



The Lakewood Newsletter

From the President

Dear Neighbors:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, we want to extend our very best wishes for a joyous holiday season to each of you and your families.



There are a number of issues and projects which merit mention, and these are summarized below:

Economic Development

As I have stated on numerous occasions, economic development is a priority for both the staff and elected officials. Not only does the addition of businesses provide new and accessible products and services for our residents, but diversification of our tax base is the most significant step we can take toward lowering our property tax rate (still the second lowest municipal rate in McHenry County).

Our newest business, **Confetti Gourmet**, opened at the end of September and has had great success to date. In addition to offering a variety of cooking classes for both youth and adults, there is a “Gourmet to Go” option that provides a healthy homemade dinner solution for busy families. As a patron of this feature, I am happy to provide a personal testimony! **Confetti Gourmet** also offers catering and a variety of in store spices and herbs.

I am also pleased to report that Steve Middaugh will be opening an Edward Jones office at Lakewood Commons in March. Steve Middaugh has been a financial advisor since 2002. The Lakewood Commons address for this new location is 8505 Redtail Drive, Suite K and the telephone number is 815-356-5401. Please join me in welcoming Steve and his staff to the Village of Lakewood.

We are also in discussions with a bakery to assume another one of the units at Lakewood Commons. If successful, only two units will remain open at Lakewood Commons. As always, please do not hesitate to contact our Village Manager, Catherine Peterson, with any prospects for commercial development within our community.

We are also experiencing an increase in residential development as three new homes have been built in The Reserves and a number of new homes are also under construction in Woodland Hills. Eight new townhomes are also under construction in The Highlands at RedTail. Several other new homes are under construction on scattered lots throughout the community. We anticipate that the spring will bring numerous building permits for new homes.

On a larger scale, the Board of Trustees has taken the first steps in the creation of a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District in the area of the Illinois Route 47 and Illinois Route 176 intersections. TIF is a program authorized by State Statute that allocates future increases in property taxes from a designated area (or TIF District) to pay for improvements within that area. Normally, property is taxed by several different governmental jurisdictions. The property taxes levied on a parcel of property are allocated to each district

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Holiday Schedules

Christmas Eve
Village Hall Closed at Noon
Wednesday, December 24

Christmas Day
Village Hall Closed:
Thursday, December 25

Trash and Recycling Pickup:
Saturday, December 27

New Year's Eve,
Village Hall Closed at Noon
Wednesday, December 31

New Year's Day,
Village Hall Closed:
Thursday, January 1

Trash and Recycling Pickup:
Saturday, January 3

Village Board Meeting
January and February
Held at Turnberry Country Club
(See back page for details)

Police and Fire Departments are on duty 24 hours a day

in accordance with its tax rate. Under TIF, property taxes resulting from increased value due to new development, rehabilitation or improvement, property appreciation, equalization, or rate changes are all allocated to the municipality. It is another step in the realization of our long term strategic plan for high quality commercial development in this corridor. A Public Hearing about the proposed TIF District will be held at 7:00 p.m. on January 13, 2015 at Turnberry Country Club. A copy of the TIF Eligibility Study is available on the front page of the Village's website.

Architectural Review Committee

Pursuant to the direction of the Board of Trustees, a group of residents was called together to serve as the Architectural Review Task Force. The group consisted of an architect, a builder, a trustee, and a staff member. Meeting over the course of the past few months, the Architectural Review Task Force was asked to review and analyze our existing architectural review process and identify areas of improvement. Their efforts resulted in two primary recommendations. The first was to incorporate architectural guidelines throughout the Municipal Code into a single location, which resulted in the creation of a new chapter of the Municipal Code – Chapter 36 Architectural Review Process. The second recommendation was to dissolve the Architectural Review Committee and replace it with a Village Architect, who has been serving as the Chairman of the Architectural Review Committee for many years. A summary of some of the more significant changes regarding building design and materials are listed below:

- ◆ Consistent, but not redundant message requiring continuity of design and detail, as well as the harmonious use of materials.
- ◆ While vertical termination is still prohibited at an outside corner, the Village will now allow for an 18" wrap of the masonry material.
- ◆ A run of an exterior wall greater than 36' will require a visual break.
- ◆ Variations to the required 7/12 roof pitch will be allowed, provided the pitch is consistent with the architectural design of the project.
- ◆ "Bubble" type skylights may be considered.
- ◆ There are no minimum R-value requirements for windows, which allows the existing Energy Code to appropriately establish minimum standards. Windows must be aluminum or vinyl clad wood or fiberglass composition.
- ◆ Exterior mechanical requires screening.
- ◆ Ornamental lights do not need to be "carriage" lights and the type of bulb is no longer regulated. Colored bulbs remain prohibited.
- ◆ Treated engineered wood is an acceptable exterior finish.
- ◆ Standing seam metal is an acceptable roofing material. Roofing must have a minimum wind resistance of 110 miles per hour.
- ◆ Fences and pools will be subject to the standard building permit review but will no longer require architectural review.

Our sincere thanks are extended to Trustee Carl Davis, resident/architect Pat Harris, resident/builder Keith DuShane, and Deputy Village Manager Shannon Andrews for their efforts to streamline our process while upholding our high architectural standards.

Building Department Updates

We are happy to announce that the Village has hired a new part-time Building Inspector, Brian Fragassi. Brian comes to the Village with a solid background, including municipal inspection experience and multiple certifications. He will be splitting his time between working mornings and afternoons to accommodate a variety of inspection needs. Welcome Brian!



East Side Sewer

I am pleased to report that we have successfully reached an Interim Agreement with the City of Crystal Lake until the installation of the new sewer mains on the East Side. We are actively working with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) for final engineering approval of the project and to secure a low interest loan. Our goal continues to be to bid the project in the winter and begin work as soon as weather permits. Thank you to the residents who were able to attend the public presentation about the project on October 14. As a reminder, a report about the East Sewer project is available on the front page of the Village of Lakewood's website.

Roadways

The summer of 2014 included one the largest roadway programs ever undertaken by the Village of Lakewood, and the program for the summer of 2015 will be even more significant. The entire length of Lakewood Road will be repaved from Haligus Road to Ackman Road, with the addition of bicycle lanes. Lake Avenue will be repaved from Huntley Road to our western corporate limits. As a reminder, 80% of this cost will be paid for with grant funds. Additionally, I am pleased to report that the Village has recently secured another roadway grant. This specific grant will pay for the repaving of Lake Avenue from our eastern corporate limits to Huntley Road. The total cost is expected to be \$850,016 and the reimbursement will be \$648,013.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with questions regarding any Village related matter.

Sincerely,

Erin

Village President

APRIL 7, 2015 ELECTION CANDIDATES FOR THREE TRUSTEES

Candidate petition packets are available at the Lakewood Village Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. There are three available Village Trustee positions, each being four year terms. Candidates must be 18 years of age and a resident of the Village of Lakewood for at least one year prior to the election date of April 7, 2015. Nomination papers must be filed at Village Hall between December 15, 2014 and December 22, 2014 by 5 p.m. More detailed information is available in the candidate packets or at www.elections.state.il.us.

POLICE NEWS



HOLIDAY HOME SECURITY

Thank you for everything you do to help keep the neighborhoods safe. Here is a checklist for keeping your home and vehicles secure:

- ✓ Close and lock all doors and windows for your home and cars. Most unlawful entries are made through unlocked doors.
- ✓ Use lights, inside and out, and consider timers and motion sensors, as most burglars will not attempt to enter a home if there is an indication of people inside.
- ✓ Keep trees and shrubbery from growing over windows or blocking the view of doors.
- ✓ If traveling, please avoid the temptation to advertise your travel plans on social media; make arrangements for your mail and newspapers; and consider contacting the police department to be added to the vacation House Watch list. Finally, if possible, leave a car in the driveway.

Hopefully, with these simple precautions, we can keep our neighborhoods safe from intruders. And, as always, if you see any suspicious people or vehicles, please call 9-1-1 and report them immediately.

BEWARE OF SCAMS

Unfortunately, the holidays can provide prime opportunities for fraud through email or phone scams. Please be aware that these scams can involve the receipt of emails or phone calls from someone claiming to be a family member or friend in desperate need of money. If you find yourself in this situation, please consider using the following tips:

- Resist the urge to act immediately, no matter how dramatic the story.
- Verify the person's identity by asking questions that a stranger couldn't possibly answer.
- Call a phone number for your family member or friend that you know to be genuine.
- Check the story out with someone else in your family or circle of friends, even if you've been told to keep it a secret.
- Don't wire money – or send a check or money order by overnight delivery or courier.

HELPFUL REMINDERS

- ⇒ Make sure that your address is clearly visible to enable all emergency responders to locate you.
- ⇒ Always walk facing traffic so you can be seen by the drivers and you can see the drivers too.

**Please have a HAPPY AND SAFE
HOLIDAY SEASON!**

WINTER FIRE SAFETY INFORMATION

Ensure you and your family's safety this winter by keeping in mind these safety tips:



Keep Fire Hydrants Clear of Snow - An accessible and properly functioning fire hydrant is a vital part of any firefighting operation. Please avoid piling snow on or around fire hydrants. If possible, especially during very heavy snow falls, take a few extra minutes to 'adopt' your nearest fire hydrant by clearing the snow from around the hydrant. This improves the firefighter's ability to quickly locate and access the hydrant in an emergency.

Heating Systems - Heating systems need to be checked each year to make sure they are running safely and efficiently. Make sure your system is checked **BEFORE** the heating season is in full swing. If there is a problem, you'll want to find out in advance so you can avoid an emergency situation. If you heat with gas, you need to make sure all gas connections are tight and the pilot light is operating properly. Remember, **GAS IS EXPLOSIVE!** All maintenance and repairs should be done by qualified personnel.

Space Heaters - Use space heaters for a limited time each day and never connect to an outlet with an extension cord. When not in use, be sure to unplug the unit and let it cool down if you will be storing the unit. Keep a window ajar or the door open in a room where an un-vented heater is in use. Never use heaters to dry clothing or other combustibles.

Chimneys and Flues - Chimneys and flues are not just for fireplaces. Most home heating systems require chimneys and flues to vent. Making sure they are unobstructed and in good condition can help prevent a deadly backup of carbon monoxide gas in your home. All chimneys and flues should be checked to assure that there are no obstructions, clogs, bird nests, or mechanical damage to moving parts. Any of these scenarios can lead to a build-up of deadly carbon monoxide inside your house.

Coal and Wood Burning Stoves - Use coal only if specifically approved by the stove manufacturer. Gasoline or other flammable liquids should never be used to start a wood fire since it might explode or flare up.

Fireplaces - Before using the fireplace for the first time in a season make sure the flue is open and unobstructed. If there are any obstructions, remove them. If not removed, these obstructions will cause carbon monoxide to back up into your home. Never leave a fireplace unattended. Fireproof mats or material should be used next to your fireplace and stoves. Chimneys and vents should be inspected and cleaned annually (see above). Don't burn newspapers or other trash in a fireplace because they burn too hot and can ignite a chimney fire and never use charcoal in the house. Charcoal produces massive amounts of carbon monoxide. A small bucket or pot of water left handy near the heating device can be used to douse any small embers that pop out onto rugs or other combustible surfaces.

Smoke Alarms and Carbon Monoxide Detectors - Test your home smoke alarms at least once per month. Do this by pressing the test button on the unit. If your detectors are battery operated, check the batteries often to make sure the units are operational. If you do not have one already installed, install a carbon monoxide detector to detect production of potentially lethal carbon monoxide by gas fireplaces, gas stoves, barbecues, gas furnaces.

If you have a fire or smoke emergency with your fireplace or other heating device, follow these rules:

- Do not try to fight a large fire yourself
- Call the Fire Department! Get out of the house!
- If you smell gas, or detect a gas leak, call the Fire Department!
- Note on propane: **DO NOT USE PROPANE DEVICES INDOORS!**

BE SAFE—HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!



News from RedTail Golf Club

Happy Holidays!

The RedTail Golf Shop is open 7 days per week until December 23rd for your holiday season shopping. Whether it is a golf shirt, shoes, golf balls, or outerwear, the golf shop has a nice selection of merchandise to choose from.

2015 Lesson Programs

We are excited to share with you the **2015 Lesson Program Brochure**. Available in the golf shop, this brochure provides the dates and times of all the programs being offered at RedTail in the coming year. From juniors to women only to adult only to short game clinics, we have a great selection of programs for learning or improving your game!

There are several new programs being introduced for all ages. First; the Spring Junior Clinics (April - May / 5 - 17 years old) and second; the Spring Women Flex Clinic (April - May / 18+ years old) and third; Adult Group Clinics (June - August / 18+) and fourth; the Jr. Competitive Prep (June - August / 9-17 years old) and fifth; the Cleveland "Custom" Wedge Clinic (June 11th) and last; the Game Improvement Clinics (April - September / 17+).

Holiday Gift Card Offer

RedTail Golf Club gift cards are the perfect gift for the special golfer in your life. Now through December 23rd, purchase \$75 worth of gift cards and receive a certificate for a complimentary green fee valid Monday – Thursday. Cart fee of \$14 not included. Other restrictions may apply.

RedTail 10 Play Pass Sale \$50 off

Now through December 23rd, the RedTail "10 Play Pass" is on sale for \$300. Each pass is valid for 10 green fees with cart Monday – Friday anytime. The "Pass" is also valid on weekends and Holiday's after 12 PM. Other restrictions may apply. For more information please call the golf shop at 815-477-0055.

Save the Date

Please "save the date" for the kick-off to the Junior Golf Lesson Program on Sunday, April 26th between 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM. Juniors, parents and family members are invited to come out to RedTail and receive an introduction to all the programs being offered for juniors in 2015. There is no fee associated with this event. Games and goody bags will be handed out to all juniors in attendance.

2015 Golf Outings

Dates Available!
Call Chris at
(815) 477-0055

Adult and Women Clinics

Available in April through September

2015 Spring Junior Clinics

Start in April–May
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Sundays

Give the gift of Golf Lessons for this holiday season!

Purchase a \$100 lesson gift card and receive an additional \$40 "bonus" gift certificate for free.

*This special expires 12/23/14 and certificates must be redeemed before October 31st, 2015 at RedTail Golf Club
Valid with Curt Peterson,
PGA Teaching Professional*

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS



WINTER OPERATIONS

In cooperation with the Village Police, Public Works will decide when to begin snow or ice control operations based on the icy conditions on streets, which seriously affect travel. In addition, the depth and time of snow accumulation, along with the volume of traffic will dictate when plowing operations will begin.

During each snow event, we keep our equipment in the very best operational condition and work quickly to clear the roads, making them safe for travel. Here are a few steps that you can take to help keep the Village's streets safe and enhance our snow plowing operations:

ROCK ENCROACHMENTS IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY must be set back at least 10 feet from the street between October 1 and March 31. The Public Works Department is authorized to remove all non-compliant encroachments without notice since they present a hazard for which you would ultimately be liable.

MAILBOXES AND POSTS that are properly installed and are not rotting should not suffer any damage under normal snowplowing conditions. We suggest that you inspect and, if necessary, repair any mailboxes and/or posts which are in poor condition and are not properly installed or securely fastened, or that have set-backs which do not conform to the U.S. Postal Service requirements. A copy of these installation specifications can be obtained at Village Hall.

PARKING AFTER A SNOWFALL

According to Chapter 15.11 of the Municipal Code, it is unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to park or cause to be parked any vehicle on any public street within the corporate limits of the Village at any time after a snowfall of two inches or more has occurred, unless said public street has been cleared of snow and snow removal operations have been completed.

Be sure to park your vehicle off of the street when it starts to snow. This prevents the car from being plowed in, or from receiving a ticket and being towed.

REFUSE AND RECYCLING CONTAINERS should be promptly removed after pick up from the roadside as soon as possible in order to avoid contact with snowplows.

CHILDREN need to be reminded to stay clear of snowplows. These large trucks are unable to stop quickly and snow thrown from their blades often contains pieces of ice and debris.

DRIVEWAY snow cleared by residents needs to be piled along the right side as you face the road. It is hazardous to shovel, plow or blow snow on any public street. This may cause ice patches which are hazardous to drivers and may damage snowplows.

FIRE HYDRANTS located near your home need to be kept free from snow and visible on all sides. You can help the Fire Rescue Department by clearing snow around the hydrant so it is accessible on all sides in the event of an emergency. It is there for your protection and that of your neighbors.

Be aware that you will get snow in your driveway! It is a snow removal fact, especially in cul-de-sacs. The Public Works Department strives to minimize this problem, but sometimes it is unavoidable.

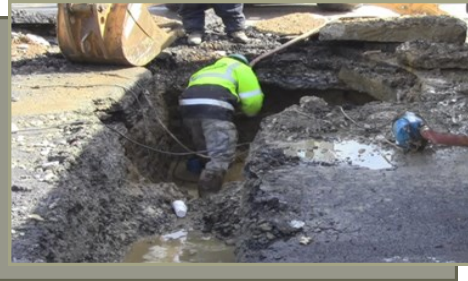
To report snow plow damage, call Village Hall at (815) 459-3025 or send an email to info@village.lakewood.il.us.

MAILBOX DAMAGE POLICY

MAILBOX DAMAGE occurs occasionally, despite the efforts of our Public Works snow plow operators. It is the policy of the Village of Lakewood to pay damage claims for or make physical repairs to only those mailboxes and/or posts that have been **directly hit** by a snowplow blade or some portion of the plow truck.

The Village is not liable for damage to boxes and/or posts that are unable to withstand the force of plowed snow. A Mailbox hit by a plow will look demolished or have a clear indication of being struck by a plow blade.

WATERMAIN BREAKS



It's that time of year again . . . when the outdoor temperature drops below freezing. Each year the freezing and thawing temperatures can cause water main breaks.

If you should see water coming out of the ground, or notice that something else might be happening with regard to water main breaks, please call the following numbers for assistance:

Weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (815) 459-3025
After hours, holidays, and weekends (815) 459-2151

At times, it may become necessary to shut off water service to homes in order to repair a water main break. When possible, residents are notified prior to having their water turned off. The Public Works Department will work around the clock to repair the break and get your water back in service.

Proceed with caution in areas around a water main break. Be alert for ice on the roadway. If icy conditions exist, please call the phone numbers listed above. Often excavation is required to repair the water main break. If you have an excavated area near your home, do not attempt to fill in the site. The repair crew will leave the site in a safe manner and will return to repair the area in the spring when the ground has thawed.



HOLIDAY LIGHTS RECYCLING



Don't throw away your tangled, frayed or burned-out holiday lights this year! In support of the Strategic Plan goal to be "green" mindful and sustainable, the Village will offer recycling of holiday lights and extension cords. A receptacle will be available at Village Hall through January 31, 2015.

Acceptable Items are: Mini-lights (also known as Italian lights), C7 Lights, C9 Lights, Rope Lights, LED Lights and Extension Cords.

CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP

Trees will be picked up by MDC Environmental Services on either Friday, January 9 or Friday, January 23, 2015.

Please note that your tree may not be picked up on the first date due to the heavy volume and available space in the trucks. Trees may be tied or placed in plastic bags.

CHRISTMAS TREE DROP OFF

Trees will also be accepted for drop off at the following locations between December 26 and January 31:

Ringwood

Glacial Park first parking area off of Harts Road

Harvard

Twin Oaks parking area at Rush Creek

Algonquin Township Road District

3702 Route 14
Crystal Lake
(Residents only)



MCRide Dial-A-Ride Service in Lakewood

Whether you need transportation for work, school, shopping or visiting a friend, MCRide now provides Lakewood residents an affordable and stress-free way to travel.

This program provides curb-to-curb, wheelchair accessible service to eligible riders in the service area. Simply call (800) 451-4599 or (815) 363-4305 the day before you need a ride or same day (with 2 hours advance notice) and let them know your pick-up and drop-off location, along with your desired pick-up-time.

There is a base fare of \$2.00 for the first five miles, \$0.25 cents for each additional mile. If you are a senior over the age of 60, or someone with a disability, you will receive a discounted fare.

When your scheduled pick-up time arrives, meet the MCRide bus at the curb and enjoy the trip to your destination. MCRide is a shared-ride service, so you may even meet a new friend along the way!

VILLAGE PRESIDENT

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Ralph Webster - (815) 459-1797

POLICE CHIEF

Leigh Rawson - (815) 459-2151

REDTAIL GENERAL MANAGER

Chris Neuhart - (815) 477-0055

Winter Health & Safety Tips

In the cold weather, please keep these health and safety tips in mind:

- ◆ Monitor young children, elderly family members and neighbors, who are particularly susceptible to the dangers of the cold.
- ◆ Don't venture out in extremely cold weather unless absolutely necessary. If you must go out, be sure to dress in layers. A hat is a must, as 40% of body heat is lost through the head.
- ◆ Exercise caution when shoveling snow—overexertion can sometimes lead to tragedy.

VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS

Reminder that the Village Board Meetings for December 2014, January 2015, and February 2015 will be held at Turnberry Country Club, 9600 Turnberry Trail.

Attention Snowbirds

The 2015 vehicle sticker application will be mailed with the your February or March utility bill. In order to accommodate snowbirds and allow vehicle stickers to be purchased by the April 30 deadline, we will gladly send your utility bill to your winter address.

Simply call Village Hall or drop us a note with your winter mailing address and the date you plan to return to the Village of Lakewood. If you have any questions, please contact Village Hall, (815) 459-3025.



Village of Lakewood

2500 Lake Avenue
Village of Lakewood, IL 60014

Hours: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. – Mon. – Fri.

Phone Numbers:

Emergency: -----	9-1-1
Village Hall: -----	(815) 459-3025
Fire (Non-Emergency): -----	(815) 459-1797
Police (Non-Emergency): -----	(815) 459-2151
Building Department: -----	(815) 459-4671
Public Works Department: -----	(815) 459-3025
MDC Environmental Services: -----	(815) 568-7274
Village Hall Fax: -----	(815) 459-3156
E-mail: -----	info@village.lakewood.il.us