

SUMMER – FALL | 2024

Village News



Enjoy Lemont Downtown

Get out and enjoy all Lemont downtown has to offer this summer . . .

Tuesday Nights – Farmers Market at Village Green

Wednesday Nights – Car Shows

Thursday Nights – Sunset Soiree Free Summer Concerts

Get in on the fun! Event details at www.lemontdowntown.com | www.lemontevents.com

Message from Mayor Egofske



This year brings much anticipated excitement with the completion of a few major initiatives, and others moving along into the next phases of development. The Village Board, Commissions, Partners and our staff spend a great deal of time ensuring that any project within the Village adds value to our community. Our mission continues to create value in Lemont by having quality housing while maintaining controlled growth, quality business development, and having more choices to shop and dine that people will support. Higher quality of businesses equals a higher quality of life, and in turn, higher property values for us all.

As our community grows, the need for a more active lifestyle continues to be a priority with quality recreational amenities and utilization of our natural resources. The residents of Lemont overwhelmingly supported the Lemont Park District's referendum this past March, which aligns with the commitment to providing these needed services to our community.

Lemont consistently earns the accolade of being voted by *Time Out Chicago* as one of the top destinations for an exhilarating day trip from the city. Noted among the attractions is the Heritage Quarries Recreation Area, offering opportunities for walking, biking, or fishing along the historic I&M Canal. Equally enticing is The Forge: Lemont Quarries Adventure Park known for their thrilling activities and concerts. These hidden gems lie just north of Main Street. If you are new to Lemont, make sure to experience them firsthand this summer. For those eager to explore the trails, bike rentals are available. Learn more about all of these offerings at "Explore" on <https://www.lemontdowntown.com>.

Economic Development & New Investment

Athens Park – The groundbreaking for the start of construction for Athens Park was held in April. This 30 acres of land located at the north end of Stephen Street will bring an array of amenities to the area and will include a dog park, playground, outdoor entertainment space, walking and biking paths, pavilions, naturalized wetlands, pollinator garden, device charging stations, a large parking lot and a history plaza.

Phase 1 of the development on the eastern most 10+ acres will include clearing and remediating the area for preparation for the park buildout that is slated for completion in early 2025. Construction traffic will be visible in the downtown and on Stephen Street as this begins, so please use extra caution when driving and walking in the area.

A construction project will begin this summer on the BNSF overpass that serves as the entrance to the park area to repair and replace the limestone underneath the overpass. The entrance to the park, complete with new pavement, pavement striping, pedestrian and bikeway markings and other aesthetic improvements, will be completed by spring 2025.

The Stephen Street bike and pedestrian bridge immediately adjacent to Athens Park is in Phase 2 engineering, with construction completion in 2026. This bridge will span the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal and open access to hundreds of miles of off-street trails and to our shops and restaurants.

Marbella – The former Peterson's Hardware site purchased by Lotus Design and Development in 2019 will welcome its first residents in mid-August! The 78-unit luxury apartment complex includes underground parking for residents and first floor commercial space that will welcome two new restaurants among other retailers. It includes a public outdoor space and additional parking areas for everyone to utilize later this year. This \$30 million private investment will bring more foot traffic to our businesses and attract residents and families of all ages to our downtown area.





Village Green – 322 Main Street – The Village will begin planning stages of Village Green park on Main Street this year, which houses the Tuesday Lemont Farmers Market hosted by Aster Gardens and other community events throughout the year. Utility undergrounding and additional enhancements this year will continue to transform the civic space for these and other needs.

Downtown ADA Pedestrian Improvements & ADA Planning Study – The new accessible ramp and related hardscape improvements at the existing Lemont Street pedestrian bridge that connects to Front Street have been completed with landscape to follow. The installation of the new pedestrian bridge over the I&M Canal east of Pollyanna Brewing Company was completed. Both of these additions allow additional access for pedestrians along the canal and into town. Through the Chicago Metropolitan Area for Planning (CMAP), the Village has secured a planning grant to assist in developing a public right-of-way self-evaluation and transition plan. This will guide additional capital improvement decisions for the downtown and beyond in making the town more accessible and assist with obtaining additional grant opportunities for accessible improvements.



Gas N Wash – Rt. 83 & Main Street – The new Gas N Wash is open with a fuel station and auto wash! The location features Mickey’s Gyros and Dunkin’ Donuts. Gas N Wash is looking to continue developing the site through 2024, and hopes to share more plans soon. Help us welcome Gas N Wash to Lemont, and keep an eye on their Facebook page for offers and information.

I-355 Tollway Noise Barriers – Over the past several years, the Village has been working with Illinois Tollway representatives on assisting residents in subdivisions along the I-355 tollway to achieve noise mitigation.

In an effort to reduce traffic noise along the I-355 tollway, the Illinois Tollway increased the berm height and planted evergreen trees along the berm of the homes that back I-355 in the Mayfair and Rolling Meadows subdivisions. Another similar project along the north end of the Briarcliffe

subdivision will take place this fall with completion in spring 2025. We appreciate the collaboration with the Illinois Tollway to accommodate concerns our residents have had in these areas.

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Quality Residential Development

In May, *Chicago Magazine* featured Lemont as one of the Best Places to Live in the Suburbs, writing, “you can still get a lot for your money.” With great schools, parks, and a vibrant downtown, “Lemont also offers easy access to loads of outdoor opportunities, including biking trails along the Illinois and Michigan Canal, as well as the Forge, a 300-acre adventure park.” These are some of the most popular destinations for both new residents and long-time Lemonters looking to make a move.

Copper Ridge by Beechen and Dill – Copper Ridge offers a mix of detached single-family homes, duplexes, and townhomes on a beautiful, rolling site that will connect to Lemont Township’s Woodland Sanctuary later this year.



Gleneagles by Pulte – Pulte has a variety of housing options, with two unique series of detached single-family homes each with multiple designs and ranch duplexes, in this exciting new development on McCarthy Road.

Built for families and the young at heart, Gleneagles features a nearly 5-acre park with a playground, gazebo, basketball and pickleball courts, and more.



Marble Landing by Beechen and Dill – A busy builder in Lemont, Beechen and Dill have taken on Marble Landing. They have detached single-family and duplex home models open now for you to view, with duplex homes already under construction if you know someone ready to move.



Villas of Equestrian Meadows by Castletown Homes – An all ranch subdivision by this local builder is half sold out! Congratulations to Castletown on another successful development.

Information on these and other projects can be found on our website at <https://www.lemont.il.us/Development-Projects>.

Everbridge – Enhanced Notification System

The Village of Lemont and Lemont Township will soon be implementing the Everbridge public warnings and alerts notification system to reach our population in times of urgencies and important notifications. Once the Everbridge system is ready to launch, instructions will be available to citizens on how to subscribe. Citizens will have the option to select the public warnings and alerts you would like to receive, and how you would like to receive them, i.e., cell, home, and work phones, text messages, e-mail and more. Be on the lookout for more information as we launch this enhanced communication system.

As we begin the summer event season, it is essential to acknowledge the dedicated efforts of our staff, organizations, businesses, and Village partners who work tirelessly to bring these experiences to life. Their commitment and passion enrich our community and create unforgettable moments for us all to cherish.

Thank you to our residents for your continued support and involvement in our vibrant community. Make sure you don't miss out on any of the excitement by signing up for notifications and important information through our Stay Informed e-news on our Village website home page. You can find more events and meeting information on our Village website Meeting and Event calendar at lemont.il.us. Additionally, explore the treasures of our downtown at LemontDowntown.com for a wealth of entertaining news and downtown happenings.

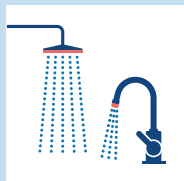
Wishing you all a wonderful season ahead!

Mayor John Egofski

HOW TO SAVE MONEY ON YOUR WATER BILL



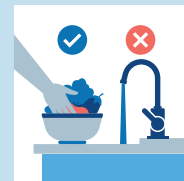
Repair leaks on toilets, faucets and dishwashers



Install water saving aerators on your faucets and water saving showerheads



Don't leave water running while washing hands, brushing teeth, shaving



Don't let the faucet run while you clean vegetables, rinse them in a large bowl



Plug the kitchen sink or use a bowl when washing dishes



Shorten your shower time



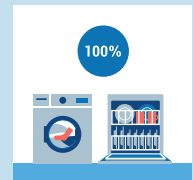
Don't flush tissue paper or waste into the toilet



Install a low flow toilet or put a conversion kit on your existing toilet



Upgrade to energy-efficient appliances



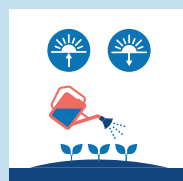
Wash only full loads of dishes and laundry



Close taps properly



Collect rainwater and use for watering plants



Water outdoor plants during the cool part of the day to prevent evaporation



Use a watering can in the garden rather than a hosepipe



Use a bucket of water instead of a hosepipe when you wash your car



2023 WATER QUALITY REPORT

Our 2023 Water Quality Report in Lemont has met all the USEPA drinking water requirements and standards. Each year, the Village of Lemont provides its customers with an Annual Water Quality Report to let them know how our water quality stacks up against established Federal and State drinking water standards. We encourage you to review this report, as it provides details about the source and quality of the drinking water delivered to our community in 2023.

Visit our website to view the water quality report at: www.lemont.il.us/2023WaterReport.

If you wish to have a paper copy, you can print one directly from our website. You can also receive a printed version by contacting our Public Works Department at (630) 257-2532 or email vlemont@lemont.il.us with your request. Paper copies are also available at the Village Hall at 418 Main Street.

CONGRATULATIONS TO LEMONT POLICE CHIEF MARC MATON

Congratulations to Lemont Police Chief Marc Maton on his installment as the 76th President of the ILACP (Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police) for a one-year term. Chief Maton joined the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police in 1998 and has served as Committee Chairman and Executive Board Member since 2001. He currently serves as the Chairman of the Legislative Committee.

Chief Maton has a long list of accomplishments and awards, and we wish him many more successes.



Chief Maton Sworn-in by Senator Curran



President's Speech



2024 CATCH & RELEASE FISHING DERBY

GREAT 2024 GREAT LAKES QUARRIES CATCH & RELEASE FISHING DERBY

The Forge Charitable Adventures, in partnership with the Village of Lemont and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, is hosting a six month catch-and-release fishing derby at the picturesque Great Lakes Quarries at the Heritage Quarries Recreation Area. This event aims to engage the community to help assess the health of key fish populations and evaluate the overall quality of the fishing environment.

Participation fees are \$20 per person. Register today to compete for CASH prizes and ANGLER BRAGGING RIGHTS! Visit <https://theforge.gives/fishing-derby> for complete details.



OVERVIEW AND RULES

The derby began at 11:00 AM on June 1, 2024, and ends at 11:59 PM on November 30, 2024. Sign up any time before the derby ends.

**THIS TOURNAMENT IS SPECIFICALLY LIMITED TO FISH
CAUGHT IN THE GREAT LAKES QUARRIES!**

Parking is available at the various lots throughout the Heritage Quarries Recreation Area. We recommend that anglers park in Lots 1, 2, or 3 due to their proximity to the Great Lakes Quarries. The Great Lakes Quarry covers 41.1 acres, has a shoreline length of 2.5 miles, a watershed of 106 acres, a maximum depth reported at 45 feet, and an average depth reported at approximately 15 feet.




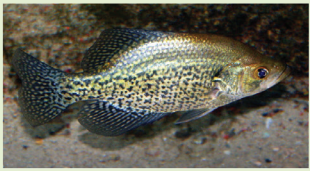

No concessions, boat rental, or live bait/tackle shop are available at the quarries. Portable toilets are located near the boat ramps in Lot 1 at the Krueger Quarry parking lot and on the far east side of the park at the east end of the quarry. Boats with electric trolling motors are permitted; however, gas powered motors are not allowed at the Heritage Quarries Recreation Area. Participants must provide their own rods and gear; neither the Forge Charitable Adventures nor The Forge: Lemont will be responsible for equipment needs.

There are numerous species of fish in the Great Lakes Quarries, but we are specifically interested in obtaining counts, lengths, and weights for five species: Largemouth Bass, Walleye, Northern Pike, Crappie, and Bluegill (and related sunfish species).

THREE CASH prizes will be awarded (first, second, third) for each of the five categories of fish based on the overall length of fish caught per species. Additional prizes may be added to the mix as the tournament progresses. Visit <https://www.theforge.gives/fishingderby> for complete details.

Great Lakes Quarries Catch and Release Fishing Derby Rules:

- All Forge Fishing Tournament participants must fish during the legal open hours of the Heritage Quarries Recreation Area. The quarries are open to the public from sunrise to sunset.
- All participants must obey all Village, State, and Federal laws during the course of this event, including all applicable game and fish laws. If a participant is cited for violating an applicable law while on the tournament grounds, they will be disqualified from any and all prizes and may be expelled from the tournament grounds.
- Wading or swimming in the quarries is not allowed.
- The tournament does not allow the use of chum, boxed bait, chumming buckets, bait blocks, or any other manner of fish attraction that does not use hook and line. Participants are limited to two rods and reels, both of which may be in the water simultaneously. No other means besides a rod and reel can be used to catch a fish.
- Each participant must provide their own rod & reels, bait, and other equipment.
- This is a catch & release event. Once you measure and take a picture of the fish, please remove the hook and release it back into the water. Return any dead fish to the water.
- All individuals are prohibited from possessing any firearms on the premises, whether concealed or open carry.
- Participants are prohibited from bringing alcohol or other controlled substances into the premises.
- All participants are expected to conduct themselves in a true sportsmanlike, courteous, safe and ethical manner at all times. Failure to conduct themselves in such a manner may result in disqualification and expulsion from the event. Give your neighbor sufficient room to cast and land fish. Do not interfere with any other participants' fishing activity. Any fish caught and claimed by more than one participant will be disqualified from prize contention. A tournament chairperson's ruling will determine possession of the disputed fish.
- In the event of inclement weather or for other good cause, The Forge Charitable Adventures reserves the right to cancel the tournament. Due to the long duration of the event, this is highly unlikely. IN THE EVENT OF THE CANCELLATION OF THE FISHING DERBY, NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN.

FIVE FISHING CATEGORIES & PRIZES		
<p>Largemouth Bass <i>(Micropterus salmoides)</i></p>		<p>First place - \$250 Second place - \$150 Third place - \$100</p>
<p>Walleye <i>(Sander vitreus)</i></p>		<p>First place - \$250 Second place - \$150 Third place - \$100</p>
<p>Northern Pike <i>(Esox lucius)</i></p>		<p>First place - \$250 Second place - \$150 Third place - \$100</p>
<p>Black Crappie <i>(Pomoxis nigromaculatus)</i> AND/OR</p> <p>White Crappie <i>(Pomoxis annularis)</i></p>		<p>First place - \$150 Second place - \$100 Third place - \$50</p>
<p>Bluegill <i>(Lepomis macrochirus)</i> AND/OR</p> <p>Sunfish, Warmouth, Pumpkinseed</p>		<p>First place - \$150 Second place - \$100 Third place - \$50</p>

SEASONAL REMINDERS



BOAT, CAMPER, TRAILER STORAGE / PARKING

Village ordinance requires that boats, campers or trailers may only be stored/parked at a residence if located in a garage or other fully enclosed structure that substantially conceals them from public view. A boat, camper, or trailer may be parked at a residence for the purpose of loading or unloading for no more than 8 consecutive hours or 12 hours in a 24-hour period.

Non-compliance may result in fines. Any questions regarding the ordinance should be addressed to the Village Code Enforcement Officer at (630) 243-2704.

ODD-EVEN WATERING REGULATIONS IN EFFECT

Properties with an odd number address may water on odd-numbered calendar days. Properties with an even numbered address may water on even numbered calendar days. No lawn sprinkling is allowed from the Village water system between the hours of 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Odd-even regulations apply until October 1. On the day new sod is laid, residents may water freely (no permit required). Thereafter, the odd-even regulations apply.

SWIMMING POOLS

Swimming pools 24" and higher require a building permit and a 5' protective barrier. Call (630) 257-1580 for more information.

LAWN SPRINKLER AND COMMERCIAL RPZ VALVE CERTIFICATION

The Village of Lemont has contracted with Backflow

Solutions, Inc. (BSI) to administer our cross-connection control/backflow tracking program. The Village will be utilizing BSI Online for all test report submittals. All annual backflow assembly test reports must be submitted electronically via the BSI Online system at www.bsionlinetracking.com by the testing company. Please note BSI does charge a filing fee per test report submitted.

Each resident who owns a backflow assembly (RPZ valve) will be sent a notification letter from BSI with a Customer Confirmation Number (CCN). This number must be given to the tester in order for the reports to be properly filed with BSI.

For any questions regarding this program, please contact BSI via e-mail (bsionline@backflow.com) or phone (800) 414-4990.

Any residents wishing to permanently disconnect their lawn sprinkling system must contact the Village of Lemont Building Department at (630) 257-1580.

MOSQUITO ABATEMENT

This year, as in past years, the Public Works Department will manage the Village's Mosquito Abatement Program. Employees have been licensed through the Illinois Department of Agriculture to perform the application.

Residential spraying will be limited only to periods of excessive annoyance. Storm drains will be treated

regularly because control of larvae is critical to the success of any mosquito abatement program.

For more information, please contact the Public Works Department at (630) 257-2532. Sign up to Stay Informed to be informed. Register for this service on the Village website at www.lemont.il.us.

How You Can Help

- Promptly remove standing water from all pots, containers, and tire swings around the yard. Mosquitoes can develop in only five days.
- Keep weeds and grass mowed. Keep gutters free of leaves and debris so water runs freely. Change the water in bird baths once a week.
- Clean and chlorinate swimming pools, outdoor saunas, and hot tubs regularly. Drain water from pool covers.
- Take all recommended precautions to avoid mosquito bites. Use DEET insect repellent when outdoors.





2024–2025 Annual Vehicle Stickers On Sale Now

Please Use The Convenient Online Purchase Option

BUY ONLINE AT:
[www.lemont.il.us/
 VehicleStickers](http://www.lemont.il.us/VehicleStickers)



FOR MORE INFO:
630-257-1550

PRICE UNTIL JULY 31, 2024

ALL PRICES INCREASE BY \$10.00 AFTER JULY 31

For more information:

- Visit www.lemont.il.us/VehicleStickers
- Stickers may be purchased online or by mail. Please allow 7 to 10 business days for stickers to be mailed to you. **Mail to: Village of Lemont, Dept. #14, P.O. Box 88565, Carol Stream, Illinois 60188.**

PRICE		SENIOR VEHICLE LICENSE STICKER FEES (Age 65+)	
Antique	\$ 12.00	PRICE	
Bus and Motor Home	\$ 75.00	Senior Motorcycle	\$25.00
Motorcycle or Motor Bicycle	\$ 50.00	Senior Passenger	\$30.00
Passenger	\$ 60.00	Senior Truck "B"	\$50.00
Truck "B"	\$100.00	GET YOURS TODAY! STRICTLY ENFORCED!	
Truck "D" and "F"	\$175.00		
Truck "H" and "J" through "Z"	\$200.00		
Transfer Lost Replacement	\$ 6.00	CURRENT VILLAGE HALL HOURS MON – FRI: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM	

Letters have been sent to all registered vehicle owners.

The Flushable Fiasco . . .

Our commitment to maintaining our community's infrastructure is ongoing. However, we are often faced with a pressing issue that requires the attention of all residents: *the impact of flushable wipes on our sewage system.*

Despite their label, flushable wipes pose a significant threat to our sewage infrastructure. These wipes do not disintegrate like toilet paper, leading to clogs and pump failures in our sewage system. As a result, our Public Works Water & Sewer Department spends \$65,000 annually on replacing centrifugal pumps in our sewage pumping stations. The Village operates 12 sewage pumping stations, each equipped with two centrifugal pumps. These stations ensure that wastewater reaches treatment facilities regardless of geographical obstacles and protects the environment from untreated sewage discharge. However, these centrifugal pumps continually experience failure resulting when flushable and regular wipes bind up the pump impellers.

To mitigate the impact on our sewage system and reduce costly repairs and centrifugal pump replacements, it is imperative that residents refrain from flushing any wipes, including those labeled as "flushable" down the toilet. Instead, we encourage proper disposal of wipes in the trash.

As a community, we must work together to protect our infrastructure and preserve the beauty of Lemont. By adopting responsible flushing habits and spreading awareness to friends and neighbors, we can prevent further damage to our sewage system and ensure a cleaner, more sustainable future for all.



Village Centrifugal Pump Showing Flushable Wipe Binding

Lead Service Line Replacement Program

If you have not yet completed the Lead Service Line Replacement Questionnaire, the Village still needs your cooperation in identifying lead pipe service lines in your home or building to comply with a crucial state mandate aimed at safeguarding our community's health. If your home or building was constructed before 1986, your participation is vital in ensuring the safety of your drinking water and protecting the well-being of your family. If you do not receive a water bill from the Village of Lemont, you are not connected to the Village's water supply distribution system.

As mandated by the State of Illinois (Public Act 102-0613), the Village initiated the Lead Service Line Replacement Program last July. This program was designed to gather vital information on the material of water service lines in homes and buildings constructed before 1986, a time when the lead pipes were commonly used in plumbing systems.

To facilitate this process, we communicated information to residents, including a mass-mailing and distributed door-tag-hanger to all pre-1986 homes and buildings in Lemont. These communications included a request for residents to complete the Lead Service Line Replacement Questionnaire, a crucial step in identifying lead pipes within our community.

Despite our extensive efforts, there are approximately 1000 homes in Lemont that have yet to submit the required Lead Service Line Replacement Questionnaire. Your prompt attention is critical in meeting the state mandate and safeguarding our community against the dangers of lead contamination.

How Can You Help:

If your home or building was built before 1986 and you have not yet completed the questionnaire:

- Visit our website for complete instructions on how to test your line and how to complete the short questionnaire. Identify the type of material your service line is made of, and enter this information. Website: <https://lemont.il.us/lead-service-line-replacement>.
- If you do not have access to the internet, call our Public Works Department and they can help you.
Brian Wojciechowski – 630-754-4147 or email bwojciechowski@lemont.il.us
Jerry Turrise – 630-754-4148 or email gturrise@lemont.il.us
- Even if your home does not have lead pipes, please complete the questionnaire and report the material of your service line. If you do not, our Village staff will still have to obtain this information from you.
- Spread the word among your neighbors, friends, and family. Encourage them to submit the questionnaire and participate in the lead pipe identification process. Together, we can make a significant impact in safeguarding our community's health and well-being.

Your involvement is crucial in this collective effort to protect our community. Let's work together to identify and replace lead pipes, ensuring a safer and healthier future for all.

ONLINE WATER BILL PAYMENT OPTIONS

With the completion of a recent software upgrade, utility customers have additional options to pay their monthly Village utility bill. Utility customers will still have the same login, account number and user experience after entering the Village's secure online portal, which can be found on the Village's website at www.lemont.il.us.

The Village has expanded our payment methods to include eChecks. The expanded payment features give Lemont utility customers the option to schedule their bill payment in advance, make recurring payments with credit cards and eChecks. Customers can also view bills, consumption analysis and account history.

Existing bank draft payments will remain in place. However, to switch to recurring credit card payments you must unenroll in bank draft via the Village website form.

The Village's other utility bill payment options, such as the utility bill Dropbox at 416 Main Street, U.S. Mail or visiting the Finance Department in person during normal business hours, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday, remain the same.

For more utility billing information, visit the Village's website or call the Finance Department at (630) 257-1550.

NEW WATER RATE STRUCTURE WENT INTO EFFECT FEBRUARY 1, 2024

As noted in previous communications, the Village retained HR Green, a professional engineering firm, to assist us in conducting a water and sewer rate study to make sure that the water and sewer fund remains financially healthy and is sufficient through user fees (rates).

The rates were restructured to meet the following objectives:

1. Promote water conservation to meet the permit conditions established by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) to maintain the Lake Michigan Water Allocation.
2. Determine the revenue needed to cover the costs of operations, annual debt service, and capital improvements while meeting the following financial criteria: (a) Meet the debt covenant requirement; (b) Maintain a 3-month operating expenditure reserve; and (c) Maintain a positive cash balance.
3. Reduce the financial burden on senior citizens for essential water.

The Village Board approved a new rate structure that meets the above mentioned objectives while keeping in place the base fee plus volume-based structure for water usage, and leaving the sewer charge flat for residential accounts and the senior discount for essential water. In order to encourage water conservation the water rate is tiered and increases to higher levels where consumption goes significantly beyond essential usage. Water consumption can be viewed online by creating a user profile on the Village's website as mentioned above in the Online Water Bill Payment Options section.



WANT TO SAVE ON YOUR WATER BILL?

Follow the **Odd-Even Watering Regulations** as shown in our Seasonal Reminders on page 8 and the water savings tips in the chart on page 5 of this newsletter. What ideas do you have to conserve water and lower your water bill?

CONSERVE & SAVE!

New Water Service Rate Structure Effective 2/01/2024

Residential Bi-Monthly Fees	Non Senior	Senior
Base Fee (0-4,000 gallons)	\$50.13	\$25.06
4,001 – 18,000 gallons (\$/1,000 gallons)	\$8.85	\$4.43
18,001 – 36,000 gallons (\$/1,000 gallons)	\$12.00	\$12.00
Greater than 36,000 gallons (\$/1,000 gallons)	\$16.00	\$16.00
Commercial Bi-Monthly Fees	Commercial	
Base Fee (0-4,000 gallons)	\$52.63	
Greater than 4,000 gallons (\$/1,000 gallons)	\$9.29	

New Sewer Service Rate Structure Effective 2/01/2024

Residential Bi-Monthly Fees	Non Senior	Senior
Base Fee	\$45.00	\$22.50
Commercial Bi-Monthly Fees	Commercial	
Base Fee (0-25,000 Gallons)	\$50.00	
Greater than 25,000 gallons (\$/1,000 gallons)	\$1.25	

NEWS FROM THE LEMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT



KOPS - N - KIDZ NIGHT WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2024 | 5:30 – 7:30 PM HISTORIC DOWNTOWN LEMONT

On August 14, 2024, the Lemont Police Department will be hosting their Kops-N-Kidz Night. This event will be held to celebrate National Night Out in combination with the annual Law Enforcement/Emergency Vehicle car show (6-9 pm) in downtown Lemont.

The Law Enforcement/Emergency Vehicle car show is a wonderful annual event that attracts many visitors from Lemont and neighboring communities. The evening is designed to strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships, as well as heighten crime and drug prevention awareness. It is also a great opportunity to further elevate the relationship of the Lemont Police Department and the children of our community.

Last year, we had a record number of departments participate in our show. More than fifty law enforcement vehicles from various agencies came to display their "best on two and four wheels". The children and adults were excited to interact with the officers while enjoying giveaways courtesy of Target/Lemont and the various agencies represented. Popcorn and Pop-Ice treats were enjoyed by all while looking at all the cool vehicles.

This annual event continues our mission to educate the community on safety, expose the children to many law enforcement specialties, and foster the relationship between our officers and residents. Plaques for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and "Best Specialty Vehicle" will be awarded. To end the evening, the children and their families will be treated to a parade of lights and sirens by the Law Enforcement/Emergency vehicles.

If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact Judy Radomski at (630)257-2229 X2413 or jradomski@lemont.il.us.



LOCK IT or LOSE IT



REMOVE your valuables.
LOCK your vehicles.

PROTECTING LEMONT

Remove Your Valuables | Lock Your Vehicles

LOCK IT OR LOSE IT

Leaving your home or vehicle unlocked puts you and your family at risk! Don't provide criminals with the opportunity to burglarize your home or vehicle. When thinking of crime prevention (or specifically how to keep your things safely yours) always remember the three elements that must be present in order for a crime to happen:

DESIRE | ABILITY | OPPORTUNITY

If just one of those three elements is removed, the crime simply cannot occur.

You cannot eliminate a criminal's **desire** to commit a crime. You have no control over a criminal's **ability** to commit a crime. But you can remove the criminal's **opportunity** to burglarize your home or vehicle by locking your doors and windows and securing your property out of view.

FIREWORKS

It is unlawful to discharge or set off any fireworks or pyrotechnics in the Village, provided that public exhibitions of fireworks and pyrotechnics may be given if a permit therefore is granted by the Village Mayor and Board of Trustees.

Each year, the NFPA estimated that fireworks caused 19,500 fires, including 1,900 structure fires, 500 vehicle fires, and 17,100 other fires.

These fires resulted in an estimated 9,100 emergency room trips. One-third of the people injured by fireworks were under the age of 15. Sparklers, Fountains and novelties accounted for 25% of the injuries. Fireworks has surpassed cigarettes in statistics for fire causation.

Be sure to check the regulations on the sale, possession, and usage of specific fireworks in neighboring states if you plan to include them in your celebrations outside of Illinois. It's important to exercise caution whenever igniting fireworks.



Some of the main causes of injury are:

- Not following instructions.
- Lighting too many fireworks at once - this doesn't give you time to get out of the way. This also applies when lighting sparklers as lighting a bunch may result in a flame travelling up the sparklers and burning your hand.
- Going back to a firework once it's been lit. Even if it doesn't appear to have ignited, it may flare up once you approach it - don't risk it!
- Lack of supervision - there should be one adult in charge of lighting fireworks.
- Getting too close to fireworks - there are safe minimum distances for spectators to stand. Be aware of this and never place fireworks in your pocket.

Remember:

- Never make your own fireworks.
- Never throw or point fireworks at someone, even in jest.
- Light one firework at a time (not in glass or metal containers), and never relight a dud.
- Soak all fireworks in a bucket of water before throwing them in the trash can.
- If a child is injured by fireworks, immediately go to a doctor or hospital. If an eye injury occurs, don't allow your child to touch or rub it, as this may cause even more damage.

LEMONT ORDINANCE

8.12.010. - Fireworks and display permits.

- a. It is unlawful to store any fireworks in the Village, excepting as may be necessary for the performance of a licensed public exhibition of pyrotechnics, as provided for in this chapter. Any such storage must be under the supervision of and subject to the approval of the fire marshal.
- b. It is unlawful to sell or offer for sale any fireworks or pyrotechnics in the Village.
- c. It is unlawful to discharge or set off any fireworks or pyrotechnics in the Village, provided that public exhibitions of fireworks and pyrotechnics may be given if a permit therefore is granted by the Village Mayor and Board of Trustees.
- d. Such exhibitions shall be given subject to the supervision of the Chief of Police or his designee.

(Code 1964, § 25.201; Code 1988, § 8.32.010)

LEMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT HOSTED SD113A SPECIAL EDUCATION OPEN HOUSE

The Lemont Police Department hosted its SD113A Special Education Open House on April 10, 2024. The event was open to any child grade K-5 in the SD113A Special Education program along with a parent to come to the station for an evening of fun.

The night was a huge success. The event began with a Happy Meal dinner for the children, thanks to the generosity of McDonald's Lemont, and pizza for the adults. There were police-related coloring pages, tours of the station, craft activities, ISP Safety Education giveaways, Wax Hand molds, and visiting with the Cook County Sheriff's Police K-9 Officers and Bloodhounds. At the end of the event, each child received a goodie bag to take home.

Special thanks to McDonald's Lemont, SEASPAR, Illinois State Police Safety Education, John Duplancich Wax Hands, and Cook County Sheriff's Police K-9 Unit for participating in our event. We have proven that together, we can make a difference!



Summer Fun All Summer Long!



Lemont Farmers Market Tuesday Evenings Through October 15 Village Green | 322 Main Street Historic Downtown Lemont | 4 to 7 p.m.

Join us for this season's Lemont Farmers Market hosted by Aster Gardens starting Tuesday, June 11, through October 15 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Vendors feature vegetables and fruit, flowers, mushrooms, local honey, micro greens, crepes and more! Stay tuned as we continue to add vendors and programming.

See more at www.lemontdowntown.com and/or the Lemont Farmers Market Facebook page.



2024 SCHEDULE

HOME GAMES ARE HIGHLIGHTED! MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

Join the Qmen for an afternoon of good old fashioned fun enjoying the game of baseball as it was played before the Civil War. For more information, call Susan at Smokey Row Antique Shop at 630-888-5259.

DATE	TIME	LOCALE	TEAM
5/5	1:30 pm	AWAY	Quarrymen v. Oregon Ganeymedes & Creston Regulators at Creston, IL
5/18	12:00 Noon	HOME	Quarrymen v. McLean County Prairie Chickens & DuPage Plowboys
6/2	1:00 pm	AWAY	Quarrymen v. Oregon Ganeymedes at Oregon
6/22	1:00 pm	AWAY	Quarrymen v. McHenry County Independents at Crystal Lake
6/30	2:00 pm	AWAY	Quarrymen v. McHenry County Independents at Crystal Lake
7/13	12:00 Noon	HOME	Quarrymen vs. Blue Island
7/20	TBD	AWAY	Quarrymen v. TBD at Bloomington Event (1884 Rules)
8/3	2:00 p.m.	AWAY	Quarrymen v. Blue Island at Blue Island
8/18	12:00 Noon	HOME	Quarrymen v. Milwaukee & Creston Regulators
8/25	TBD	AWAY	Quarrymen v. Valparaiso at Valparaiso, IN
8/31	TBD	AWAY	Quarrymen v. Blue Island at Pullman Historic Site
9/8	TBD	AWAY	Quarrymen v. DuPage Plowboys at Lake Zurich
9/14	TBD	AWAY	Quarrymen v. Milwaukee at Milwaukee

Base Ball Fans, Show Some Ginger and Come Support the Lemont Quarrymen!

Home Field Located at 13900 Main Street, Lemont (Mt. Assisi Field)



Wednesday Nights: 6 – 9 p.m. Historic Downtown Lemont Hosted by Village of Lemont

2024 Featured Car Schedule & Theme Nights

6/5	Calling All Cars, Trucks & Motorcycles	
6/12	Chevy / Corvette	Expo Night
6/19	Buick / Oldsmobile / Pontiac	Kids Night
6/26	Jeep / 4 x 4	
NO SHOW JULY 3		
7/10	Ford / Mustang	
7/17	Imports: Euro, JDM	Expo Night
7/24	Farm Tractors	Kids Night
7/31	Mopar	
8/7	Exotic Cars	STEM Night / EXPO Night
8/14	Emergency Vehicles	
8/21	Street Rods / Antiques	
8/28	Calling All Cars, Trucks & Motorcycles	Last Show of the Season

Lemont Park District & Village of Lemont Present . . .

Sunset Soiree FREE Summer Concert Series Historic Downtown Lemont | 7 to 10 p.m.



All Concerts begin at 7:00 p.m. Seating opens at 6:00 p.m.

- June 6 Beyond the Blonde: Tribute to Pink, Gwen Stefani and Lady Gaga
- June 13 Whiskey Road: Country Hits
- June 20 Tim Gleason Band: Country Hits
- July 11 Strung Out: Ultimate 70's Experience
- July 18 Timing's Everything: Dance & Rock Hits
- July 25 Spun: Rock, 90's to Today

Lemont Park District's FREE "Movie in the Park" Events

Event begins at 7 p.m. FREE to attend. Bring your lawn chairs & blankets.
Concessions will be sold. Movie begins at dark. Concessions will be sold.

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| • June 4 | <i>The Little Mermaid (2023)</i> | Centennial Park |
| • June 25 | <i>Wonka (2023)</i> | Covington North Park |
| • July 9 | <i>Jurassic Park</i> | Northview Park |

Lemont Park District Presents . . .

Freedom Days!

Celebrate Freedom Days All Week Long!
Full Event Details at www.LemontParkDistrict.org

June 26 | 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Sky High Kite Fly

Location: Centennial Park | Bring your own kite!

June 27 | 6:00 p.m.

Veterans Tribute | Must Register in Advance

Location: Lemont VFW | Featuring Brats & Beer

FREE for Active & Retired Military | All participants MUST register in advance.

Registration Number: 741700-A1

June 28 | All Day

Free to Be Fit Friday | Open House at The CORE

July 3 | 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Star Spangled Splash | Free Pool Party

Location: Centennial Outdoor Pool

July 3 | 4:00 p.m.

Independence Day Celebration

Location: Centennial Park | Fireworks at approximately 9:30 p.m.

More Information: www.lemontparkdistrict.org – 630-257-6787

July 3 Independence Day Fireworks at Centennial Park

Brought to you by the Lemont Park District,
Lemont Township, and Village of Lemont

Summer Reads at the Park: 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Lemont Public Library reads some fun, interactive stories!
More fun follows with the Lemont Park District!

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| • June 3 | Mayfair Park |
| • June 17 | Virginia Reed Park |
| • July 15 | Kettering Park |
| • July 29 | Mayfair Park |
| • August 19 | Virginia Reed Park |



TOUCH A TRUCK

HOSTED BY LEMONT PARK DISTRICT

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

10 A.M. – 1 P.M.

OLD QUARRY SCHOOL PARKING LOT

FREE EVENT!

HAVE FUN CHECKING OUT & CLIMBING
ON TRUCKS, CARS AND
ALL TYPES OF FUN VEHICLES!



DON'T MISS . . . The 2024 Great Lakes Quarries Catch & Release Grand Fishing Derby

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MORE EVENTS & DATES TO REMEMBER

JUNE

- 8 & 9 The Forge Sings Disney (The Forge)
- 10 Read & Run Series (Village of Lemont)
- 16 Q on Canal: BBQ Competition & Festival in Downtown Lemont
- 22 The Forge Concert Series: Tennessee Whiskey & Ultimate Eric Church
- 29 Lemont Food Truck Festival (The Forge)
- 30 Frozen Movie Sing A Long Event (The Forge)

July

- 6 The Forge Concert Series: Think Floyd
- 13 Forge Fest: Fireworks & Live Music at The Forge
- 14 Princess & Hero Walk in Downtown Lemont
- 19-20 Little Mountain Community Theatre: Peter Pan
- 19 The Forge Concert Series: Southern Accents
- 20 Gravel Triathlon: The Forge
- 20 The Forge Concert Series: Fearless - Taylor Swift Tribute
- 21 Chicago Slackliners at The Forge
- 27 Giving Back to Lemont: Concert & Community Fest
- 27 The Forge Concert Series: Dancing Queen
- 28 The Forge Nature Series: Crosstown Exotics

August

- 2 The Forge Concert Series: Yachtley Crew
- 3 The Forge Taco/Margarita Fest
- 10 The Forge Concert Series: Second Hand News
- 11 Animals That Help: Movie in the Park "Arthur The King" with The Adventure Racing Association

LEMONTSTER DAYS

FALL INTO . . . LEMONTSTER DAYS FUN!

CELEBRATE HALLOWEEN LEMONT-STYLE THIS FALL

INFORMATION ON THIS FALL'S LINE-UP IS IN THE WORKS AND SHOULD BE AVAILABLE BY MID-SEPTEMBER

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

FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS, SUMMER IS EVENT SEASON | PLEASE USE OUR COMMUNITY CALENDAR TO AVOID CONFLICTS

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