



# 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 . . .

St. Patrick's Day  
Parade and Festival  
March 9th - 1:00 p.m.  
Historic Downtown  
Lemont

Irish music and  
dancing in our tent on  
Stephen Street

See details on p. 4



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### Mayor's Drive for Charity 2002

The proceeds from the 2002 Mayor's Drive for Charity will benefit: Lemont VFW, Lemont American Legion, Police Department D.A.R.E. and Crime Prevention Programs. See details on page 2.

## From the Mayor's Desk

### Waste Hauling Contract Changes on the Horizon

Effective May 1, Village residents will have a new hauler for trash removal, landscape waste pickup, and recyclable collection.

As we approached the end of the franchise agreement with Citiwaste, it became very apparent that the Village would be hit with a significant increase in rates for residential waste removal. Attempts to negotiate a better rate with Citiwaste were unsuccessful.

Several options were explored by the Board and staff, and we believe that we have arrived at the best deal for Lemont with Waste Management. Before arriving at an agreement, we also examined waste removal rates in nearby towns, and found that our current rate is very low in comparison to other communities. We have been told that the rate increase is industry-wide and due to the increased costs assessed to haulers and lack of nearby landfill space.

Since 90% of Lemont residents use the "express" or take-all service, this will be the only option available in the new contract. A benefit of the take-all service is that residents will have the opportunity to dispose of one large or bulk item per week with this plan (excluding construction material, white goods, tires and household hazardous wastes, which require a special pick-up). Residents will also have the option to rent a 96 gallon cart or a yard waste cart if desired.



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## From the Mayor's Desk

### Waste Removal Contract (cont'd)

The Recycling Pick-up will remain unchanged, and will continue to be picked up on the same day as trash. Bins will be provided by Waste Management.

The Landscape Waste program provides for unlimited pick-up of yard waste from April 1 through November 30 with a \$2.00 sticker for each 30 gallon Kraft bag. Although this is a slight increase in the sticker fee, residents have not had a rate increase for stickers since 1998.

Seniors will continue to receive a \$1.00 monthly discount, and quarterly billing will be directly handled by the hauler.

Waste Management will contact each resident directly regarding the pick-up schedule and specific information regarding the trash removal, recycling and landscape waste programs.

There may be a period of adjustment, as there would be with any change of provider, but I am confident that residents will be pleased with the service provided by Waste Management.

Sincerely,  
**John F. Piazza**  
 Mayor



**Don't Miss the Fun at the**

# St. Patrick's Day Parade & Irish Fest

**March 9th - 1:00 p.m.**

A complete day of family fun is in store on Saturday, March 9, when the Irish of every nationality will gather in historic downtown Lemont for the 11th annual St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Line-up will begin at 12:30 at Lemont Train Station. The parade will march east on Main Street and north on Stephen Street to General Fry's Landing.

Lemont's own Irish queen, Caitlin Murnick, will lead the parade in a horse-drawn carriage, and the Chicago Stockyard Kilty Band will pipe the marchers through the parade route.

Following the parade, be sure to visit the Hospitality Tent on Stephen Street for Irish Dancing beginning at 2:00 p.m. by the World Academy of Irish Dance and Hughes Academy of Irish Dance. Gerald Haughey & The Ramblers will provide some rousing Irish music beginning at 3:00 p.m. Plenty of food and refreshments will be available.

The Soda Bread Contest will be judged at 4:00 p.m. Entries must be dropped off at the tent before 3:00 p.m. on March 9. See details on p. 4.



**Shamrock  
Shopping  
Spree**

**Pot of Gold Discounts  
March 9 Only**

After the parade on March 9, be sure to visit your favorite downtown stores to take advantage of fantastic discounts and special promotions on merchandise. Downtown merchants will feature a Shamrock Shopping Spree in conjunction with the St. Patrick's Day festivities.

Look for the shamrock in the window of participating merchants.



## BUY A BRICK FOR SAFETY VILLAGE

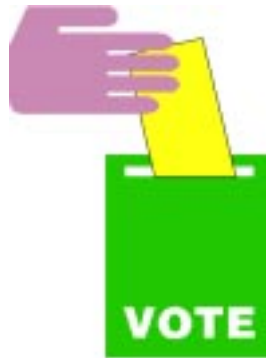
Lemont residents are being offered a final opportunity to purchase engraved bricks for the permanent Safety Village site at 55 Stephen Street, on the north east side of the I & M Canal. If you haven't had an opportunity to take a look at the building progress, make it a priority.

The Safety Village building will be formally opened this Spring, after the finishing touches are completed. The Lemont Junior Woman's Club and Lemont Jaycees have been working since 1994 to construct the site.

Engraved bricks are \$50 per 4 x 8" brick. Inscriptions may be up to three lines, 13 characters per line. Order forms are available at the Village Hall. For more information, please call 257-1550 or Lemont Junior Woman's Club at 257-2718.

*From the Village Clerk . . .*

**Minor Precinct Changes for the March 19 Primary Election**  
*Non-partisan Ballots will be Available*



In order to make precincts more uniform in size and number of registered voters, the Cook County Election Department has made some revisions to the Lemont precinct map.

**Some residents who formerly voted in Precinct 11 (Centennial Recreation Center), will now vote in Precinct 7 (Lemont United Methodist Church). Some residents who formerly voted in Precincts 9 and 13 (Centennial Recreation Center), will now vote in Precinct 15 (Centennial Recreation Center).** Affected voters should have received new voter registration cards with the correct precinct number. For any questions regarding precinct changes, please contact the Village Clerk's Office at 257-1590 or the Township Clerk's Office at 257-2522.

Polling Places for the March 19 Primary Election are:

Precinct	Name	Address
001	Slovenian Cultural Center	14252 Main Street
002	Our Lady of Victory Convent	14700 Main Street
003	Lithuanian World Center	14911 127th Street
004	Lemont Twp. High School	800 Porter Street
005	Lemont Twp. High School	800 Porter Street
006	Witkoski Recreation Center	1115 Warner Avenue
007	Lemont United Methodist Church	25 W. Custer Street
008	Lemont United Methodist Church	25 W. Custer Street
009	Centennial Recreation Center	16028 127th Street
010	Witkoski Recreation Center	1115 Warner Avenue
011	Centennial Recreation Center	16028 127th Street
012	Slovenian Cultural Center	14252 Main Street
013	Centennial Recreation Center	16028 127th Street
014	Lithuanian World Center	14911 127th Street
015	Centennial Recreation Center	14911 127th Street

For this Primary Election, registered voters may request a non-partisan ballot which will contain only the referenda questions. No candidates for elected office will appear on this ballot.

**Applications for absentee ballots are available at the Village Hall and at Lemont Township. Applications must be received by the County Clerk's Office no later than Thursday, March 14. Applications may be taken to Bridgeview Mini Center, 10220 S. 76th Avenue in Bridgeview for in-house absentee voting, beginning February 25.**

**Transportation Committee Develops Procedures For Traffic Issues**



Due to the increasing number of neighborhood and village-wide traffic issues, an Ad Hoc Transportation Committee, consisting of Village Board members and staff, has completed a draft procedure for evaluating and responding to traffic-related requests and complaints.

This procedure provides a uniform, step-by-step process for residents and Village staff for handling all traffic problems from parking restrictions through neighborhood-wide traffic calming. Requests or complaints regarding changes to existing traffic control conditions must be submitted in writing to the Village. All requests will be initially evaluated by the Engineering and Police Departments. Depending on the nature of each request, it may be processed by Village staff or referred to the Transportation Committee.

Requests may proceed through four levels of evaluation: Level 1 consists primarily of data collection (traffic counts if necessary) and the education of the process to be taken by the application. Levels 2 and 3 consist of actions that may be taken by Village staff or the Village Board depending on whether actual policy or Ordinance changes are required (for example: new stop signs).

Members of the public, through neighborhood representatives, will also serve on the Committee once a neighborhood's application process achieves Level 4, Traffic Calming. This level of traffic control may involve physical changes to the roads within the neighborhood. Public meetings will be held at this level, with the residents, the Transportation Committee and the Village Board.



The Transportation Committee meets once a month. For more information on the Transportation Committee, or the procedure for evaluating neighborhood traffic control requests please contact the Village Engineer 243-2705 or Village Planner at 257-1595.



## Celebrate St. Patrick's Day!

### PARADE & IRISH FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, MARCH 9 - 1:00 PM  
HISTORIC DOWNTOWN LEMONT

FEATURING CHICAGO STOCKYARD KILTY BAND  
NEW PARADE ROUTE!

*Fun!*

Line-up at Lemont Train Station 12:30 p.m.  
East on Main to Stephen, North to General Fry's Landing

ENTERTAINMENT AFTER THE PARADE  
Visit our Hospitality Tent on Stephen Street!

2:00 Irish Dancing  
3:00 Gerard Haughey & The Ramblers  
4:00 Soda Bread Contest

*Music*

## Spring Events



**April 20 - 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

### Lemont Celebrates Earth Day

Historic Downtown Lemont  
Canal Clean-up, Historic Walk  
Refreshments at Safety Village  
For info: 257-1550 or 257-1902



**April 21 - 12:00 noon**

St. Alphonsus Fashion Show  
Ruffled Feathers Country Club  
For Info: 257-2414 x 226

**April 27 & 28 - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

Midwest Rugby Finals  
Chicago Blaze Rugby Club  
13011 S. Smith Road  
For Info: 257-5998

**April 27 - 11:00 a.m.**

Little League Opening Day  
Tommy Stech Memorial Dedication  
For info: Banas 312-704-5402

**April 28 - 12:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

Lions Club Chicken Dinner  
Lithuanian World Center  
14911 127th Street  
For Info: 257-7555

**April 29 - 7:30 & 11:00 a.m.**

Mayor's Drive for Charity  
Ruffled Feathers Country Club  
1 Pete Dye Drive  
For info: 257-1590



**March 2 - 6:00 p.m.**

Junior Woman's Club St. Patrick  
Party to benefit Safety Village  
Slovenian Cultural Center  
14246 Main Street  
For info: 257-5493

**March 23 - 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

Lemont Law Enforcement Assn.  
Citizenship Awards Dinner Dance  
Ruffled Feathers Country Club  
One Pete Dye Drive  
For info: 257-2414

**March 9 - 6:00 p.m.**

St. Patrick Parish Family Irish Fest  
Lithuanian World Center  
14911 127th Street  
For info: 257-6134

**March 23 - 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

Alvernia Manor Spaghetti Dinner  
13950 Main Street  
For info: 257-7721

**March 10 - 12:30 - 5:00 p.m.**

Trailways Girl Scouts  
Spaghetti Dinner  
Old Quarry School - 127th Street  
For info: 847-783-0848

**March 24 - 1:00 p.m.**

Jaycees' Easter Egg Hunt  
Centennial Community Park  
16028 - 127th Street  
For info: 257-6787



**March 15 - 6:30 p.m.**

Mom-Son Night  
Lemont Park District  
16028 127th Street  
For info: 257-6787

**March 28 - 7:00 p.m.**

The Last Supper Drama  
Lemont United Methodist Church  
25 W. Custer Street  
For Info: 257-5210

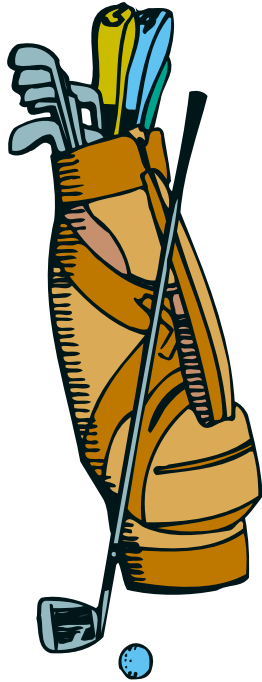
**March 22, 23 & 24 - 7:00 p.m.**

Passion Play 2002  
First Church of the Nazarene  
12725 Bell Road  
For info: Howe 708-349-0454

**March 23 - 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

Lunch with the Easter Bunny  
Centennial Community Center  
16028 127th Street  
For info: 257-6787





### Mayor's Drive for Charity Tees Off on April 29

The fourth annual Mayor's Drive for Charity, jointly sponsored by Mayor John Piazza and Ruffled Feathers Golf Club, will tee off on Monday, April 29. Two shotgun starts are planned for 7:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

All proceeds from the charity golf outing will be donated to Lemont VFW Post 5819, Lemont American Legion Post 243, Police Department D.A.R.E. and Crime Prevention Programs.

For the fourth consecutive year, Ruffled Feathers has generously donated the use of their outstanding facility for this event.

Fees:	\$125 per player 18 holes & cart Continental Breakfast or Box Lunch Buffet Dinner Prizes
Buffet Dinner Only:	\$30
Tee Times	7:30 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.
Hole Sponsorship:	\$150

*Registration forms are available at the Village Hall or by calling 257-1590.*

### Draft Comprehensive Plan Enters Final Phase

Since its formation in October, 2001, the Plan Commission has been meeting regularly to produce a working draft of the Village's new Comprehensive Plan.

The draft document will soon be released for the next phase in the process, which consists of review by public bodies and interested civic groups. A period of public comment will culminate in a series of public hearings to be scheduled early this Spring.

For additional information, please contact Tim Teddy, Community Development Director, at 257-1595.

## RECYCLE Used Tires

The Will County Land Use Department, Waste Services Division, will be holding a used tire collection this Spring. This is a great opportunity to properly dispose of those old tires cluttering up the garage or the basement.

**When: Saturday, April 13, 2002**

**Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**Where: Will County Highway Department  
16841 Laraway Road  
Joliet, IL**

**For more info: 815-727-8834**

Tires on rims cannot be accepted. Please remove tires from rims before dropping off.

## Lemont Celebrates Earth Week



The Lemont Environmental Advisory Commission (LEAC)'s Earth Day Committee has planned several community events in honor of Earth Week.

**April 13 Motor Oil Recycling Day - 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**  
Metra Commuter lot at Main Street & Ed Bossert Drive (enter via River Street). Residents may dispose of used motor/fuel/lubricant oil, brake/transmission fluid and antifreeze, which will be processed by Heritage for additional uses. Sponsored by LEAC and Heritage Environmental Services.

**April 15-16 Arbor Day Tree Planting** at Lemont High School

**April 20th I & M Canal CleanUp - 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**  
(meet at Safety Village)  
**Historic District Walk - Historical Society - 9:30 a.m.**  
(meet at the Historical Society)

**I & M Canal Walk - Lee Anderson - 10:30 a.m.**  
(meet at Safety Village)  
**Bench Dedication: General Fry's Landing - 11:30 a.m.**  
**Refreshments: 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at Safety Village**

For additional information, please contact Tom Thomas, Chairman, at 630-257-1902 or the Village Offices at 257-1550.

# 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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## **Tornado Awareness Week: March 3 - 9**

The tornado warning siren will sound if a tornado or funnel cloud aloft is reported within a ten-mile radius based from the center of Lemont or any time the National Weather Service advises a tornado warning which addresses the Village or Township, and when wind gusts are clocked in excess of 50 m.p.h. No all-clear siren will be activated.



### **Lemont Village News**

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#### **Village Administrator**

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

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