



# 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 . . .

Concerts on the I & M Canal

July 20

July 27

August 3

August 10

5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

General Fry's Landing

Fun for the

whole family!

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



*Heritage Quarries - Revised Conceptual Master Plan, includes 86 acres of recreational potential, with trails, woodlands, wetlands, and crystal clear quarry lakes, located just east of historic downtown Lemont.*



## From the Mayor's Desk

### Heritage Quarries Project Moves A Giant Step Forward



The Village of Lemont recently received a revised Conceptual Master Plan for the Heritage Quarries area, prepared by Al Davis & Associates, encompassing 86.16 acres of property which the Village is leasing from the M.W.R.D. and the Village owned canal strip to provide an open space recreation area for hiking, biking and fishing. The revised conceptual plan covers the area east from K.A. Steel to I.M.T.T. and proposes development of the area in three phases.

The Village received \$500,000 in grant funding two years ago from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs for acquisition of property in the quarry area. After attempts to acquire the desired property were unsuccessful, the Village Board made a decision to terminate these attempts and work with the 86 acres owned by the M.W.R.D. to develop the recreational possibilities in the area. The Village already owns 8 acres and is negotiating additional acreage from K.A. Steel, which will provide over 100 acres of pristine open space in its natural state, which can be explored and enjoyed by generations of Lemont residents.

#### **Phase I Improvements (2002 - 2003)**

In Phase I of the Revised Master Plan, the remaining funds in the grant will be used to construct a road and parking area on the south side of the I&M Canal, just west of Ice Box

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## From the Mayor's Desk

### *Heritage Quarries (cont'd)*

Quarry. Two pedestrian bridges over the I & M Canal are planned: one near Quarry #1 (Amato's), and a second at the existing waterfall. The existing dirt path loop around the Great Lakes Quarries, which is now largely overgrown, will be defined and improved. If funding is sufficient, short trails from the main loop trail will be installed to provide direct access to the various quarries. The Public Works Department has already begun the necessary clearing for trail improvements. If all of the necessary documentation is in place, this phase could be completed by summer of 2003.

The Village will attempt to collaborate with other agencies in all phases of the plan, including the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs, Illinois Department of Natural Resources, the Lemont Park District and the Cook County Forest Preserve District.

### **Conceptual Phase II Improvements**

Phase II improvements, as outlined in the conceptual plan, include development of picnic areas near the loop trail; construction of a maintenance facility, shelter and latrines, fishing stations and fitness clusters. A boat launch on the east end of Great Lakes Quarries would be added in this phase for non-motorized craft.

### **Conceptual Phase III Improvements**

In Phase III, paving of a parking lot with a Visitors' Center on the north side of the I & M Canal near Consumer's Quarry; group and primitive camping areas would be delineated; and a nature center, creative play areas and nature interpretation areas would be defined.

A combined public hearing and informational meeting will be hosted for the public in the near future. Please watch the papers and the Village web site for more information and try to attend when the hearing is announced. The Village Board and I are very enthusiastic about providing this recreational destination for current and future generations.

Sincerely,  
*John F. Piazza, Mayor*

## **VILLAGE & CHAMBER TO RECEIVE GOVERNOR'S HOMETOWN AWARD**

Notice has been received that the Village of Lemont/Lemont Chamber of Commerce will receive a Governor's Hometown Award on June 25 in Springfield. Each year, communities are asked to submit projects for the award, and Lemont Legends Cruise Nights was jointly submitted by the Village and the Chamber of Commerce for the 2002 award.

Now entering its third season, Cruise Nights have become a successful weekly community event, attracting thousands of residents and visitors to downtown streets. It takes many organizations and volunteers to staff the event each week, setting up, cleaning up, providing parking assistance, traffic control and handing out information. The Governor's Hometown Award recognizes this kind of community spirit.

If you have not had the opportunity to visit Main Street on a Wednesday Cruise Night, by all means make it a point this year! Each week through August 28 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. a different classic car is featured.

If you are interested in becoming a Wednesday volunteer, call the Chamber of Commerce at 257-5997 or the Village at 243-2700.



**Public Hearing  
Scheduled  
June 25 on Draft  
Comprehensive Plan**

The Plan Commission and Community Development Department have prepared a final draft of the Comprehensive Plan. A Public Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, June 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Room at the Village Hall.

In addition to providing an overall blueprint for land use and development over the next several years, the plan addresses several specific sub-areas of the community, including the Canal Corridor and the 127th Street Corridor.

The public is encouraged to attend the public hearing to provide final comments and input on the plan. The format will be informal with opportunity for discussion. Written comments are also welcome. Once the hearing is concluded, the Village Board will review the plan prior to approval.

Copies of the draft plan will be available at the Village Hall and the Lemont Public Library after June 14. For additional information, please contact Tim Teddy, Community Development Director at 630-257-1595.

**I & M Canal Special Places  
Inventory Workshop  
June 19 - Village Hall**

The Canal Corridor Association and the National Park Service will conduct a Special Places Inventory Workshop at the Village Hall on Wednesday, June 19, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Workshops are being conducted throughout the Canal Corridor and its environs to catalog buildings, locations, and architectural elements that local citizens deem special to them.

At the workshop, participants will receive a Special Places Kit containing a disposable camera to document their special places, and will discuss aspects of the historic canal corridor that are important to them.

In the fall, these special places will be compiled with other submissions in the Canal Corridor and eventually information will be combined with a professionally compiled Special Places Inventory to generate a Special Places Guide to be published in print and on the web.

Interested in participating? Contact Tim Teddy at the Village Hall, 257-1595 to register or for more information. You may also contact Diane Banta at the Canal Corridor Association (312-427-3688, Ext. 262) or email: [diane\\_banta@nps.gov](mailto:diane_banta@nps.gov) to register.



**Planning & Design Workshop June 12 & 13  
To Address Canal Corridor**

A two-day "charrette," (planning and design workshop) involving public participation will be hosted at the Village Hall on June 12 and 13 by Hitchcock Design Group. The Village has hired this consultant to facilitate the planning of a new vision of the waterway corridor with special emphasis on the sections near downtown. Information gathered from the charrette will be incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan.

Invitations will be issued to Lemont organizations and groups, but a general invitation is also being issued to interested residents.

For additional information or to register to participate, please call Tim Teddy, Community Development Director, at 257-1595.

**Get Involved in our future!**



## A Few Reminders Regarding the Trash Pick-Up Program

### Landscape Waste Reminders:

- ♦ Landscape Waste Pick-up is the same day as the regular trash pick-up.
- ♦ All Landscape Waste, **including leaves and small twigs, must be placed in kraft-type paper bags and have a sticker affixed.** Waste Management cannot accept landscape waste which is not bagged.

### Large Branches

Branches must be bundled and tied with string or twine. Branches may not be more than:

- 4 feet in length**
- 4 inches in diameter**
- Not more than 50 lbs.**

For customers with very large yard waste disposal needs, a 96 gallon yard waste cart is available for rent from Waste Management which eliminates the need for stickers or bags. Contact Waste Management at 800-747-2278 for more information.

### Senior Discount

Seniors age 65 are eligible for a \$1.00 discount. A copy of your driver's license or other appropriate identification with your age is required. Please contact Waste Management billing department to arrange for your senior discount: 800-747-2278.

**BE GOOD TO  
THE PLANET. . .  
RECYCLE  
AGGRESSIVELY**



## 50/50 Parkway Tree Replacement Program Deadline July 31

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 must be honored on a first-come, first-served basis. Please contact the Public Works Department before July 31 at 257-2532.

## 50/50 Sidewalk Replacement Program Underway

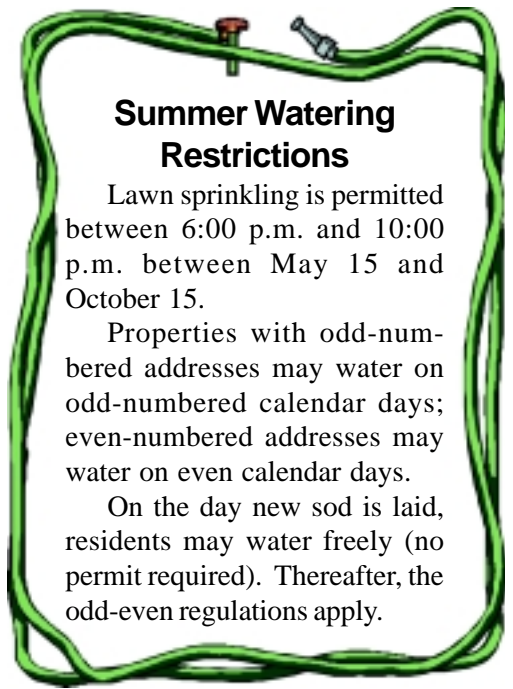
The Village of Lemont will pay 50% of the cost for replacement of the public sidewalk in front of your home. To apply for the program, please contact the Public Works Department at 257-2532 Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**The Sidewalk Program deadline is July 31.**



## 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.



## Summer Watering Restrictions

Lawn sprinkling is permitted between 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.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.



## 2001 Water Quality Report in Progress

The United States Environmental Protection Agency requires all communities to provide a Consumer Confidence Report on the quality of their system's drinking water. The report is now being prepared and will be mailed to each Village resident before July 1.



## 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 28th!



**Lemont Legends Cruise Nights**  
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Historic Downtown Lemont  
Main Street  
For further information call  
630-257-5997.

**June 7th/8th: 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**  
**Garage Sale to Benefit TLC  
Animal Shelter**  
414 Hillview Court  
For info: Annie Coleman, 630-257-6255

**June 10th to 14th: 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.**  
**Youth Week (Dinner Included)**  
**St. Matthew Lutheran Church**  
Evening of Bible study, fellowship, crafts.  
Junior High age (6th-8th Grade). For info:  
Becky Herman, 630-257-5000.

**June 16th: 11:00 a.m.**  
**Father's Day Picnic**  
**Slovenian Cultural Center**  
Sponsored by Prekmurje  
Social Club. Outdoor picnic  
with cash bar and open pit BBQ.  
For info call 630-243-0670.

**June 16th: 11:00 a.m.**  
**Open House to Hines Disabled Vets**  
V.F.W. Post 5819, Lemont Honor 22.  
For info call 630-257-9859.

**June 17th - 21st: Mornings**  
**Vacation Bible School**  
**St. Matthew Lutheran Church**  
A morning of Bible studies, crafts, music &  
fun for children age 4 thru those entering  
Fifth Grade. For info call 630-257-5000.

**June 25th thru October 22**  
**Farmer's Market Every Tuesday**  
**8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**  
Budnik Plaza. (Stephen,  
Canal & Main Streets).  
Historic Downtown Lemont  
For information call 630-  
243-2700.



**June 26th**  
**Golf Outing at Cog Hill**  
**Lemont Lions Club**  
For info call Ken Griffin  
at 630-257-7555.

**July 1st thru 7th: 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.**  
**Western Open Golf Tournament**  
**Cog Hill Golf & Country Club**  
12294 Archer Avenue  
Lemont, Illinois  
For information call 847-724-4600.

**July 4th: 6:00 a.m. Check-In,**  
**5-10K Race Through Historic Lemont**  
Race Starts at 8:00 a.m. Lemont Park  
District. For info call 630-257-6787.

**July 13th: 12:00 noon to 11:00 p.m.**  
**Heritage Fest Outdoor Street Festival**  
Food, music & family fun!  
Historic Downtown Lemont  
Stephen & Main Streets.  
For info call 630-243-2700.



**July 13th**  
**Lemont VFW Post 5819 Golf Outing**  
River Bend Golf Course.  
Food and prizes at Post following golf. For  
info call 630-257-9859.

**July 13th: 12:00 noon at Post**  
**Lemont VFW Post 5819 Picnic**  
Food and beverage, fun and games.  
Wives will bring a dish. For info call 630-  
257-9859.

**July 15 thru 19th**  
**Water Follies Week**  
**Centennial Community Pool**  
Special activities daily. For info call 630-  
257-6787, Ext. 3002.

**July 20th & 27th, August 3rd & 10th**  
**5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**  
**2002 Series**  
**Concerts on the Canal**  
General Fry's Landing  
Stephen Street at the I&M  
Canal. For information call  
630-243-2700.



**July 28th: 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.**  
**Community Block Party**  
**First Church of the Nazarene**  
Food, Games, Rides, Entertainment  
12725 Bell Road. For info: call Randy  
Kiger at 708-349-0454.

# Summer Events



**August 10th: 10:00 a.m.**  
**Sidewalk Sale**  
**Historic Downtown Lemont**  
Visit our unique shops for incredible  
bargains! For info call 630-243-2700.



**August 11th: 12:00 noon**  
**Slovenian Cultural Center**  
**Annual Picnic & Raffle**  
BBQ Pork & Lamb, Cash Bar &  
\$10,000.00 Grand Prize.  
For info call 630-243-0670.

**August 18th: 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.**  
**Picnic in our Backyard**  
**Franciscan Village Campus**  
County Fair style family picnic. Fun for all  
ages. Games, Bingo, Music, Garage Sale.  
For info call Joan Swigon at 630-257-3377.

**August 24th: 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, x 3002.

**August 25th: 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**  
**Summer Fest at Alvernia Manor**  
12350 Main Street Food, games, entertain-  
ment, raffles. For further info, call Sister  
Georgine Hroma at 630-257-7721.

**August 25th: 12:00 noon**  
**"Honey" Picnic**  
**Slovenian Cultural Center**  
Sponsored by Franciscan Fathers. Picnic  
with lunch & cash bar - fresh honey sold.  
For info call 630-243-0670.

**August 30th thru September 2nd**  
**Kepeataw Days Festival & Labor Day  
Parade. Historic Downtown Lemont.**  
8/30: 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.  
8/31, 9/1 & 9/2: 12:00 noon to 11:00 p.m.  
Parade: 1:00 p.m. on September 2nd.  
Festival/Metra Lot - Main Street & New  
Avenue. Sponsored by Lemont Jaycees.  
For information call 630-257-2423.

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

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Aggreko, L.L.C.  
Community Bank of Lemont  
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Heritage Environmental Services  
Lemont Park District  
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Rock Creek Center L.P.  
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## Children's Activity Level

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## Heritage Fest Schedule of Events



12:30 Line-Up for Bike Parade  
1:00 Bike Parade  
1:00 - 3:30 Bingo at Budnik's Plaza  
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!*



1:30 - 2:00 Two Little Monkeys Fashion Show  
2:00 - 2:45 The Original Electric Bluze Brothers  
2:30 - 5:30 Skiddles the Clown & Friend  
3:00 Jesse White Tumblers  
3:30 - 5:30 Bruce Karosa  
5:30 - 7:00 Nick Desmond & The Grand Avenue Swing Band  
7:00 - 9:00 Five Studio  
9:00 - 11:00 British Export

*Lemont Classic Car Club Show During the Day*



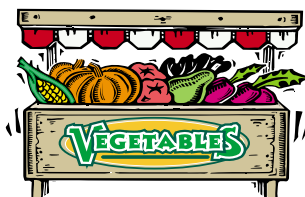
## Concerts on the Canal Entertainment Schedule

*5:00 - 8:00 p.m.*

- July 20 VELOCITY
- July 27 REWIRED
- August 3 REMEDY
- August 10 GYPSY FARI

*Come on down for great family fun!*

## Lemont's 4th Annual Farmer's Market Every Tuesday June 25th thru October 22nd



**8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Budnik's Plaza**

*Don't Miss It!*



**Police Department Crime Prevention Tips**

# Home Security Checklist

Use this checklist as a guide for your home safety measures. Unchecked boxes indicate areas where you could take action to improve your home's security.

**Exterior Doors**

All doors are locked at night and every time we leave the house, even for a few minutes.  
 Doors are solid hardwood or metal-clad.  
 Doors feature wide-angle peepholes at heights everyone can use.  
 If there are glass panels in or near doors, they are reinforced so that they cannot be shattered.  
 All entries have a working, keyed entry lock and sturdy deadbolt lock installed into the frame of the door.  
 Spare keys are kept with a trusted neighbor, not under a doormat or planter, on a ledge, or in the mailbox.

**Garage and Sliding Door Security**

The door leading from the attached garage to the house is solid wood or metal clad and protected with a quality keyed door lock and deadbolt.  
 The overhead garage door has a lock so that we do not rely solely on the automatic door opener to provide security.  
 Garage doors are all locked when leaving the house.  
 The sliding glass door has a strong, working key lock.  
 A dowel or a pin to secure a glass door has been installed to prevent the door from being shoved aside or lifted off track.  
 The sliding door is locked every night and each time we leave the house.

**Protecting Windows**

Every window in the house has a working key lock or is securely pinned.  
 Windows are always locked, even when they are opened a few inches for ventilation.

**Outdoor Security**

Shrubs and bushes are trimmed so there is no place for someone to hide.  
 There are no dark areas around our house, garage or yard at night that would hide prowlers.  
 Every outside door has a bright, working light to illuminate visitors.  
 Floodlights are used appropriately to ensure effective illumination.  
 Outdoor lights are on in the evening--whether someone is at home or not--or a photocell or motion-sensitive lighting system has been installed.

**Security When Away from Home**

At least two light timers have been set to turn the lights on and off in a logical sequence, when we are away from home for an extended time period.  
 The motion detector or other alarm system (if we have one) has been activated when we leave home.  
 Mail and newspaper deliveries have been stopped or arrangements for a neighbor/friend to pick them up have been made.  
 A neighbor has been asked to tend the yard and watch our home when we are away.

**Outdoor Valuables and Personal Property**

- Gate latches, garage doors, and shed doors are all locked with high security, laminated padlocks.
- Gate latches, garage doors, and shed doors are locked after every use.
- Grills, lawn mowers, and other valuables are stored in a locked garage or shed.
- Every bicycle is secured with a U-bar lock or quality padlock and chain.
- Bikes are always locked, even if we leave them for just a minute.
- Firearms are stored unloaded and locked in storage boxes and secured with trigger guard locks.
- Valuable items, such as television, stereos, and computers have been inscribed with an identifying number approved by local police.
- Our home inventory is up-to-date, includes pictures and a complete copy is kept somewhere out of the house.

**For additional information on crime prevention, please contact a Lemont Police Department Crime Prevention Officer at 257-2229.**

**Planning a Summer Vacation?**

- Contact the Lemont Police Department at 257-2229 to request a vacation watch at your address. Police officers will survey your residence at regular intervals during your absence to verify that all is secure.

**Parking Across Sidewalks is Prohibited**

- School is out for the summer. Kids are riding bikes, skateboards, scooters, running and walking all over town.
- If a car is parked across the sidewalk, a child could veer out into the roadway and into traffic, creating a potentially hazardous situation.
- Residents of Lemont are reminded that parking in the driveway across the public sidewalk is a ticketed offense. Please keep our sidewalks clear to protect the safety of our children.

**Consider a Neighborhood Watch Program in your neighborhood for improved security. Crime Prevention Officers will arrange to meet with your neighborhood to discuss the program in detail. For more information: 257-2229.**

# 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

## — Mosquito Control —

**A wet, cool spring often provides a bumper crop of mosquitoes once warm weather arrives. The Village has contracted with Clarke Environmental to help control nuisance mosquitoes, and reduce the risk of spreading the West Nile Virus. The Public Works Department recommends that residents empty standing water from any toys or containers around the yard and keep grass and shrubs well trimmed. To request notice before spraying, call the Clarke hotline: 800-942-2555.**



### Lemont Village News

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#### Mayor

John F. Piazza

#### Clerk

Charlene Smollen

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John Benik	Connie Markiewicz
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Peter Coules	Jeanette Virgilio

#### Village Administrator

Gary C. Holmes

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

Village of Lemont  
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