



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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*Heritage Fest
Saturday, July 12!
Noon til 11:00 p.m.*

*Concert on the
I & M Canal
August 9
7:00 to 10:00 p.m.
General Fry's Landing*

*Fun for the
whole family!*

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Three trustees received the oath of office on May 12: Debby Blatzer, Brian Reaves and Ronald Stapleton. See "Meet the Village Board" on page 3.

From the Mayor's Desk —

Mayor's Drive for Charity Fund Exceeds Expectations



Thanks to the generosity of Ruffled Feathers Golf Club and the many sponsors and businesses participating in the Mayor's Drive for Charity, approximately 22 local charities and organizations are receiving funds from the golf outing this year. The 2003 Drive netted a total of \$33,733 after expenses to be distributed throughout the community. Checks were issued on June 9 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, Community SPRED, Lemont Artists' Guild, Lemont High School Band Parents, Lemont Historical Society, Lemont Junior Woman's Club, Lemont Lions Club, Lemont Jaycees, Lemont Indians Baseball, Lemont Legacy Soccer, Lemont Law Enforcement Association, LLEA/CAN Drug Awareness Program, Lemont Township Senior Organization, and Police Cadet Explorer Program.

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

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Recently, we welcomed two new members to our Village Board. Ron Stapleton and Brian Reaves are the newest members of our team while Debby Blatzer is returning for a second term. I would personally like to extend my congratulations to the newly-elected trustees. I am confident that this Village Board possesses the expertise, experience, and dedication to lead the community to a positive and prosperous future.

I have just passed the halfway mark in my term as Mayor. Looking back, I am proud of what we have accomplished in the very brief past two years. However, I want to assure you that our goals and objectives for the next two years are even more aggressive.

Unfortunately, we will all be affected by the budget cuts at both the state and federal levels. The state of the economy is such that many capital improvement projects funded by the state or federal government may be delayed indefinitely. However, we will continue to provide all the services and amenities that we are capable of at the local level.

Our administration is committed to being fiscally responsible and judicious with respect to spending your tax dollars. As always, we encourage comments and suggestions from our citizens to be certain that we stay the course that you have mandated us to follow.

Sincerely,

John F. Piazza, Mayor

VEHICLE STICKERS NOW ON SALE

Village vehicle stickers are now on sale for 2003 through 2005. 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. Stickers may also be purchased at the following locations: **Lemont Village Hall**, 418 Main Street; **MB Financial Bank** (formerly South Holland Bank), 1151 State Street; **Hemlock Federal Bank**, 15730 W. 127th Street; **Lemont National Bank**, all branches.

Fee Schedule

	Before July 31	August 1
Passenger Auto	\$ 32.00	\$ 64.00
Recreational Vehicle	40.00	80.00
Truck "B" Plates	40.00	80.00
Motorcycle	26.00	52.00
Senior Citizen Passenger Auto (1 discount per family)	16.00	32.00
Senior Citizen Truck (1 discount per family)	20.00	40.00
Antique Vehicle	6.00	6.00
Transfer Fee	3.00	3.00

**DEADLINE FOR DISPLAYING VEHICLE STICKERS IS JULY 31.
STICKERS PURCHASED AFTER JULY 31 WILL DOUBLE IN PRICE.**

New E-Mail Addresses for Village Officials & Staff

For easier and more direct communication with our residents, the Village has set up new e-mail accounts for all departments and key personnel.

Requests for general information:

vlemont@lemont.il.us

Specific departments may be contacted as follows:

publicworks@lemont.il.us

engineering@lemont.il.us

plicedept@lemont.il.us

communitydevelopment@lemont.il.us

building@lemont.il.us

finance@lemont.il.us

administration@lemont.il.us

economicdevelopment@lemont.il.us

Department heads and key personnel may be contacted by first initial with last name @lemont.il.us. For example, Gary Holmes, Village Administrator: ggholmes@lemont.il.us. A complete directory of Department heads is available on the Village web site at www.lemont.il.us.

Village officials may also be contacted via e-mail:

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The Village web site is updated regularly. General information regarding Village programs and ordinances can be easily accessed at:

www.lemont.il.us

MEET THE VILLAGE BOARD . . .



John Piazza

Mayor John Piazza is mid-way through his first term as Village President. At the end of March, Mayor Piazza presented the first formal State of the Village address in collaboration with the Chamber of Commerce. The Mayor works closely with the Village Administrator, Gary Holmes, to provide direction for the daily operation of the Village.

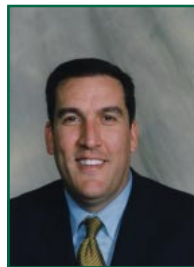


Charlene Smollen

Charlene Smollen, Village Clerk, is beginning her 18th year in that position. Clerk Smollen serves as the primary election official for the Village. She attends and takes minutes at all regular and special meetings of the Board and is custodian of all official Village documents. Some of the Clerk's additional duties include voter registration and approving tag day permits.



Debby Blatzer was re-elected to a second term on the Board in April. Trustee Blatzer chairs the Public Works and Engineering Committee and works closely with these departments to ensure that Village streets, alleys, and water/sewer systems are regularly maintained. She is in frequent contact with residents regarding public works and engineering issues.



Peter Coules has served on the Board for 2 years. Trustee Coules is the Mayor Pro-tem, chairing meetings when the Mayor is absent. Trustee Coules also chairs the Community Development Committee. Zoning, land use issues, new developments, and building issues are covered under this committee.



Brian Reaves, elected in April, is a new trustee on the Village Board. Trustee Reaves has been appointed as chair of the Finance Committee. This position works closely with the Village staff to determine spending priorities within the context of the Five Year Operating and Capital Improvement Budgets which are revisited annually.



Steven Rosendahl has two years remaining in his first term on the Board. Trustee Rosendahl chairs the Public Safety Committee which includes Police and Emergency Services. This Committee works closely with the Police Commission, Police Chief and LEMA personnel to insure that the public safety of our residents receives the highest priority.



Ronald Stapleton, elected in April, is a new trustee on the Board. Trustee Stapleton's previous experience on the Planning & Zoning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals and Lemont's Main Street program has provided a natural transition to the Village Board. Trustee Stapleton has been appointed to chair the Economic Development Committee, which oversees Village grant programs along with marketing, business retention and development.



Jeanette Virgilio has served on the Board for the past two years. She will continue to chair the Downtown Development Committee, working with the Downtown Commission to promote historic downtown Lemont and the I & M Canal through festivals, events and marketing. Jeanette has been closely involved with the planning and development of the Heritage Quarries Park.

Summer Programs

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



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.

Planning a Summer Vacation?

Place your home on "vacation watch" while you are away by contacting the Lemont Police Department, 257-2229. Officers will survey your residence at regular intervals during your absence to verify that all is secure.

Mosquito Abatement Program

West Nile Virus continues to be a cause for concern throughout the state. The Village has contracted with Clarke Environmental for its mosquito abatement program, which includes an assessment of potential mosquito breeding areas, larvacide applications and spraying for control of adult mosquitoes. Public Works Department personnel have also become certified in larvacide techniques and applications for Village catch basins.

Residents can assist in this effort by keeping grass and shrubs well-trimmed and emptying standing water from containers around the yard. Light-colored clothing with long pants and long sleeves is recommended outdoors, particularly in the early morning and evening hours. Application of an insect repellent containing DEET is recommended for any prolonged outdoor activities.

Residents may contact Clarke to request notice for spraying or with any concerns regarding the mosquito abatement program or West Nile Virus by calling the Clarke hotline: 800-942-2555.



Summer Block Parties

Considering a Block Party in your neighborhood? Due to traffic and safety requirements, block parties are permitted only in cul de sacs. Please contact the Police Department at 257-2229, or drop by the Station at 416 Main Street for a copy of the Block Party Regulations.

Upon request and one-week notice, the Police Department Crime Prevention Unit may attend your block party for demonstrations and to hand out crime prevention literature to the kids.

Barricades for block parties will be provided by the Public Works Department upon request.



Every Wednesday thru August 27th!
Lemont Legends Cruise Nights
 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
 Historic Downtown Lemont
 Main Street

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| • June 4 | Super Chevy |
| • June 11 | Vintage Emergency Cars |
| • June 18 | Pontiac |
| • June 25 | Vintage/Custom Truck |
| • July 2 | Corvette |
| • July 9 | Street Rod |
| • July 16 | Rag Top |
| • July 23 | Mopar |
| • July 30 | GTO |
| • August 6 | Kit Car/Replicar |
| • August 13 | British Car |
| • August 20 | Olds/Buick |
| • August 27 | Sports/Muscle Car |

For further information call 630-257-5997.



July 14 thru 18th

Water Follies Week
Centennial Community Pool
 Special activities daily. For info call 630-257-6787.

August 8 & 9: 10:00 a.m. til ?

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



*Lemont's 5th Annual
 Farmer's Market!*



Every Tuesday
June 24th to October 28th
8:00 a.m - 1:00 p.m.
New Location!
Lemont St. & Canal St.

June 25th: Golf Outing at Cog Hill
Lemont Lions Club
 For info call Brian Brandt at 630-257-9038.

June 30th thru July 6th
Western Open Golf Tournament
Cog Hill Golf & Country Club
 12294 Archer Avenue, Lemont, Illinois.
 For information call John Kaczkowski at 847-724-4600.

July 4th: 6:00 a.m. Check-In
26th Annual Lemont Freedom Run
5K and 10 K Race Starts 8:00 a.m.
Centennial Park
 For 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 residents! Fee for non-residents is \$2.50 per person. For info call 630-257-6787.

July 12th: 12:00 noon to 11:00 p.m.
Heritage Fest Outdoor Street Festival
 Food, music & family fun!
 Historic Downtown Lemont
 General Fry's Landing,
 Lemont & Canal Streets.
 For info see Pg. 6 of this newsletter and/or call 630-243-2700.

July 12th: 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 9th: 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Concert on the I & M Canal
 • To be Announced
 • Shortcuts
Come on down for great family fun!

August 23rd: 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 info call 630-257-6787.

August 23rd: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Dog Paddle at Centennial Pool!
 \$5.00 per resident Dog; \$6.00 per non-resident Dog. Dogs of all shapes and sizes are invited. For info call the Park District at 630-257-6787.

August 29th thru September 1st
Keepataw Days Festival & Labor Day Parade. Historic Downtown Lemont.
 8/29: 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
 8/30, 8/31 & 9/1: 12:00 noon to 11:00 p.m.
 Parade: 1:00 p.m. on September 1st.
 Festival/Metra Lot - Main Street & New Avenue. Sponsored by Lemont Jaycees.
 For information call 630-257-2423.

September 1st (Labor Day)
Keepataw Fun Run, Check-In 8:00 a.m.
Centennial Park, Race Starts 9:00 a.m.
 Come run this 2 mile fun run at the Park District's Centennial Park. For info call 630-257-6787.

Lemont Art Walk

Historic Downtown
5:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Held First Friday Monthly Except July



- June 6
- August 1
- September 5
- October 3

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!**

Heritage Fest Schedule of Events

Saturday, July 12, 2003

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 Skiddles the Clown & Friend

Main Stage Attractions

1:30 - 2:00 Jesse White Tumblers
 2:00 - 2:45 Animal Antics
 3:00 - 5:00 Bruce Karosa
 5:15 - 6:45 Nick Desmond & The Grand
 Avenue Swing Band
 7:00 - 8:45 Gypsi Fari
 9:00 - 11:00 The Connexion Band

Food Vendors & More at Lemont & Canal Streets.

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



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 Corporate Sponsors*

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- M & M Orthopaedics, Ltd.



- Riccio Construction Corporation



*Liberty Level
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- Aggreko, L.L.C.
- Community Bank of Lemont
- ENMARC
- Frank Novotny & Associates, Inc.
- Kane, McKenna & Associates
- Lemont Park District
- MB Financial Bank
- Tom's Place



Children's Activity Level

- Bank One
- Hemlock Bank
- IMTT - Lemont
- LaDolce Vita of Lemont
- Lemont Area Chamber of Commerce
- Lyons-Pinner Electric
- Markiewicz Funeral Home
- McNaughton Development, Inc.
- Messina Tax Service/MFSI
- Reed's Automotive Enterprises
- Southwest Fireplace Supply
- State Street Dental Care



Friend of Fest Level

Anna Made It
 AthletiCo Rehabilitation Fitness & Performance
 Barbecue Restaurant & Equipment Corporation
 Canal Street Pub
 Chicago Carbon Company
 Chipain's Finer Foods
 Ciorba Group, Inc.
 Cook Composites & Polymers
 E & C Refrigeration, Inc.
 Edward Jones Investments
 Greta's Garret
 Happy Hands Preschool

Hayes Auto & Truck Repair
 Hayes Contracting
 Hoppy's Landscaping, Inc.
 Jewel Osco/Lemont
 Jimbo's Pizza
 Leads Construction Company, Inc.
 Lemont House Restaurant
 Lemont Paving Company
 Lemont Professional Fire Fighters Union
 Leo & Sons Carpet & Furniture Cleaning
 Paper Alley
 River Road Tops, Inc.

Rossa's Ice Cream & Candy Shoppe
 Roth's Prime Steakhouse, Inc.
 Showcase Window Fashions
 Steger Automotive & Towing
 Superior Print Services
 Tebo's Evergreens
 Tender Loving Care Consulting
 Theodore J. Hogan & Associates, Inc.
 United Cleaners
 Vaughn & Associates
 Venta-European Grocery/Deli
 Windy City Heavy Equipment Service, Inc.

New Parking Lot Open on Talcott Street



Shoppers and diners will now have expanded parking, convenient to downtown stores and restaurants, on the north side of Talcott Street. Additional property was purchased by the Village to construct the new lot directly behind LaDolce Vita. The lot can accommodate an additional 18 vehicles.

Sidewalks will remain in place throughout the Stephen Street reconstruction project for ease of access to downtown businesses. Please remember to patronize these businesses during the project.

Several new businesses have opened downtown in recent months including Venta European Grocery, Canal Street Candles, Anna Made it, Assist 2 Sell Realtors, and Artful Gatherings. Dillon's Cafe on Canal Street is expected to open in June, along with a few more new businesses with applications under review.

The Wednesday Cruise Nights will continue each week on Main Street from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Heritage Fest (General Fry's Landing on July 12) and the Farmer's Market (parking lot at Lemont & Canal Streets each Tuesday June 24 through October 21) will take place downtown with a change in location.

Follow the green construction signs to downtown parking which can be easily accessed from Main Street, Lemont Street and Holmes Street.

Downtown Developments

Get Involved in our Future. . .

Downtown Station Area Study in Progress

More than 50 citizens attended a community listening session on May 6 hosted at the Village Hall by URS Corporation and Bauer Latoza Studio. The Station Area Study is focused on the downtown area north of Illinois Street between the Main/Illinois Street intersection and Fire Station No. 1.

The primary purpose of the study, funded substantially through a grant by the RTA, is to make recommendations to the Village for further development and building rehabilitation in the vicinity of the train station. Transportation will play a big role in the study including parking, traffic circulation and exploring alternate methods of transportation such as walking and biking. During the May 6th town hall meeting, the consultants sought public input on four topics: redevelopment and re-use of "brownfield" sites such as the vacant Tri-Central Marine Terminal, preservation of community character, housing and retail market analysis and transportation.

The next opportunity for public participation will be on July 24, when the consultants will host a "visual preference survey" to gauge Lemonters' ideas on how they envision development. Another town hall meeting will take place in October. Please watch local papers, the Village web site and Channel 6 for dates and times. It is anticipated that the study will be concluded in December.

For additional information, contact Tim Teddy, Community Development Director, at 418 Main Street, (630) 257-1595, or via e-mail at communitydevelopment@lemont.il.us.



The new Talcott Street public parking lot is located on the north side of Talcott Street, behind La Dolce Vita.

Stephen Street reconstruction project is in full swing with \$2.5 million in improvements.



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

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 - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9:00 to 12:00 noon on Saturday.



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Brian Reaves	Jeanette Virgilio

Village Administrator

Gary C. Holmes

Village Board Meetings
2nd & 4th Mondays - 7:30 pm

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