

WINTER – SPRING | 2020 – 2021

Village News



We're "Lighting Up Lemont"

ALL SEASON LONG



HOMETOWN HOLIDAY | SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2020

Join us for our annual event that kicks off the holiday season! Stroll around the downtown and visit our special guests and Kris Kringle Market, take in the magnificent holiday lighting displays and just enjoy the season. For up-to-date information and CDC guideline requirements, visit www.lemont.il.us/Holiday.

Nomination Letters for St. Patrick's Day Queen Due FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2021

See Page 7 of this newsletter for more information.

Message From the Mayor



Looking back to March, when the world as we knew it suddenly stopped, our partners, essential workers and residents all stepped up to keep things moving. None of us could have imagined that we would experience a world-wide pandemic in our lifetime.

On behalf of the Village Board, we cannot express the gratitude we have in our community where everyone helps one another when the call for a need arises. From providing food and monetary donations to the food pantries, to ordering carryout from our businesses, to patronizing all our businesses when they were able to finally open. We want to thank everyone for their continued support in our local business community and we will need to continue to rally together for our merchants as we enter a challenging winter season.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

As a Village, we began 2020 in full swing with dedicated resources in economic development for both businesses and residential growth. Our goal is to provide an environment to properly assist, encourage, and recruit new businesses and investments that our residents want, need, and will financially support. Doing so will create value in our Lemont community as a whole and individually to each of our residents.

Our business community adjusted to dealing with the pandemic, and the Village was able to add resources by holding weekly CARES Zoom meetings for our businesses, expanding outdoor seating, and providing resources for both financial grants and loans. We are not out of the woods yet with winter weather upon us, so please remember to patronize our local businesses and do your holiday shopping in Lemont.

Staying home motivated many residents to complete jobs around the house and start new projects. Our Building Department had record permitting months in March, April and May. Development continues in 2020 and beyond with new proposed subdivisions, construction, and commercial renovations. I personally want to thank our Village Board, staff and various committees for their involvement and approval in the following exciting developments that will add significant value in our town:

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| • Notting Hill | 43 Unit Townhome Development at 15411 129th Street |
| • Reilly's Meadow | 20 Unit Townhome Development located at 15300 127th Street |
| • Villas at Willow Point | Completion of 40 Unit Townhome Development located on 131st Street and Parker Road |
| • Hamilton's Pub | Construct a mixed use commercial and residential development at 1297 McCarthy Road |
| • Kiddie Academy | Day care facility located at 15907 W. 127th Street |
| • Shell Quick Run | Construction of a new fueling station at 13604 & 13624 S. Archer Avenue (near Target) planned to open at the end of November |
| • Budnik Building | 400 Main Street – Remodeling of this historic building at the southeast corner of Main Street and Stephen Street is nearly complete with residential units and commercial |
| • 326 Main Street | Remodeling of this building began this summer at the southwest corner of Main Street and Stephen Street and will include residential units and commercial |
| • 220 E. Illinois Street | Completion of St. James Academy Luxury Apartments and parking lot (formerly St. Patrick's Church School) |

Visit our development projects map at www.lemont.il.us/Development-Projects to follow projects happening in Lemont.

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT

As one of the Chicago area's most historic downtowns, Lemont's downtown district is unique and reflects the Village's story. It is full of family owned shops and restaurants and is the cornerstone of our community's historic charm, and improvements to make it a thriving mixed-use district are vital to our success. It is important to understand a thriving downtown and added density will support all of our businesses and in turn increase value to all of our Lemont residents.



Marbella of Lemont – Canal Street and Lemont Street

The former Peterson's Hardware site was purchased by Lotus Design and Development in 2019, and the plans for the development were presented and approved by the Historic Preservation Commission on October 8, 2020. The next step will be plan submission to our Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) who will submit their recommendations to the Village Board. This is a significant development that will bring more foot traffic to our businesses and will attract residents and families of all ages to our downtown area. Once Marbella submits their plans to the PZC, information on this project can be found on our website at www.lemont.il.us/Development-Projects. Lotus Design and Development is the same firm that saved the old St. Patrick's School from demolition through adaptive reuse and reconstructed it into nine luxury apartment units under its original St. James Academy school name.

I & M TIF DISTRICT

As the interest in growth in the downtown continued even in a pandemic, the Village Board approved the Illinois & Michigan (I&M) Redevelopment Plan and Project Tax Increment Finance (TIF) District at the May 11, 2020 Village Board Meeting. The I&M TIF District encompasses property west of the Metra Station to Stephen and Talcott streets. The purpose is to bring needed infrastructure to the historic downtown and amenities that make downtown Lemont a special place. Parcels of the Canal TIF and the Transit Oriented District (TOD) TIF were included in the new I&M Canal TIF for redevelopment potential. The benefit of having TIF Districts is for properties that have sat vacant for a long period of time that generate no tax dollars, to be developed with a tax incentive that will generate tax dollars. The creation of this TIF District follows the recommendations of the Lemont 2030 Comprehensive Plan to develop downtown as a destination for residents and visitors.

BUSINESS GRANTS

The Village used a portion of the CARES Act revenue we received from Cook County to assist with a grant program for businesses. Cook County allocated \$183,000 to the Village to assist with COVID-19 related expenditures. The Lemont CARES grant provided reimbursement for PPE and interior changes, such as new protective barriers and winterization projects for outdoor restaurant and retail operations. There was no required match, but a minimum \$1,000 investment with a maximum award of \$5,000.

In addition, the Village Board approved the Business District Improvement Grant which was re-established with \$30,000. These 50% matching grants, first offered in 2019, were open to any commercial business in Lemont's "B" or "DD" zoning districts. Following last year's awards, the grant was capped at \$5,000. For commercial businesses located in one of Lemont downtown's three TIF districts, the matching grants were proposed with a \$25,000 cap, reflecting the greater expense of restoring historic, existing buildings, plus the additional financial support the TIF districts provide.



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Message from the Mayor – Cont'd

RECREATIONAL DESTINATION

Lemont has what people are looking for; proximity to transit, great schools, safe community, a historic downtown, and lots of charm. Our unique assets are what sets us apart from other communities and we are becoming a desired recreation destination.

The Forge: Lemont Quarries

Did someone say *ICE-SKATING* in Lemont? YES! The Forge will debut a 3,600 square-foot ice skating rink with available skate rental in early December! July finally brought the long-awaited opening of this adventure park that brings a recreation aspect to Lemont like nothing around. Nestled within nature, activities at The Forge include aerial challenge courses, 1,000-foot zip lines measuring the longest in the region, the skyscraper climbing tower - named so because you can view the Chicago skyline from it - mountain biking, rappelling, kids courses, outdoor adventure dining and so much more. If you have not yet been there, be sure to take a walk around the area to see all the adrenaline taking place throughout the park. The Forge will offer a variety of family-friendly winter activities, so be sure to visit their Facebook page or website to check it all out - @theforgelemont or at www.forgeparks.com.

Downtown Community Recreation and Park

We are excited to announce a new intergovernmental agreement with Lemont Park District for 27 acres of MWRD land at the foot of Stephen Street along the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal that was approved by the Village Board in October. This former industrial site will be reborn for community recreation and events over several phases. The design features over 22 acres of open space and 1.5 acres of future native areas along the canal with other stormwater BMPs including rain gardens, permeable pavers, and bioswales.



The future park will bring more visitors to enjoy downtown's many boutiques, restaurants, and brewery and is near the I&M Canal and Trail, which takes visitors to the Heritage Quarries Recreation Area and The Forge: Lemont Quarries. It will be a welcoming area for residents and visitors alike.

STEPHEN STREET TRAIL BRIDGE AND TRAILHEAD

For several years, the Village and committees have been researching ways to connect the regional bike paths in the area. There are thousands of miles of trails that converge into Lemont, but do not necessarily connect to the trails within Lemont. If grants and funding are obtained, and the requirements from the Coast Guard are able to be met, we could potentially have a bridge over the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal at the north end of Stephen Street that would connect the existing trail system to the I&M Canal Trail, our quarries, and into the downtown.

We have had a lot of successes throughout the year and there is still a lot to look forward to. Please sign up to our electronic news blasts through Stay Informed on our website to be informed about what is going on in Lemont – <https://www.lemont.il.us/government/stay-informed>.

We hope to see you this holiday season in downtown Lemont during "Lighting Up Lemont" with even more illuminating holiday displays. If you can help, please donate food and monetary donations to our food pantries and support the fundraisers of our wonderful organizations who give so much of their time to help others in our community. Patronize our local businesses and do your holiday shopping in Lemont so that money you spend stays in Lemont. Please do your part to stop the spread of COVID-19.

On behalf of the Village Board and Staff, we wish you a wonderful holiday season!

Mayor John Egofske

Stay Connected On the Go!



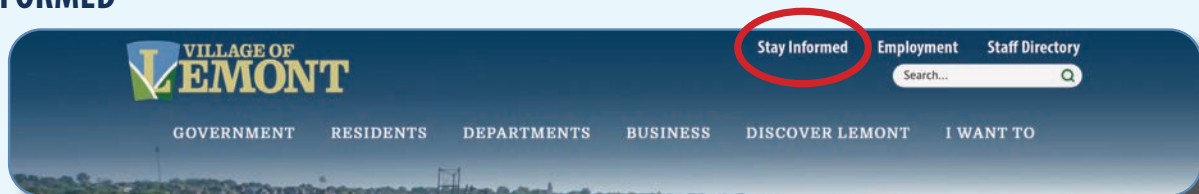
COMMUNICATION TOOLS FOR RESIDENTS

- Stay Informed
- E-Emergency Notifications
- Citizen Support Center

FROM YOUR MOBILE PHONE

Sign Up to Receive Important Messages at www.lemont.il.us From Your Computer or Mobile Phone

STAY INFORMED



E-EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

E-Emergency Notifications are **emergency public safety notifications involving higher levels of urgency** and are sent out via the Village's E-Emergency Notifications system. The sign up area is located on the bottom of the front page of our website.



NEW! CITIZEN SUPPORT CENTER

We are excited to announce that in mid-December, we will be implementing a new "Citizen Support Center" which will replace the current "Report A Concern." This system will make requests and reporting issues effortless. It will also house FAQ's to help you find answers to questions quickly. Please visit our website or sign up to Stay Informed to receive information when we implement this new feature in mid-December.



Village Meeting Information

Village Board meetings are held the second and fourth Monday of most months at 6:30 p.m. Committee of the Whole meetings are typically held the third Monday of each month. Due to Governor Pritzker's Emergency Declarations and Executive Orders in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Village Board and our various committees and commissions have been holding meetings electronically. The Village Board will follow guidance from the enacted Illinois Senate Bill 2135 when holding public meetings via electronic format.

Please visit our Agendas and Minutes Center on our website for meeting agendas, minutes and Village Board Meeting videos - <https://www.lemont.il.us/government/village-clerk/agendas-and-minutes-center>. All meeting dates can be found on our website calendar. Our Village Board meetings are also housed and live streamed on our Village of

Lemont YouTube page.

Community Calendar

Our Village calendar contains event information from our partners, organizations and businesses all around town. Visit our website at www.lemont.il.us.

Like us on Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn

Be sure to check us out on Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn, "Village of Lemont," as we post topics of interest during the week along with event happenings and other information. It's a great way to find out what's going on around town.

For further communication information or suggestions, please email lmolitor@lemont.il.us or call 630-257-1590.

POLCO

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK! COMPLETE OUR LEMONT 2020 COMMUNITY SURVEY!

- WHO?** Anyone who has an email address can provide input no matter where you live. Your input matters to us.
- WHAT?** Polco is a public participation tool for people to provide input on current ideas, initiatives, events and issues facing Lemont.
- WHERE?** Visit polco.us/lemont or download the **Polco App** for Android or iOS and create an account.
- WHEN?** You can begin giving input on surveys and questions right after you create an account. You'll receive an email from POLCO when a new survey is launched.

With Polco's strict privacy policy, your individual data and votes are never shared with us. You remain anonymous.



FINANCE DEPARTMENT

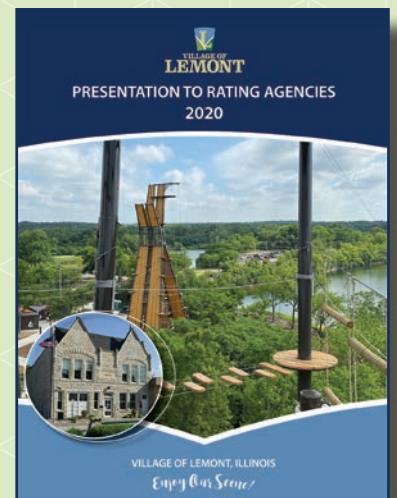
FINANCE DEPARTMENT NEWS

The Village of Lemont has successfully refunded its 2012A bonds, saving approximately \$364,000 with a rate of 1.38%. Robert Vail of Bernardi Securities writes, "The Village's bonds had extremely high demand from our municipal bond investor base and our underwriting desk was able to push rates lower than other 'AA' rated bonds that have recently priced. The strong credit metrics of the Village aren't going unnoticed with investors, and while Moody's rates the Village 'Aa2' — as shown in recent pricing comparisons, investors are willing to purchase the Village's bonds and nearly 'Aaa' rates."

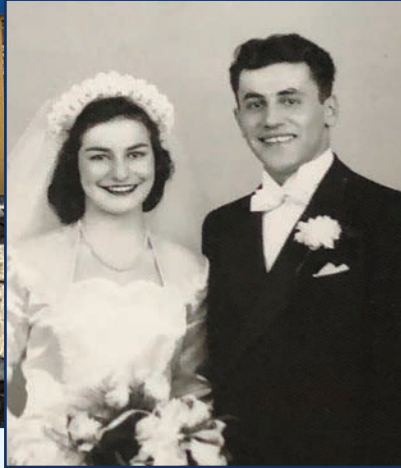
On October 1, 2020, Moody's Investor Services reaffirmed the Village's 'Aa2' bond rating, reporting, "The credit profile of Lemont (Aa2) benefits from strong tax base in the Chicago (Ba1 stable) metropolitan area and favorable resident income levels. . . . The Village's financial position is healthy" (Moody's Credit Opinion 1 October 2020).

This rating is higher than the median bond rating for small Illinois non-home rule communities. The full report and the presentation material can be found on the Village's website at <https://www.lemont.il.us/departments/finance-department/financial-transparency>.

Contact Finance Director csmith@lemont.il.us with any financial questions and if you want to invest in Lemont's development opportunities contact Jason Berry at jberry@lemont.il.us.



TRIBUTE TO JOSEPH S. FORZLEY



One of Lemont's dearest residents and friend, former Mayor Joseph Forzley, passed away on August 25, 2020. Joe was a life-long resident of Lemont, a World War II Veteran and was extremely involved in our community. He served on several committees and commissions, was a Village Trustee and served as Mayor of Lemont in 1989 for a four-year term. We are grateful for having

had the opportunity to know Joe; a devoted father, man of faith and a friend to many. The Village Board and former mayors payed a special tribute to Joe at the September 14 Village Board Meeting. An honorary street sign proudly displays his name on the corner of Stephen and Canal streets representing his childhood home and family business at 114 Stephen Street. Joe will be deeply missed and forever honored.

LEMONT AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY CELEBRATES 50 YEARS!



The Lemont Area Historical Society (LAHS) is celebrating its **"50th Golden Year Anniversary"** in 2020! The Lemont Historical Society is located in historic downtown Lemont in what is now known as "The Old Stone Church." Built in 1861, this church was formerly known as the Lemont United Methodist Church, which was used as a recruiting station for the Union Army during the Civil War.

The Lemont Area Historical Society has been hard at work preserving Lemont's rich history since 1970! The organization was originally formed by citizens of our community who did not want us to forget the sacrifices made by past generations to bring us into the future. Since that point in time, the LAHS has been involved in so many projects relating to the different aspects of our town. The organization hosts group tours of the museum, downtown, and quarries and rents the chapel for weddings. The LAHS is the depository of Lemont's records involving genealogy, etc., and reached out to the school system to discover new ways to help our young people appreciate what has come before.

LAHS Membership consists of willing volunteers who have helped the Historical Society throughout the years to stay afloat as they are completely independent and rely on tours, fundraisers and donations for funding. Other groups like the Lemont Garden Club help them with the museum garden and do such a fabulous job. *50 Years* is a long time, but they are only getting started – and will survive because of those who care and offer their time and talents to help them in good times and bad. Thank you, Lemont for being there for and supporting the Lemont Historical Society! Another 50 Years looms ahead, let's join together to continue this journey!



SEASONAL REMINDERS

LANDSCAPE WASTE COLLECTION ENDS THE FIRST FULL WEEK IN DECEMBER

All landscape waste, including brush and other branches is collected once per week on the same day as the regular refuse and recycling collection from April 1 through the first full week of December each year.

Residents with yard waste materials may simply place the materials in a kraft-type paper bag, up to 33 gallons capacity. Shrubbery cuttings, tree branches and twigs must be placed either in a Kraft paper bag or in a securely tied bundle. Ties must be made of string or twine. Branch bundles must not exceed 4 feet in length. Bags containing landscape waste and/or branch bundles cannot exceed 50 pounds in weight.

SALTING AND SNOW REMOVAL

The Public Works Department begins ice and snow control measures even before hazardous road conditions are expected. As soon as conditions warrant it, the salting process begins on major streets designated as primary routes, hills, curves, and all intersections. Residential streets that are relatively flat will be salted only at intersections. Salt remains the most cost effective means of breaking the bond between ice and street, especially with Lemont's unique topography.

Plowing commences after snow accumulates to an inch or more. Village roadways are divided into 9 zones for the plowing process with primary routes, including hills and school bus routes, being plowed first. As soon as primary routes are cleared, crews will move on to the secondary routes. After all streets are open, trucks will begin the curbing operation.

The goal of the Public Works Department is to remove snow from all streets within six hours after the conclusion of a significant snowfall. Your cooperation in removing vehicles from the street and observing the odd-even parking regulations will make this job easier and more efficient.

GET WINTER WEATHER & TRAFFIC ALERTS SENT DIRECTLY TO YOUR PHONE OR EMAIL

Don't be left out in today's age of instant communication. Our "Stay Informed" alerts make it



possible for Village of Lemont departments to get information out to the public immediately through text messaging, e-mails and web access at www.lemont.il.us. Sign up to receive notification via "Stay Informed" – Public Works Notifications.



Don't Take Chances!

WINTER PARKING REMINDER

During and after any snowfall, please try to remove vehicles from Village streets if at all possible to facilitate clearing. If removing vehicles is not possible, AFTER a snowfall of 2 inches or more, please park on the ODD-numbered side of the street on odd calendar days, EVEN-numbered side of the street on even calendar days. The day is considered to begin at 9:00 a.m.

EMERGENCIES DURING A WINTER STORM

If an emergency arises during a winter storm, residents should dial 911. All Public Works plowing vehicles maintain continuous two-way radio communication with the Police Department. Snow removal equipment can provide immediate support to ambulance and fire equipment.

DAMAGED PROPERTY

The Village replaces mailboxes that have been damaged through direct contact with a snow plow, if the original mailbox was installed in compliance with Village regulations. If your mailbox is struck, a temporary repair will be made so that you can continue to receive mail delivery. When winter ends and the ground thaws, final repairs will be made. If replacement of the mailbox or post is required, a standard metal rural size mailbox and 4 x 4 wooded wolmanized post kit will be utilized. All final mailbox repairs are typically completed by early spring.

HOW TO REPORT A STREET LIGHT OUTAGE

To report a street light outage, go to our Village website's front page, and click on, "Report A Concern" which will become "Citizens Support Center" in mid-December. Navigate to Streets & Public Places, Streetlights. Please report the tag number located on the pole. The yellow tag number will start with either a C or V, maintained by ComEd or the Village of Lemont. You may report the ComEd lights to the Village, who will then report the outage to ComEd. Residents can also call Public Works at (630) 257-2532 between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.



NEWS FROM THE LEMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT



COVID-19 Contact Tracing Scams

Lemont Police Department wants to educate residents of possible scams that involve people impersonating COVID-19 contact tracers to steal social security numbers and banking information over the phone, via email, and through text messages.

As part of the contact tracing process, health department officials reach out to people who test positive for COVID-19 and those who have been in close contact with a confirmed case. Contact tracers will first try to reach residents over the phone and then via text message. Health departments will only leave messages asking you to call back.

Contact tracers interview people who test positive for COVID-19 over the phone, help them recall where they have been and who they have seen while infectious and give guidance and support so you can take steps to protect others. Health officials say time is crucial in the process since a person could spread COVID-19 to others before they know they are infected.

The interview is voluntary, and you may choose what information you share.

- A contract tracer will **NEVER**:
- Ask for your Social Security number
 - Ask for money, bank account or credit card numbers, or any other form of payment
 - Ask for your immigration status
 - Threaten consequences of not participating or answering questions

Contact tracers notify the COVID-19 case's close contacts about their possible exposure, but they do not disclose the name or any other personal details of the COVID-19 case to the contacts. After speaking with a contact tracer, people who need to self-quarantine will be asked to log their symptoms each day using new contact tracing software implemented by the State of Illinois. These daily messages will be sent via email or text messages, according to health officials.

If you receive a suspicious call, text message, or email about contact tracing or exposure to COVID-19, call your local health department. Staff can help verify if you have been contacted by them. Visit <http://dph.illinois.gov/covid19/contact-tracing-data?DV=1>.

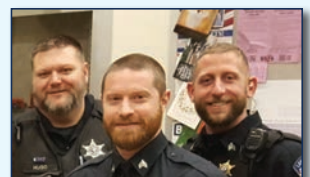
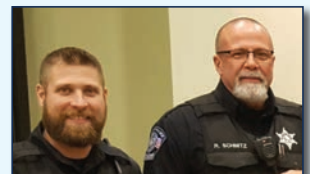
No Shave November Extends Through January

Lemont residents may notice some less than clean-shaven police officers over the next few months. Members of the Lemont Police Department are participating in "No Shave November" again this year. "No Shave November" is an annual event involving the growing of beards and mustaches during the month of November to raise awareness of various cancers.

Participating officers must make a donation to be allowed to grow facial hair and be excused from the Department's strict uniform/appearance guidelines. Female officers and staff can also participate by painting their fingernails, which is also restricted by the guidelines. A portion of all proceeds will be matched by the Lemont Police Benevolent Association. This year, "No Shave November" will be extended through the end of December (donations accepted through January). Proceeds raised through January will benefit two Lemont families that are currently battling cancer.

Last year, the Lemont Police Department, with the help of other Village employees and members of the community, raised over \$7,000.00.

Anyone wishing to donate to this special cause can drop off or send donations to the Lemont Police Department. Attn: Commander Dykshorn, 14600 127th Street, Lemont, IL 60439. Checks can be made out to the Lemont Police Benevolent Association with "No Shave November" in the memo section.



Tractors for Toys

Lemont Police Department and Lemont Tractor Club will hold their third annual "Tractors for Toys" on Saturday, December 5, 2020, with tractors at various locations in town at set times to collect much needed, new, unwrapped toys for girls and boys in our community and beyond. For many of these children, this is the only gift they will receive. Plans right now are for tractors to visit Target Plaza, Kohls and Pete's Market, with their final destination being the Hometown Holiday event in downtown Lemont. Come on out and join in the fun and make wishes come true for children in our community. Visit www.lemont.il.us/Holiday for the most up to date information on this event.



THE ART OF GIVING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON



As many of us begin our holiday festivities and shopping for that special gift, let us not forget those less fortunate in our own Village. Through the efforts of many, you can help to provide a meal on a table, care package items, and even emergency funds to Lemont families.

Hope and Friendship has been working fiercely to continue to meet needs here in our corner of the world despite being hampered by COVID-19 restrictions and limits on involving hands and feet. We do have more needs within our community due to illness, unemployment/underemployment, and working less to be home to assist children with home learning. When a need has been communicated a means to meet the need has been rallied. We live in a very compassionate and creative corner of the world that encircles those who are struggling by offering what they can as they are able. With that said, Hope and Friendship Foundation will continue forward with the holiday outreaches that have been its mission for the past 15 years. Though we will not be able to involve as many people in person as we have in the past, or as we would

have preferred, we do need the support of any who can help us bring the gift of Thanksgiving and Christmas to homes that are struggling right here, right now.

- **The Day the Turkeys Fly** – will be a combination of offering meals that Jewel Lemont has been collecting for at their registers and gift cards to help provide the means for a Thanksgiving Dinner that would otherwise not be available. Both Tap House Grill and Next Mex restaurant are holding Turkey Bowls to help rally donations of turkeys and funds that will be used for the Thanksgiving and Christmas outreaches. We will be creating special deliveries for our homebound and financially strained seniors as well. Delivery day will be Saturday, November 21. Donations can be offered through the Hope and Friendship website, www.hopeandfriendshipfoundation.com via the PayPal or mailed to Hope and Friendship, 721 Hickory St., Lemont, IL 60439.

- **Hope and Friendship Christmas Care Bags** – donations of personal care items, paper products and cleaning products are desperately needed to fill care bags that will be delivered on Christmas Day. Donation bins will be located throughout the community and drop offs will be rallied for three weeks from November 30 through December 21.

- **Hope and Friendship Christmas Dinner Donations and Deliveries** – For the 16th year, Hope and Friendship will offer the gift of a fully cooked Christmas Dinner and deliver these dinners to the doors of friends throughout our community who are struggling financially, physically and emotionally with loss and/or life-challenging illness. A team of friends will gather and deep fry donated turkeys from Richard's Building Supply. We are seeking donations of cooked side dishes, potatoes, salads, bread/butter, veggies, and desserts in 4-person serving size packages to accompany the delicious turkey!

- **Donations of food will be accepted 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. on Christmas Day** at Old Quarry Middle School, 16100 W. 127th St., Lemont, east side of school.
 - Meals will be created from 1:30 - 3 p.m. with a limited amount of volunteers assisting to specifically fulfill the needs for each home we will arrive at;
 - Deliveries will be from 3 - 5 p.m. on Christmas Day. Drivers will pull up to the east side of Old Quarry Middle School, cars will be loaded with care bags and dinners, and be given a location to deliver this Christmas gift.

Hope and Friendship Foundation strives to be a conduit from those who can help to those who need it. Hope and Friendship's first outreach was a community Christmas Dinner on Christmas Day 2005, and since that meal the foundation has created and offered countless outreaches throughout the year to be the hand of a friend to those who have been knocked down by life's blows. This is only possible because of the help of many hands, feet and hearts here in this corner of the world. More information, sign ups and PayPal link can all be found at www.hopeandfriendshipfoundation.com.

VILLAGE SEEKS NOMINATIONS FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY QUEEN

We may be optimistic about holding our annual St. Patrick's Day Parade, but, whether or not the parade is held, we can still have our St. Patrick's Day Queen. The Village of Lemont is seeking nominations for Queen of the St. Patrick's Day Parade to tentatively be held on Saturday, March 6, at 1:00 p.m. in historic downtown Lemont.

Nomination letters must be received by **Friday, February 5, 2021**, submitted to the Village of Lemont, 418 Main Street, Lemont, IL 60439, Attn: St. Patrick's Day Parade. The contest is open to Lemont residents, high school juniors through second year college students, preferably of Irish heritage. The candidate must demonstrate an active involvement in school service organizations and/or community service activities.

The nominee who is chosen will reign as Queen of our 30th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade and lead the parade in a horse drawn carriage (weather permitting).

For more information, please contact Donna at dpecina@lemont.il.us or phone (630) 243-2700.



• LEMONT CENTER FOR THE ARTS •
1243 STATE STREET, UNIT 101
LEMONT, IL 60439

Holiday Artists Bazaar 2020

NOVEMBER 6 - DECEMBER 20, 2020
OPEN FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY
11 A.M. - 5 P.M.

*Shop Local! Stop in for
unique, handcrafted items for
holiday gift giving.*

630.243.7375



Hometown Holiday December 5, 2020

Lighting Up Lemont
ALL SEASON LONG!

COMING SOON!

Holiday Scramble Shop • Play • Win



While you're doing your holiday shopping in
Lemont, play our new "Holiday Scramble" game
at participating merchants to win
some great prizes! For more information,
visit www.LemontDowntown.com.



Holiday Scramble

Lemont Events

For a listing of ALL Lemont
events and the most
up-to-date event
information, go to
www.lemontevents.com.

Holli-Dazzle Light Contest Begins December 1 Sponsored by the Lemont Park District

Sign up for this free holiday lights and decorating contest! Lemont Park District will put together a directory of all the homes and share it with everyone to enjoy. Open to all Lemont mailing addresses December 1 thru December 20. The top three winners will receive gift cards to local businesses in Lemont!

December 5: Village of Lemont Hometown Holiday Event in Historic Downtown Lemont Sponsored by the Village of Lemont

Join us for our annual event that kicks off the holiday season! Stroll around the downtown and visit our special guests, and the Kris Kringle Market on Stephen Street, take in the magnificent holiday lighting displays and just enjoy the season! For up-to-date information and CDC guideline requirements, visit www.lemont.il.us/Holiday.

December 19: Visits from Mr. & Mrs. Claus Sponsored by the Lemont Park District

\$50 per visit. Sign up for a 15-minute socially distanced visit to your home from Mr. & Mrs. Claus themselves! You'll receive a holiday treat, listen to some songs from local Christmas carolers, read your wish lists and take distanced photos too! These visits are outside only, and are very limited, so sign up today! You must pre-register at www.lemontparkdistrict.org. For more information, please call the Park District at 630-257-6787.

January 29: Doors Open 6:30 p.m. "Children on Their Birthdays," 2002 Release Sponsored by the Lemont Historical Society

Location: Lemont Historical Society, The Old Stone Church, 306 Lemont Street. Film begins at 7:00 p.m., food will be offered. This movie was filmed in Lemont, story by Truman Capote. Admission is \$5.00.

February 12: Lemont Historical Society Presents "Drinkin' With Lincoln" Historic Pub Crawl

Lemont Historical Society takes a walk through Lemont's historic hangouts with a pub crawl. Visit the saloons, taverns and pubs of days gone by to learn their history. Feel free to bring photos or any memorabilia you may have. For more info: 630-257-2972.

March 26: Doors Open at 6:30 p.m. Lemont Historical Society Presents "30th Anniversary of Lemont Tornado"

Location: Old Stone Church, 306 Lemont Street. Event begins at 7:00 p.m. Speaker, former Lemont police officer, Tom Hess. Refreshments will be offered. Free admission.

Disclaimer: We will continue to evaluate what COVID-19 conditions will allow for and we encourage you to sign up to "Community News" on Stay Informed to receive the most current news and event information sent through our e-news.

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VILLAGE OFFICES | LIMITED HOURS & SERVICES

Current hours of operation: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The lobbies have been reconfigured to accommodate physical distancing where staff and the public interact. These limited hours allow for additional sanitation and safety measures to be taken as we all do our part to stop the spread of COVID-19. Should the need for hour reductions take place, we will inform residents through Stay Informed, our website, and social media.

Visitors at all locations are required to wear a face covering before entering the building and to use available hand sanitizer stations before nearing the service counters. The public may visit the Police Department and Village Hall lobby areas. If individual attention is needed you are encouraged to call in advance and schedule an appointment. Meeting rooms are not available to the public at this time.

Community members are encouraged to continue to utilize our online payment systems to the greatest extent possible while the COVID-19 pandemic continues, including vehicle sticker purchases. Usage of the drop boxes located inside at 416 Main (for Village Hall) and the Police Department vestibule are strongly encouraged. Please do your part and limit your visit to our facilities for business that must be done in person only. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.



REMEMBER HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO SHOP LOCAL!

It's important that we continue to support our local businesses. For a community our size, we truly have a diversity of businesses, from boutique shops, to full service grocers, to great restaurants. They all need our support. Please patronize our local businesses for your shopping needs. One of the best marketing tools to help attract new businesses to our community is support of our current local businesses. So shop local and support Lemont! Visit our website for a complete list of licensed local businesses, <https://www.lemont.il.us/Business-Directory>.

For every dollar you spend in Lemont, a portion of that dollar returns to our community through taxes, payroll, and other expenditures. Spend it in another town or spend it online and nothing comes home.



HOLIDAY HOURS – VILLAGE OFFICES



Village offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, December 24 and December 25. Offices will also be closed Friday, January 1 (New Year's Day) and Monday, January 18 (Martin Luther King Jr. Day).

PLEASE SUPPORT THE FOOD PANTRIES THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!

For an up-to-date listing of ALL Winter & Spring events, go to www.lemontevents.com

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