



Village News

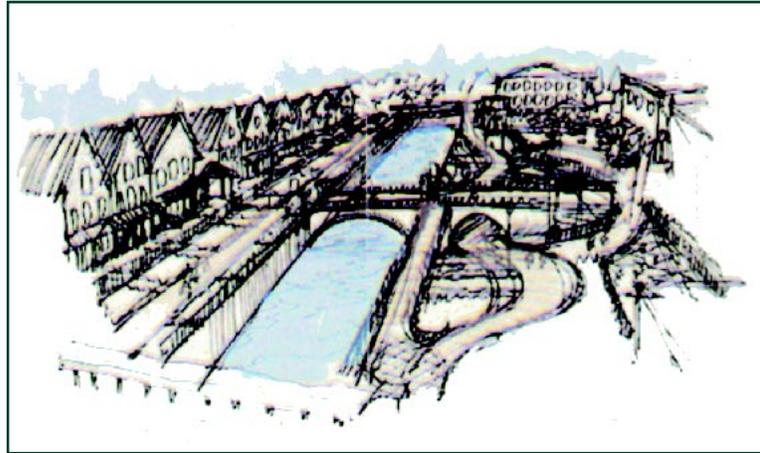
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News & Information for Residents

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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New residential and business uses line the promenade along the I & M Canal in the downtown.

"The Village should work closely with MWRD to gain control of and improve access to the large properties that define the northern gateway to the community. New mixed use and residential development can strengthen an already walkable downtown."

From the Mayor's Desk —

Achieving a Vision for the Lemont Waterway Corridor

When I ran for Mayor last year, my platform contained a commitment to reshape the pattern of development along the canal corridor. This spring, Hitchcock Design Group was hired as a consultant to assist the Village in creating a new and exciting vision for the waterway corridor by using citizen input. After interviews were conducted with key community stakeholders, a two-day public workshop was held in June. Hitchcock, working with Chesney & Associates, used the information gathered to provide the Village with a grand vision of the corridor, focusing on the area immediately adjacent to the downtown.



The vision is strictly conceptual and I will be the first to admit that many of the objectives identified are outside our grasp right now. Additional research will be needed to support some of the ideas, but through this process some concrete suggestions have been made that certainly merit further consideration. Through systematic planning, many aspects of the plan could start to take shape within the next 3 to 5 years. There is no doubt that the potential benefit to the community would be substantial.

The most viable suggestion was for the Village to work with MWRD, which owns almost all of the property along the waterways, to gain control of and improve access to the large properties that define the northern gateway to the community, beginning with the former Tri-Central Marine property. Direct access to the downtown area via a roadway

Trick or Treat Hours
3:00 - 6:30 p.m.
October 31

Don't miss...
Halloween Hoedown
Saturday, October 26
1:00 - 4:00 p.m.



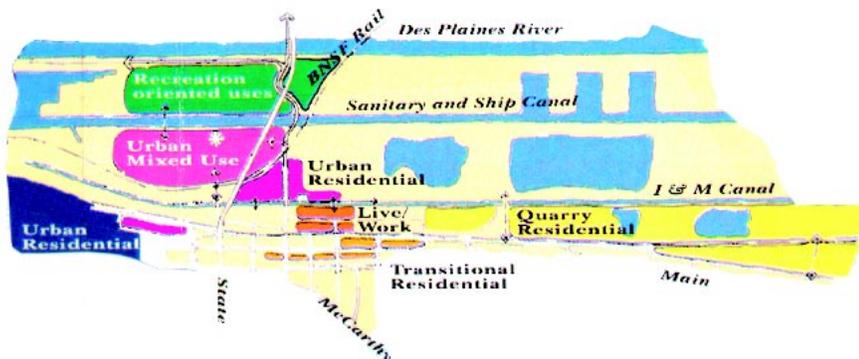
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From the Mayor's Desk

Waterway Corridor Vision (cont'd)

connecting Lemont Road with Stephen Street and bridging the Sanitary & Ship Canal would provide for potential redevelopment opportunities.



The vision calls for three basic things to occur:

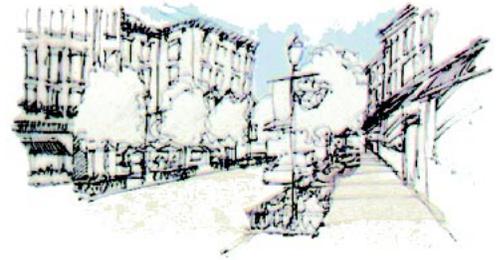
- 1) Expand the current I & M Canal trail into a promenade encompassing the quarry area to the east and the Sanitary & Ship Canal, linking the downtown to the developing regional trail system.
- 2) Link the canals to the existing street network and Lemont Road.
- 3) Increase residential, office and institutional development in the downtown and environs to enhance the existing retail/residential mix.

To that end, through a grant with the RTA, the Village will begin a comprehensive study to target specific locations for residential and commercial development opportunities in the downtown area, near the Metra station.

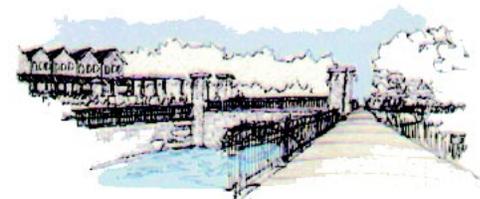
Our aim here is to continue the revitalization of the downtown area, preserving its character, charm and walkability while finding the catalyst that will maximize the tremendous potential available in the waterways. The concept is exciting and the vision will give the Board a tool for developing a strategy for future development.

Copies of the vision summary "*Opportunities on the Lemont Waterfront*" are available in the Community Development Department at the Village Hall. Stop by and take a look.

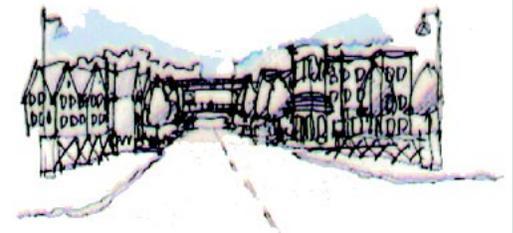
Sincerely,
John F. Piazza, Mayor



Mixed use residential, office and retail development help to populate and energize the downtown during the day and evening.



New residential development near the quarries could be linked to the downtown via an enhanced "canal walk."



New residential development could line Stephen Street between the I & M Canal and the railroad. A renovated bridge could serve as a gateway between the corridor and the downtown.

Zoning Board of Appeals Revises Meeting Schedule

Effective October 1, the Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on the first Monday and third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

**Meetings are held in the Board Room, 2nd Floor
Village Hall at 418 Main Street.**

All Village meetings are open to the public.

Fall Programs

FREE Leaf Pick-up Begins October 15 through November 30



Beginning Tuesday, October 15 and continuing each week through November 30, Waste Management will pick up bagged leaves as a free service to Village residents. **NO STICKER IS REQUIRED FOR LEAVES.**

Leaves must be bagged in biodegradable paper bags (*leaves in cans cannot be accepted*) and placed at the curb before 6:00 a.m. on your **regular trash pick-up day.**

Biodegradable bags are available at the Village Hall at \$.30 each and may be purchased during regular business hours, M-F 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Bags may also be purchased at any grocery or hardware store.

Branch Pick-up Ends November 30

The **FREE** Branch Pick-up Program will wind up for the year on November 30. Residents are reminded to complete pruning projects before that date. **Branches are picked up on your regular trash pick-up day.**

Be sure to observe the requirements for branch pick-up:

- Branches must be bundled and tied with biodegradable string or twine. (*Branches in cans cannot be accepted.*)
- Branches must be less than 4 feet in length, less than 4 inches in diameter and weigh less than 50 pounds.

NO STICKER IS REQUIRED FOR BRANCHES PROPERLY BUNDLED AND TIED.

Landscape Stickers Available at More Locations

For the convenience of our residents, Landscape Waste Stickers (\$2.00) may now be purchased at the [Village of Lemont](#) and at all the following locations:

Chipain's Finer Foods
Jewel Foods
Peterson's Hardware

Sears Hardware
Totura's Food Center
Lemont Township

Waste Management Customer Service
For Inquiries or Problems regarding Trash Pick-up
(800) 747-2278

Motor Oil Recycling October 12 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Metra Lot

Lemont Environmental Advisory Commission and Heritage Environmental Services will co-sponsor the fall Motor Oil Recycling Day on Saturday, October 12, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Metra Lot at Ed Bossert Drive and Main Street.

This is your opportunity to recycle:

- Motor oil
- Fuel oil
- Lubricant oil
- Brake/Transmission fluid
- Antifreeze

These fluids will be processed by Heritage Environmental for additional uses. For more information, contact the Village Hall at (630) 257-1550.



Household Hazardous Waste

Fall is a good time to rid our homes of unnecessary household hazardous waste. The next regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day will be held on **Saturday, October 19** at:

Bonnie McBeth Learning Center
15732 Howard Street
Plainfield, IL

For info: (815) 727-8834

8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Sponsored by I.E.P.A., Will County Land Use Dept., Villages of Plainfield and Shorewood.

Household chemicals including oil-based paint, cleaners, flammables and automobile fluids may also be dropped off at:

Fire Station No. 4

Facility is located behind the station, corner of Rt. 59 & Brookdale Road, Naperville, Illinois.

For info: (630) 420-6142.

Hours: Saturday and Sunday
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Election Information



New Polling Places for the November 5 Election

New Registration Cards are being mailed to suburban Cook County voters by the Cook County Election Department. Please consult your card for your precinct number. If you wish to verify any information regarding voter registration, please contact Cook County Election Department at (312) 603-0906.

Precinct locations are listed below. **Please note that Precincts 7 and 8 have been relocated from United Methodist Church to VFW Post 5819, 15780 New Avenue.**

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 Township High School	800 Porter Street
005	Lemont Township High School	800 Porter Street
006	Witkoski Recreation Center	1115 Warner Avenue
007	VFW Post 5819	15780 New Avenue
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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	16028 127th Street

Voter Registration Closes October 8

In order to cast a ballot in the November 5 election, voters must be registered by October 8. Residents may register in person during business hours at the following locations:

Lemont Village Hall	418 Main Street	257-1550
Lemont Township,	16020 127th Street	257-2522
Lemont Public Library	50 E. Wend Street	257-6541

Mail-in registration applications are available at all locations above. If you register by mail, the first time you vote must be in person. In order to register, you must be a United States citizen, at least 18 years old before the election and live in your election precinct at least 30 days before the election.



Absentee Voting

Applications for absentee ballots will be available at the Village Hall and Lemont Township beginning September 26, and must be received in the County Clerk's Office no later than 5:00 p.m. on October 31. Residents of Lemont who plan to be away on November 5 may choose to cast an in-person absentee ballot beginning October 15 at the Bridgeview Mini Center, 10220 S. 76th Avenue in Bridgeview (708) 974-6150. For questions regarding absentee voting, please contact the Cook County Election Department at (312) 603-0944.



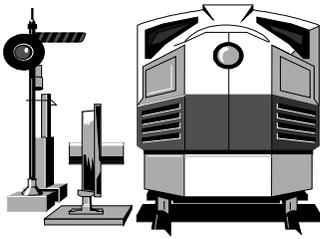
Safety Village Classroom Building Dedication on October 26

Over the course of the last two years, many talented and generous Lemont professionals in the building trades have donated materials and services to construct the Safety Village Classroom Building. The finished product is evidence that with a lot of hard work, an idea can become a reality.

On **October 26 at 1:30 p.m.**, all residents of Lemont are invited to attend a dedication ceremony officially opening the Classroom Building and honoring all of the Lemont volunteers, organizations and contractors that have been involved in the planning, promoting, fund raising, and construction of this worthwhile community project.

Almost 7 years ago, the Lemont Junior Woman's Club conceived the plan and began raising funds for a Safety Village to provide safety training to Lemont residents from toddlers to seniors. The Lemont Jaycees, Police and Fire Departments, Village of Lemont and Safety Village Commission joined in the effort.

The Safety Village Building will be available to community groups and organizations for meetings and special events when not in use for safety training. For more information on the Safety Village Classroom Building, contact the Village Hall at 257-1590.



Commuter Parking Permits On Sale November 1

Riders on the Heritage Corridor Line are reminded that the 2003 Commuter Lot Parking Permits will go on sale November 1. Permitted parking spots are limited - permits will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis.

Applications will be accepted either in person or by mail and may be requested by contacting the **Finance Department at 630-257-1550**.

Permit Fees:

1 Quarter	\$ 50.00
6-Month	\$ 98.50
3 Quarters	\$ 147.00
Full Year	\$ 196.00

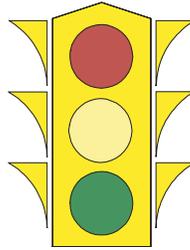
A daily parking fee of \$1.00 is payable at the METRA lot. The coin box is located adjacent to the parking lot near the train station.



Farmer's Market Every Tuesday thru October 22nd

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

Transportation



2002 Road Resurfacing Program Out to Bid

Bids will be opened on September 16 for the 2002 Road Resurfacing Program. The 2002 Program will resurface all streets in McCarthy Pointe Subdivision and most streets in Old Derby Subdivision. Kromray Road and Country Lane west of Kromray Road are excluded from this project and will be completed next year as part of the Country Lane reconstruction project. The project will resurface approximately 2.25 miles of roadway at an estimated cost of \$350,000.

Resurfacing is an important maintenance operation for streets of a medium age (approximately 10 years), because it addresses minor base problems and re-seals the road base from weather problems. Failure to properly maintain and periodically resurface streets allows the roadway to deteriorate much more quickly, consequently requiring road reconstruction at a much greater expense.

It is anticipated that the actual resurfacing will begin in early October and be completed by mid-November, weather permitting.

New Avenue Culvert Replacement Project

The first phase of the New Avenue culvert replacement is nearing completion. A new 5' x 10' concrete box culvert under New Avenue along Tributary A of the I & M Canal will improve drainage flow and alleviate flooding in the area. It is anticipated that New Avenue will be opened to traffic by Friday, September 20. Other related work will continue at this location, but additional street closure will not be required. The cost of the project is \$275,000.

Fourth Street Reconstruction Project

Residents of Fourth Street, south of McCarthy Road, will soon have a fully re-constructed roadway, complete with curb and gutter and re-located utilities. Utility re-location has been a very complicated process, requiring coordination with all utilities to achieve, and in some cases, additional easements by property owners. The project is moving along fairly close to schedule. Anticipated completion date, weather permitting, should be late November.

Transportation Committee

The Transportation Committee, consisting of Village Board members John Benik and Connie Markiewicz, the Village Engineer, Public Works Director, Village Planner and Police Chief, meets on the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. The Committee addresses written requests by citizens for all traffic control concerns. Typical requests include handicap parking, other parking restrictions, stop signs and traffic calming measures.



Have some FUN in Lemont



this FALL!

Farmer's Market

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

Budnik Plaza - Don't Miss It!
Every Tuesday Through October 22nd.



September 14th: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Community Expo "Under the Tent"
Chipain's Plaza

Lemont Chamber of Commerce Businesses
Display their Wares and Services. For
information call 630-257-5997.

October 9th: *4:30 p.m. & *6:00 p.m.

Ladies Aid Turkey Dinner
Servings at 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

*Must have ticket in advance.

St. Matthew Lutheran Church
Complete turkey dinner with all the
trimmings. For ticket information contact
630-257-5000.

October 26th

1:00 - 4:00 pm

Halloween Hoedown

Historic Downtown Lemont

Sponsored by Festival Committee
& Downtown Commission.

For information: 630-243-2700.

- Costume Parade: 1:00 pm, Line-Up at 12:30 p.m. at Legion Park.
- Costume Contest: 1:30, Budnik's Plaza
- Hillbilly Clan Band
- Haywagon Rides
- Frightening Photos
- Kid's Activities at General Fry's Landing
- Trick or Treat in downtown stores

October 11th

Lemont Lions Club Candy Day

For information call Ken Griffin at 630-257-7555.

October 12th: 6:00 p.m.

St. Alphonsus 6th Annual Dinner
Dance - Cog Hill Country Club

Begins with 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Al's.
Dinner Dance Starts at 6:00 p.m. Live
Auction, Silent Auction & 50/50 Raffle. A
beautiful evening enjoyed by all. For
information call 630-257-2414, x 226.

October 13th

Sunday Monthly Dinner
Slovenian Cultural Center

Luncheon featuring "home-cooked" ethnic
foods. For information call 630-243-0670.

October 13th: 2:00 p.m.

Best of the Midwest Chili Cook-Off
Centennial Community Center

16028 127th Street. For information call
630-257-6787.

October 19th: 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Halloween Spooktacular

Supported by the Lemont Jaycees.
Costume contest and parade. Entertainment,
Moon Jump, games, prizes and
much more! For information call 630-257-
6787, x3002.

October 19th: 7:00 p.m.

Slovenian Day

Slovenian/American Radio Pageant
Crowning and Dinner with Dance

For information call 630-243-0670.

October 31st: 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Fall Festival

Games, Rides, Candy, Halloween Alternative.
First Church of the Nazarene, 12725 Bell
Road. For information call Kathy Oliver at
708-349-0454.

November 9th: 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Turkey Hoops

Centennial Community Center Gym.
Free throws win you a turkey. For further
info call 630-257-6787, x 3002.

November 10th

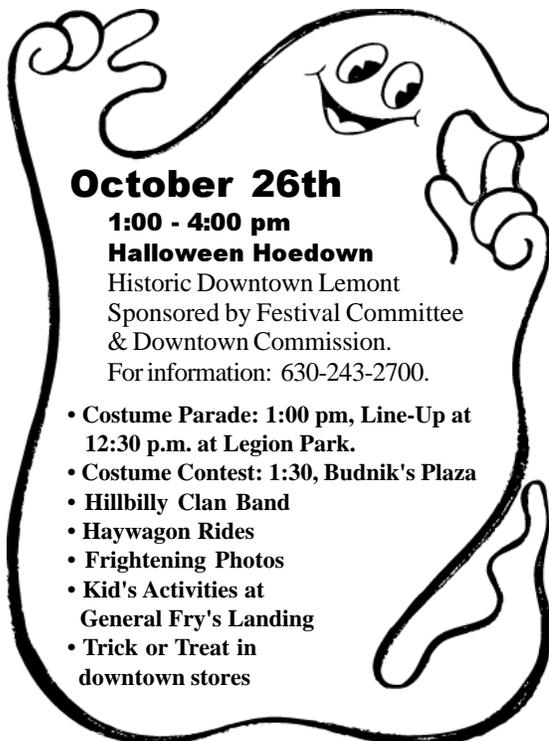
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Slovenian Cultural Center

Luncheon featuring "home-cooked" ethnic
foods. For information call 630-243-0670.

November 10th: 12:00 p.m.

Lemont VFW Thanksgiving Meat Raffle
Ham - Turkey - Steak.

For info call 630-257-9859.



Happy
Halloween



October 31
3:00 - 6:30 p.m.
Trick or Treat Hours
Turn on your porch light if
you welcome
trick-or-treaters!



Coming in December
"Shop Lemont for the Holidays"
Punch Card Contest

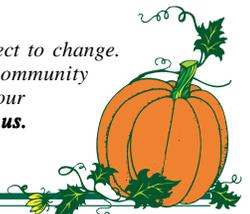
When you make a purchase at a participating
downtown business, you earn a punch. Once
you've filled your card with enough punches,
you may enter your card in the drawing.

(Prizes and details to be announced!)

Look for the "Stocking"

Sponsored by the Downtown Economic
Development Committee

NOTE: This listing is subject to change.
For the most up-to-date community
events listing, please visit our
web site at www.lemont.il.us.



Village News & Info

Police Department Enters Final Phase in Accreditation Process

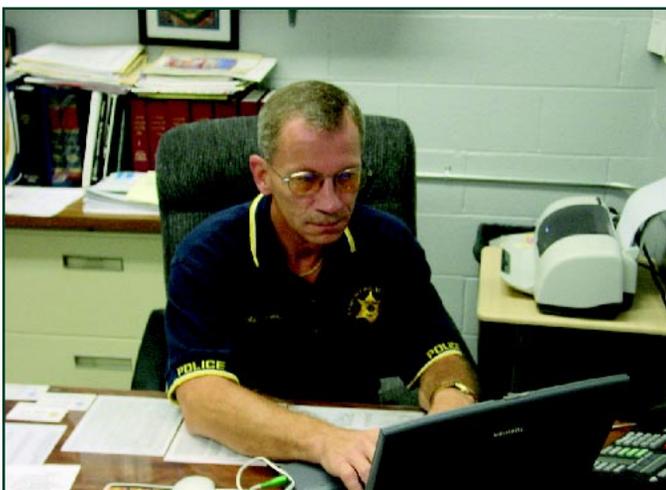
In July of 2000 the Lemont Police Department began the lengthy process of receiving formal accreditation from C.A.L.E.A. (The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies). C.A.L.E.A. was formed in 1983 and is the sole agency empowered to issue accreditation to a law enforcement agency. Receiving accreditation recognizes an agency as conforming to a body of standards related to the profession of law enforcement. Presently, only 80-85 Police Departments in Illinois have successfully completed the accreditation process.

For the past two years, the Lemont Police Department has reviewed and revised its policies and procedures to conform to the 442 C.A.L.E.A. standards that must be complied with. Every aspect of law enforcement is examined in the process from general orders to record keeping. The Police Department's revision of the general orders was a one-year project.

The final step in the process is a 4-day on-site assessment which will take place December 7 - 11, 2002. A team of C.A.L.E.A. assessors will examine all aspects of the Lemont Police Department's policy and procedures, management, operations, and support services. As part of the on-site assessment, members of the community will be invited to offer comments at a public information session or by phone on December 10.

After completion of the on-site assessment, Chief Jack Bluis and the Police Department accreditation team, led by Commander Don Jones, will appear before the C.A.L.E.A. Hearing Board in March, 2003 to find out whether the Department has achieved the necessary ranking to become an accredited law enforcement agency.

C.A.L.E.A. standards are recognized nationwide as state-of-the-art. A Police Department which is accredited through this agency receives the highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence--a benefit to the officers who serve in the department and to the citizens they protect.



Commander Don Jones has served as coordinator of the Lemont Police Department application for accreditation since July, 2000. The two year process is almost complete.

Cook County ZBA Hearing on Leonas Farm October 7

The Cook County Zoning Board of Appeals has scheduled a public hearing for a special use for a Preliminary Planned Unit Development for the 132 acre parcel known as Leonas Willow Lane Farm. The application is for the development of approximately 249 single-family homes. The plan is basically the same as the plan negotiated between the Village and Montalbano Homes and calls for 12,500 s.f. lots, with 17,000 s.f. lots adjacent to the Sylvan Woods subdivision.

The hearing will be held at the Lesnieski Center, 16028 127th Street, on Monday, October 7 at 1:00 p.m.

Illinois River Sweep Volunteer Clean-up Saturday, September 21 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

The Illinois River Coordinating Council, chaired by Lt. Governor Corinne Wood and the Friends of the Illinois River, have designated Saturday, September 21 as a volunteer clean-up day for the Illinois River and its watershed.

Lemont River Sweep captains, Sue Murphy and Nancy McKenna, will focus local efforts on the quarries, east of K.A. Steel.

Almost 100 volunteers have already committed to participate, but all residents are invited to lend a hand. Volunteers should meet at 9:00 a.m. at the entrance to the I & M Canal Path on K.A. Steel Road. Volunteers are asked to wear long pants and long sleeves and bring a pair of gloves.

Parking is available in the public lots at Stephen Street & the I & M Canal.

For more information, contact Sue Murphy at (630) 257-2821 or Nancy McKenna at (630) 243-6217.

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



Don't miss Halloween Hoedown!
Saturday, October 26
1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Costume Parade - 1:00 p.m.
Line-up at 12:30 p.m.
Legion Park - Downtown Lemont



Lemont Village News

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Debby Blatzer	Steven Rosendahl
Peter Coules	Jeanette Virgilio

Village Administrator

Gary C. Holmes

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

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