be hired to conduct the special census. The Village will start recruiting workers approximately eight to twelve weeks prior to the designated starting date. Those who can work twenty hours a week are preferred. Census jobs are temporary in nature. Salaries range from \$9 to \$14 per hour depending on the position. Look for upcoming job advertisements in local newspapers, Channel 6, and the Village's website (www.lemont.il.us).

Heritage Quarries Access Trail Opens



**Please join the Village of Lemont
At a dedication ceremony**

**to celebrate the opening of the
Heritage Quarries Access Trail**

**Saturday, June 26 - 11:00 a.m.
at the
Heritage Quarries Pavilion
(Access via K.A. Steel Road)**

Parking Available

The photo above shows one of four bike/pedestrian bridges installed on the new Heritage Quarries Access Trail. The Village is justifiably proud of this new recreation area. Special acknowledgements are in order for Trustee Jeanette Virgilio, the driving force behind the project; past and present members of the I & M Canal Commission and the Heritage Committee; the Department of Public Works under the direction of Dan Fielding; the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago and K.A. Steel Chemicals for their cooperation on this project. Development of the access trail was made possible in part by a grant from the State of Illinois.

Construction Season Underway

The 2004 Road Resurfacing Program slated for this spring will resurface and repair pavement on the following streets:

| | |
|---------------------|----------------------------|
| Kruk Street | Schultz to Harasek |
| Tomasezowski Street | Schultz to Kruk |
| Harasek Street | Schultz to McCarthy Street |
| River Street | Bossert to Stephen Street |

Resurfacing of the Talcott Street Parking Lot is also scheduled to begin.

Several drainage projects consisting of storm sewers and ditch work will begin in the following areas:

| | |
|-----------------|--|
| Crestview Drive | East of Hillview |
| Coach Lane | East of Carriage Ridge Lane |
| Eureka Drive | North of Ridge Road |
| Senon Drive | East of Kromray Drive |
| K.A. Steel Road | At the I & M Canal (culvert replacement) |
| Czacki Street | At Schultz Street |

The final touches to the downtown Stephen Street project will be added this spring with the installation of brick paver crosswalks at existing striped walks on Stephen Street from River Street to Main Street and at Lemont & Canal Streets.

Your patience is appreciated during this construction. Every effort will be made to keep traffic disruption to a minimum.

Recycle Your Unwanted Latex Paint

Residents can drop off unwanted latex paint during the designated 2004 summer collection at:

**DuPage County Public Works
Wastewater Treatment Facility
7900 S. Route 53 in Woodridge**

Hours: June 1 - August 27

Mon. thru Fri.: 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Saturdays: 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. on

the following dates:

- June 12, 19, & 26;
- July 10 & 24;
- August 7, 14 & 21.

The usable latex paint will be filtered and rebled into a variety of colors. Residents, businesses, schools, churches, and community groups can obtain 5-gallon buckets of the quality recycled paint for free during the week.

Call the DuPage County Public Works Department at (630) 985-7400 for more information.

Important Information

New Water & Sewer Rates

The Village Board has examined every alternative to finance construction of a new well, implement homeland security costs to safeguard the water supply, make necessary flood-related repairs and expand the Public Works facility. Although the Board was reluctant to consider a rate increase, it has become inevitable.

It has been 6 years since the last water rate increase and the sewer rate hasn't changed in 12 years. Every effort has been made to structure the increase to have no impact on seniors and very little impact on minimum users.

SEWER RATES EFFECTIVE JULY 1

2-MONTH BILL

| | CURRENT RATE | | NEW RATE | |
|------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|----------|---------------------------|
| | Minimum | Per 1000 gal. over 20,000 | Minimum | Per 1000 gal. over 20,000 |
| Senior Citizen Discount Rate | \$10.00 | 0 | \$10.00 | 0 |
| Single-Family Residence | \$10.00 | 0 | \$15.00 | 0 |
| Multi-Family Residence/Unit | \$10.00 | \$.25 | \$15.00 | \$.25 |
| Residence/Business/Unit | \$10.00 | \$.25 | \$15.00 | \$.25 |
| Single Business | \$10.00 | \$.25 | \$15.00 | \$.25 |
| Multi-Business/Unit | \$10.00 | \$.25 | \$15.00 | \$.25 |

WATER RATES EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1

2-MONTH BILL

| | CURRENT RATE | | NEW RATE | |
|------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| | 4,000 gal. minimum | Additional 1,000 gal. | 4,000 gal. minimum | Additional 1,000 gal. |
| Senior Citizen Discount Rate | \$12.10 | \$3.03 | \$12.10 | \$3.03 |
| Single-Family Residence | \$24.20 | \$3.03 | \$24.78 | \$3.32 |
| Multi-Family Residence/Unit | \$18.15 | \$3.03 | \$24.78 | \$3.32 |
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| Single Business | \$24.20 | \$3.03 | \$24.78 | \$3.32 |
| Multi-Business/Unit | \$18.15 | \$3.03 | \$24.78 | \$3.32 |

How do I apply for the Senior Discount Rate?

Seniors at age 65 may apply in person at the Village Hall for a discount on the water & sewer rates. The discount is available to senior homeowners who reside in the home and to senior tenants in metered units. To obtain the homeowner discount, the senior must provide proof of age, proof of ownership and proof of residency at the address. Senior tenants in individually metered units must provide proof of age, proof of tenancy, and proof of residency.



TIPS TO CONSERVE WATER

Face it. We all waste water. It's a fairly cheap commodity in plentiful supply. Using water wisely not only reduces the cost to the consumer, but it's good for the earth.

SAVING WATER OUTDOORS

- Use a broom, not a hose, to clean driveways and sidewalks.
- Water your lawn only when it needs it. A good way to see if your lawn needs watering is to step on the grass. If it springs back up when you move, it doesn't need water. If it stays flat, fetch the sprinkler.
- Water during the cool parts of the day. Early morning generally is better than dusk since it helps prevent growth of fungus.
- Don't water the gutter or the siding on the house. Position sprinklers so water lands on the lawn or garden, not on paved areas.

IN THE KITCHEN

- Use your dishwasher only for full loads.
- If you wash dishes by hand, don't leave the water running for rinsing. If you have two sinks, fill one with soapy water and one with rinse water.
- Don't let the faucet run while you clean vegetables. Just rinse them in a stoppered sink or a pan of clean water.

IN THE BATHROOM

- Turn off the water after you wet your toothbrush. No need to keep water pouring down the drain. Just wet your brush and fill a glass to rinse.
- Rinse your razor in a stoppered sink instead of running water when you shave.
- Check faucets and pipes for leaks. Even the smallest drip can waste 20 or more gallons a day. Larger leaks can waste hundreds.

Lemont Police Beat



Chief Kevin Shaughnessy urges residents to make safety the number one priority this summer. Kids are out of school and out of doors SLOW DOWN Skateboarding IS fun, but not in traffic and not on someone else's private property. Show respect for each other when driving, even when the other person is wrong. . . Seniors – if you didn't order it, DON'T BUY IT and NEVER let anyone into your home unless you requested them to come. When in doubt, call 9-1-1.

Citizen Police Academy Planned for Fall

This fall we will be conducting a Citizens Police Academy. Residents will be able to learn about the "real police," how they solve problems and what tools they use. It will be an informative and interesting presentation. If you are interested, call the non-emergency number at 257-2229 to find out more.

Over the next several months, we intend to update and modernize our police force as a reflection of our commitment to community policing in Lemont.

Summer Block Parties

Is your neighborhood planning a block party this summer? Please contact the Police Department at 257-2229 for the Block Party Regulations.

Vacation Watch

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.

Public Works Department Completes Street Light Inventory

Now it is easier than ever for residents to report street light damage and outages, thanks to a new system developed by the Public Works Department. Over one thousand street lights have been inventoried and tagged with identification numbers. The tags are yellow and have been permanently affixed to the street side of the pole. The resident merely reads the number off the pole and calls the Public Works Department at 257-2532 to report the outage. With that information, the department can cross reference the pole to an address and retrieve information as to the type of pole (aluminum, concrete or wood) and the type and size of the bulb.

With this new system, if the pole is Village-owned, the Public Works Department can usually have the problem repaired within 24 hours. Some poles in the Village are owned and maintained by ComEd. Those outages generally take longer to repair but can be more promptly reported through the new I.D. system.

To report a street light outage, Call 257-2532 and give the number on the tag located on the street side of the pole about 5 feet from the ground in residential neighborhoods.



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.

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.

Every Wednesday thru August 25th!

Lemont Legends Cruise Nights

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



- June 2 Model A & T's
- June 9 Kit Car/Replicar
- June 16 Buick/Olds
- June 24 Ford
- June 30 Super Chevy
- July 7 GTO
- July 14 Corvette
- July 21 Mopar
- July 28 Cadillac/LaSalle
- August 4 50's & 60's
- August 11 Import
- August 18 Pontiac
- August 25 Street Rod

For further information call 630-257-5997.

Lemont's 6th Annual Farmer's Market!



Every Tuesday

June 29th to October 26th

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

Budnik's Plaza Location!

Stephen St. & Canal St.

Lemont Art Walk

Returns to Historic Downtown

6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Held Every Third Friday of the Month



- June 18
- July 16
- August 20
- September 17

Stroll around beautiful downtown Lemont to view artwork from a variety of artists displaying their work at local merchants. **Sculpture, Painting, Pencil Sketching, Photography, Watercolor, Music, and Plenty of Exercise!**

June 28th thru July 4th

Western Open Golf Tournament
Cog Hill Golf & Country Club
 12294 Archer Avenue, Lemont, Illinois.
 For information call 630-243-2700.

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

27th Annual Lemont Freedom Run
Centennial Park; Race Start Times:
8:00 a.m. 5K; 8:05 a.m. 10K
 For more info call 630-257-6787.

July 4th: 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Free Swimming at Centennial Pool.
 Free day of swimming for Lemont Park District residents! Fee for non-residents is \$2.50 per person. For info call 630-257-6787.

July 6th: Life Line Screening

10 Minutes that Could Save Your Life!
Location: Lesnieski Center, Lemont.
 Pre-Registration is Required! Please call 1-800-407-4557 for your appointment or for more information.

July 10th: 12:00 noon 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.



Summer Events



July 10th: 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Car Seat Safety Check Event
 Location: Lemont Fire Protection District, Station One, 15900 New Avenue. Please call 257-0191 for more information.

July 16th: The Tri-Parish Catholic Community of Lemont

2nd Annual "Tropical Nights" Dinner Dance in "The Tent" at Cog Hill.
 Hosted by the Tri-Parish Community of Lemont. Dinner buffet, one hour open bar, live and silent auctions. Enjoy the live music of "Sundance." For more information call St. Alphonsus (257-2414); SS. Cyril & Methodius (257-2776); and/or St. Patrick's (257-6134).

July 25th: 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Summer Concert and Car Show In the Park. Location: Centennial Park
 Classic Car Show beginning at 2:00 p.m. Free hot dogs beginning at 5:00 p.m. Concert 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. For info call the Park District at 630-257-6787.

August 7th: 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.



Concert on the I & M Canal
Band: 215 West
Come on down for great family fun!

August 13-14: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Sidewalk Sale
Historic Downtown Lemont
 Visit our unique shops for incredible bargains! For info call 630-243-2700.



August 14th: 8:30 p.m.

Float 'n Flick at Centennial Pool
 \$8.00 Res./\$10.00 Non-Res.
 Enjoy an evening dip as we watch a great family movie. Doors open 8:15 p.m. For info call 630-257-6787.

August 15th: 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

"Picnic in our Backyard"
 Location: Franciscan Village, Lemont.
 Bingo - Games - Food. Free authentic stagecoach rides! Free admission. Free parking. Live music. No coolers, no grills please! For further info call 630-243-3435.

August 28th: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The Kid's Garage Sale
Lemont Park District
 8:00 a.m. Set-Up. Ages 7-15 years. For more information call 630-257-6787.

Heritage Fest Schedule of Events

Saturday, July 10, 2004

Food Vendors & more
on Canal Street!

12:30

Line-Up for Bike Parade

1:00

Bike Parade

1:00 - 3:30

Bingo at Budnik's Plaza

General Fry's Landing

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



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

Join the Fun!

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

Main Stage Attractions

1:30 - 2:15 "Lemont Idol" by CHAOS Kids

Parents: Sign up your child in store.

2:30 - 3:00 Jesse White Tumblers

3:00 - 5:00 Bruce Korosa

5:00 - 7:00 Phive Studio

7:00 - 9:00 KAX

9:00 - 11:00 The Associates

Extra Attractions

Rollin' Kruisers Car Club 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! –



Eagle Level
Corporate Sponsors

- K.A. Steel Chemicals, Inc.



- M & M Orthopaedics, Ltd.



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- Ludwig Explosives, Inc.
- McNaughton Development, Inc.
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- Riccio Construction Corp.
- Silver Cross Hospital
- Tom's Place
- Waste Management



Children's Activity Level

- Community Bank of Lemont
- E.T. Mansell Construction Co., Inc.
- Fred Bluder & Son Tree Service
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- Hemlock Bank
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- Jewel/Osco
- Lemont Area Chamber of Commerce
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- Reed's Automotive Enterprises
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Showcase Window Fashions
Steger Automotive
Tebo's Evergreens
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Theo J. Gorski & Son

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

Summer Watering Restrictions

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

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.



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