



# The Lakewood Newsletter

## From the President

Dear Neighbors,

I hope you have had a wonderful summer and have had an opportunity to enjoy our community’s many outdoor amenities – walking or biking along our new pathways; attending Celebrate Lakewood; swimming, boating, or fishing on our lakes; or golfing on one of our four courses. As an organization and a community, it has been an eventful summer. Following is a summary of relevant projects or issues:

### **Turnberry Country Club**

I am pleased to report that Turnberry Country Club (TCC) was purchased in July by First Leap Holdings, LLC. The principal of First Leap Holdings, LLC is Mr. Sundeep Oberoi. His associate, Mr. Rahul Singh, will oversee the day to day operations of TCC. Mr. Oberoi and Mr. Singh have developed and operate a software development company. They also have a large real estate portfolio which includes two golf courses and a 36,000 square foot fitness center/ recreational facility.

An open house was held at TCC in late July. It was very well attended by members of the community, many of whom shared their ideas for the future of TCC. Mr. Oberoi said the purpose of the open house was to “engage the members, neighbors, and larger community in an open dialogue about how to build on the strengths of the club and craft a vision to shape a strategy and direction for the facility. It is our goal to have Turnberry Country Club serve as the golf and social destination for McHenry County and the greater Northern Illinois area.”

Please join me in welcoming Mr. Oberoi to our community. As with all of our Lakewood businesses, community support is essential to the long-term success of TCC, which is a critical component of reinvestment and growth in our community. I would encourage all residents to explore the variety of membership options that will be available at TCC.

Finally, I would be remiss if I did not recognize the efforts of Wintrust Bank & Trust as it hired Kemper Sports Management to operate and maintain TCC during this extended period of transition. We owe them a debt of gratitude.

### **East Sewer Project**

After a long summer of dust and inconvenience, the project is nearly completed! In early September, the control panel for the lift station, as well as the electricity and telephone line to support it, will be installed. In mid September, we will start and test the control panel with project completion including the final coat of asphalt expected by the end of September.

While the restoration efforts specifically tied to this project have been completed, questions have been asked about reforestation efforts along the Broadway median. We would like to develop a long term strategy for this project, and we will be soliciting input from the neighborhood. We look forward to hearing your thoughts!

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**TRICK OR TREAT HOURS**  
**October 31, 2016**  
**3 p.m.—7 p.m.**

### Holiday Schedules

**Thanksgiving**  
**Village Hall Closed:**  
Thursday, Nov. 24  
Friday, Nov. 25

**Trash, Recycling and Yardwaste Pickup:**  
Saturday, Nov. 26

Police and Fire Departments are on duty 24 hours a day

### ATTENTION!!

The Village’s electronics recycling and Styrofoam recycling programs are now closed. Please contact the Environmental Defenders of McHenry County at [mcdef.org](http://mcdef.org) for other recycling options.

**Below is a copy of a recent Press Release regarding the departure of Village Manager, Catherine Peterson:**

After 14 years of dedicated service to the Village of Lakewood, Village Manager Catherine Peterson will be leaving in early September as she has accepted a position as Dean of the Woodstock Center of Aurora University.

Peterson began her career with the Village back in June 2002 when the community faced significant fiscal challenges. Throughout various Board transitions, including 3 Village Presidents, Peterson's consistent leadership and fiscally conservative management brought financial stability to the Village. The Village now has the lowest tax rate in McHenry County and has achieved a AAA bond rating, the highest possible bond rating and a designation reached by only 2.6% of Illinois municipalities.

Never compromising Lakewood's long-standing commitment to "quality living in a natural setting," she remained committed to long-term planning to secure Lakewood's future. Peterson was instrumental in diversifying the otherwise limited tax base by introducing Lou Malnati's to the community and further developing the Lakewood Commons commercial center. She prided herself in understanding the Village Board's vision and communicating this vision to potential developers early in the process.

Working to realize this vision, she oversaw the voluntary annexation of over 600 acres of property into the Village of Lakewood. Just last year, these properties were included in a Tax Increment Financing District, which better positions the Village to attract commercial development to the far western limits of the community. Peterson initiated the process of extending utilities to the critical intersection of IL Route 47 and IL Route 176 by completing both preliminary and phase II engineering. While construction won't commence until a viable project can be brought forward, these critical steps strategically position the Village for the growth necessary to sustain the needs of the community.

Understanding the critical value of investing in infrastructure, Peterson secured grant funding for significant roadway improvement projects. She has also placed an emphasis on improving drainage issues on the east side of the community through the continued investment in storm sewer maintenance and repair. In 2007, she oversaw the construction of a state of the art wastewater treatment facility. With the completion of the East Sewer project this summer, Peterson will have further advanced the Village towards becoming a self-sustaining community.

Peterson partnered effectively with other communities to provide the highest quality services to residents at the lowest price. She set an example for other communities to follow through intergovernmental agreements with the City of Woodstock, Woodstock Fire Rescue District and the City of Crystal Lake. The recent transition of fire service to the City of Crystal Lake through a long-term service agreement was an important step in securing financial stability for the Village in the future.

The Village of Lakewood is supported by a very capable staff, including outstanding Department Managers. Peterson was responsible for hiring Redtail Golf General Manager Chris Neuhart, Chief of Police Leigh Rawson and Deputy Village Manager Shannon Andrews, who will continue to provide outstanding leadership following her transition.

"Catherine Peterson has been an outstanding leader, both within the Village of Lakewood and the broader community," said Village President Erin Smith. "On behalf of the Village Board and the residents of Lakewood, I would like to thank Catherine for her strategic vision, strong financial leadership and many contributions to our community."

Please note that our Board voted unanimously on August 23rd to approve Shannon Andrews, our Deputy Village Manager, as Interim Village Manager effective September 9th.

Sincerely,

**Erin Smith**  
Village President



### Reminders:

**Daylight Savings Time** — November 6, 2016 it will be time to fall back and set your clocks back **one** hour. Also remember to change your smoke alarm batteries too!

**Attention Snowbirds**—Please notify us if your mailing address will be different for the winter months. Questions? Call (815) 459-3025.

**Watercraft** - Must be stored indoors beginning November 1, 2016.

**Rock Encroachments**— By October 1, Rocks must be set back at least 10 feet from any paved surface to permit unobstructed snow plowing and winter driving conditions.



## POLICE DEPARTMENT

### Medication Disposal Unit

The Village of Lakewood provides a safe collection site for the disposal of expired and unwanted prescription drugs, in order to better prevent these drugs from becoming a source for drug abuse.

The Drug Collection Unit is located in the lobby of Village Hall and is available for drug drop-off between the hours of 8:30 a.m and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.



No liquids or needles will be accepted. Residents are also encouraged to remove the identification labels prior to making their deposit.

### Door to Door Solicitation

Should you have an unlicensed solicitor knock on your door, please take the following action:

1. Tell them you are not interested.
2. After they leave, immediately call the Police Department's non-emergency phone number at (815) 459-2151 and report the activity of illegal door to door solicitation as it is occurring in your neighborhood. Provide the dispatcher with your address and the time that the solicitation occurred. This is the most effective way that the Police Department can identify these individuals.
3. Should you wish to avoid solicitors, we have a supply of "No Solicitors Invited" stickers at Village Hall that residents may pick up at no cost.



### Bicycle Safety Tips

The following bicycle safety tips are provided within the Illinois Bicycle Rules of the Road:

- Make sure your bike is equipped for safety and working properly. Every bike should have the required reflectors. Check the brakes often to see that they are working. The seat and handlebars should be securely attached and properly adjusted. Wearing a helmet may prevent you from being seriously injured in an accident.
- Keep both hands on the handlebars. Use a backpack or a bike carrier to hold your books, lunch or other items. Ride slower on wet streets, loose gravel or bumpy roads.
- Ride single file. Do not ride next to each other if possible.
- Always ride one to a bike. Your bike is harder to balance with another person on it, and a passenger may block your view of what's around you.
- Ride as close to the right edge of the road as practical. Certain conditions allow a bicyclist to move farther to the left if necessary, such as broken glass, drain grates, parked cars, left turns and passing.
- Ride in the same direction as other traffic, not against traffic.
- Slow down at intersections and railroad crossings to ensure it is safe to cross.
- Avoid riding at night. If you must ride in the dark, the law requires that your bike have a front light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet and a rear red reflector visible for up to 600 feet. Always wear white and/or reflective clothing when riding at night.

If you have any questions about bicycle safety or Illinois Bicycle Laws, please visit the Illinois Department of Transportation, bicycle safety at <http://idot.illinois.gov/home/bicycle>.





## CRYSTAL LAKE FIRE RESCUE

### Crystal Lake Fire Rescue Department Open House

The Crystal Lake Fire Rescue Department will host their annual Open House on Saturday, October 8, 2016 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Station 1, located at 100 W. Woodstock Street. The theme of this year's Open House is "Don't Wait – Check the Date. Replace your smoke alarms every 10 years".

Activities during Open House will include:

- Demonstrations of firefighting and rescue equipment
- Tours of the Fire Station
- Safety House (where children can learn how to escape from a smoke-filled house)
- Fire hose drills
- Fire extinguisher practice
- Rescue demonstrations
- Firefighter skills course for children
- Displays of fire trucks, ambulances, specialized apparatus and equipment
- Display of the Flight for Life helicopter

Bring your family to the Crystal Lake Fire Rescue Department Open House on October 8 to meet the firefighter/paramedics who are here to protect you and learn how smoke alarms can save lives!

### Home Heating Safety Tips

Fall is a good time to check your furnaces, space heaters, fireplaces and wood stoves. Home heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fires. Have your furnace inspected every year, use only space heaters from a recognized testing laboratory, keep your fireplaces and chimney clean and have your chimney inspected every year by a professional. These tips could greatly reduce your risk of a home heating fire.

### Recreational Burning

Recreational burning of hard landscape waste (brown stemmed branches exceeding 2" in diameter) may be conducted from time to time provided:

- The maximum diameter of the fire circle is 3 feet
- The wood is burned in a permanent or portable fireplace grill designed for outdoor use or upon an incombustible surface, such as stone
- Only a small amount of paper and/or brush may be used to start the fire as kindling
- The burn must occur solely on private property
- The burn shall not be conducted within 25 feet of a structure or combustible material

The burning of hard landscape waste that is produced on the premises for the purpose of disposing of such waste is expressly not defined as recreational burning.

### New App from FEMA

Preparing for a disaster takes some effort, but a new mobile device application developed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) aims to make it easier. The app has a number of features. It sends alerts from the National Weather Service, provides real-time maps of disaster resources such as shelters, has shortcuts to disaster assistance programs, provides hazard safety tips and reminders, and allows users to create a custom emergency kit checklist.

The app also has some functionality when there is no access to cellular network or wireless internet access, allowing access to tips and checklists without connectivity.

We encourage you to have three days worth of supplies at the ready. Food and water are primary, but also include medications and other sustaining items while awaiting government assistance or recovery efforts. Important documents should be ready to go as well.

Receive alerts from the National Weather Service for up to five locations.

Get safety reminders, read tips to survive natural disasters, and customize your emergency checklist.

Locate open shelters and where to talk to FEMA in person (or on the phone).

Upload and share your disaster photos to help first responders.



## REDTAIL GOLF CLUB



### Join RedTail for 2017 and start playing today!

Purchase your 2017 membership today at 2016 prices. In appreciation, we will activate your membership privileges immediately to be used for the remainder of the 2016 golf season. Sign up today before prices reset for 2017.

#### Fall Scramble #1

Fall Scramble #1 is slated for October 22. The event format is a 4 person, 18 hole scramble starting at 9 a.m. Your \$59 fee includes golf, cart, driving range balls before the event, a tee gift, and lunch after the event. Prizes will be handed out in multiple flights.

Sign up sheets for the event are available in the golf shop and at [www.redtailgolf.com](http://www.redtailgolf.com)

#### Fall Scramble #2

Fall Scramble #2 is scheduled for November 6. The event format is a 4 person, 18 hole scramble starting at 10 a.m. Your \$59 fee includes golf, cart, driving range balls before the event, a tee gift, and lunch after the event. Prizes will be awarded in both Gross and Net Divisions.

Sign up sheets for the event are available in the golf shop and at [www.redtailgolf.com](http://www.redtailgolf.com)

#### 2017 Golf Outings

Event booking for 2017 has already started. Please contact the golf shop at (815) 477-0055 if you are interested in planning a golf event next season. Our professional staff would be happy to help you plan, organize, and run an event that your group will never forget. We can custom tailor your event for as few as 16 players or as many as 132.

### Distinguished Visitor in Lakewood!!

The very rare whooping crane made a surprise stop in the Village of Lakewood this summer. Named for its whooping sound, it is the tallest North American bird and is one of only two crane species found in North America. It was pushed to the brink of extinction in 1941 by unregulated hunting and loss of habitat. Conservation efforts have led to a limited recovery, with an estimated 437 birds in the wild and more than 165 in captivity.

Resident Nancy Williamson was able to capture and forward the images to the right, saying this was, "a testimony to Village's open space and natural areas!"



## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

### Fall Stormwater Tips



Fall is a time for football, cooler days and changing leaves. However, with the fall season also comes the inevitable need for yard cleanup. In autumn, leaves are

oftentimes blown or swept into storm drains and waterways and can become a source of water pollution. Once they reach waterways, leaves decompose and release phosphorous into the water, which can result in algae blooms and decreased oxygen for fish. However, pollutants are not the only problem. Leaves can also build up along curbs, gutters and storm drains, which can lead to localized flooding.

To reduce flooding situations and phosphorous levels in our waterways, consider utilizing the Village's yard waste pickup program. You might also consider using leaves in mulch or compost. While the organic debris is not ideal for aquatic life, composted leaves are an excellent resource for fertilizing your garden in the summer months. It provides necessary nutrients, while also reducing the need for chemical fertilizers.

### Plant More Trees

Dollar-for dollar, trees are one of the best investments that a community can make. When communities plant trees, they do more than make the place look nice. The trees help reduce energy use (by reducing the need for air conditioning), store carbon dioxide, trap airborne pollutants, and intercept rainfall.

And increase property values. As any real estate agent will tell you, "leafy neighborhoods" generally have greater value than "non-leafy neighborhoods." A paper published in the journal *Urban Forestry & Urban Greening* states that communities can reap returns of \$5.82 for every \$1 spent on the care and maintenance of trees, which is a good ratio for any investment.

The Village of Lakewood values its urban forest and its benefits, which is one of the reasons that a Tree Removal Permit is required before a tree of four (4) inches or greater in caliper is removed. Tree Removal Permits are available on our website or at Village Hall. As you consider home improvement projects this fall, consider planting a tree!

### Unbundled Brush Pick-up

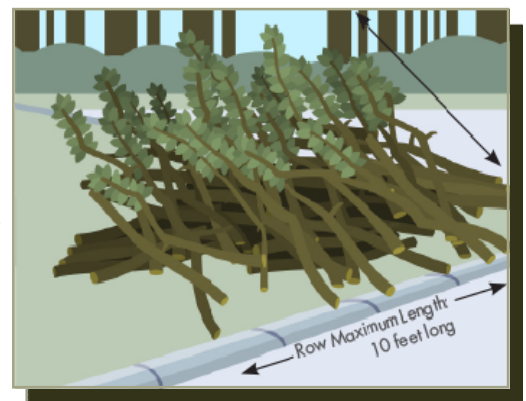
Twice a year, the Village of Lakewood offers an unbundled brush pickup service. This service is above and beyond the weekly leaf and yard waste services provided by MDC Environmental Services. During the weeks of **October 3 and October 17** the Public Works crews will make one pass down each street of the Village to collect brush and branches resulting from routine yard maintenance or tree trimming by homeowners.

Residents can assist in expediting the process and ensuring the safety of the Public Works crews through compliance with the following requirements:

- Brush should be placed at the edge of the street prior to 7:00 a.m. on pickup day
- Trunk diameter must not exceed 6 inches
- Brush pile in the right-of-way must be a maximum of 10 feet in length
- Stack all brush neatly (parallel to each other) with trunks facing the street
- Branches should be cleared from limbs prior to stacking to prevent excessive tangling

Due to limitations of the Village's equipment, the following items will not be collected:

- Logs, root balls, roots, dirt clumps, cut flowers or grasses
- Bagged landscape waste
- Brush in containers
- Brush bundled with string or wire



Any brush placed out after the truck has made its pass down the street will not be picked up. *It may take several days to complete the brush pick-ups but the trucks will only make one pass per street per pickup week.* These are the only days the Village will collect unbundled brush until the spring.

## Leaf and Yard Waste Pick-up

Beginning in October, MDC Environmental Services will pick up leaves and yard waste on Fridays through December 2.

- Unlimited leaf pick-up every Friday in October and November, with December 2 being the last pick-up until Spring.
- No brush or other yard waste can be included with leaves. (You must separately bag or bundle brush/yard waste. See below for unlimited unbundled brush pick-up.)
- Only paper yard waste bags can be used for non-bundled brush and leaves.
- Maximum weight of each bag is 50 pounds.
- Up to four bundles of brush, tied with bio-degradable twine in no more than 2 foot by 4 foot bundles. Each extra bundle requires a sticker. Stickers are on sale at Village Hall for \$2.00 each.
- **No plastic bags - No sod - No soil - No rocks - No pumpkins or vegetables**



## Hydrant Flushing



Flushing of fire hydrants will be conducted throughout the month of October between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Hydrant flushing is necessary to test the hydrants to make sure adequate flow and pressure is available. Flushing is also done to remove sediment from the pipes in order to maintain water clarity and quality of the water you receive once the flushing is completed.

You may experience 1-2 hours of reduced water pressure while work is being done on your street. The Public Works Department will post notification signs in the immediate area of flushing at least one day prior to any actual flushing taking place. Flushing may cause some temporary discoloration of the water. Although it is completely harmless and the water is safe for consumption, the Village recommends that residents refrain from doing laundry when flushing is underway in your neighborhood.

## To Flush or Flush Not—How to Protect Your Sewerage System

Everything that goes down the kitchen, laundry and bathroom sink or that is flushed down the toilet ends up in the sewerage system. Treated sewage is safely returned to our creeks, rivers and oceans. Disposing of the wrong items down the sewer negatively impacts our ability to treat the water and can cause damage to the system. It can also lead to other problems such as:

- Raw sewage overflowing into homes, yards, and streets;
- Potential contact with disease causing organisms;
- An expensive and unpleasant clean up;
- An increase in operation and maintenance costs for Lakewood Utilities, which can result in higher water and sewer bills;
- Increased pollution due to sewage spills caused by blockages.

In order to prevent these blockages, please refrain from putting the following items down your toilet, sink, drainpipe or garbage disposal:

- Fats, oils or grease; grease is the most frequent cause of sewer problems
- Coffee grinds

- Egg shells or other food waste
- Produce stickers and other plastics
- Disposable diapers OR baby wipes
- Feminine hygiene products
- Bandages
- Paper towels or cleaning wipes
- Cat litter
- Condoms
- Bags/wrappings and cardboard (i.e. toilet role inner tubes)
- Solvents, paints, turpentine, nail polish or nail polish remover
- Prescription drugs (Village Hall has a disposal unit and is available Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)
- Dental floss

Working together, we can minimize the negative impacts of these products on our sewerage systems and our environment.



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### April 4, 2017 Consolidated Election

There are one (1) Village President and three (3) Village Trustee four-year term positions open for the April 4, 2017

Election. Nomination papers must be filed at Village Hall between December 12, 2016 and December 19, 2016.



Candidate petition packets will be available for pick up at the Lakewood Village Hall beginning at 8:30 a.m. on September 20, 2016.

While staff is not available to answer questions regarding this process, more detailed information is available in the candidate packets or at the website [www.elections.state.il.us](http://www.elections.state.il.us).

### Turnberry Lakes Club Renovation Project

The Turnberry Lakes Club (TLC) is a volunteer group of residents passionate about property values and way of life as it relates to the community. They have initiated a donation driven renovation project of the Village owned lots on Turnberry Trail across from the Turnberry Country Club. This was done in partnership and cooperation with the Village and has been described as “the best of a public-private relationship.”



Additional information about the project and how to donate can be found on the Village's website at [village.lakewood.il.us](http://village.lakewood.il.us) or by contacting TLC directly at [InfoTurnberryLC@gmail.com](mailto:InfoTurnberryLC@gmail.com).

### Congratulations Lenny Petersen

The Village of Lakewood has installed signs at our entryways to congratulate Lenny Petersen on his accomplishment of being a 2016 IHSA Class 2A 138lb. State Wrestling Champion from Crystal Lake Central High School.



The signs are located on eastbound Lake Ave and northbound Huntley Road.

### Crystal Lake Park District

Check the Park District's fall program brochure for information about the following events in September and October:

- Black Diamond Kite Fest - Sunday, October 2, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Lippold Park Soccer Practice Fields A & B, Free
- From Dope to Hope with Tim Ryan - Thursday, September 8, 7-9 p.m., Park Place, 406 W. Woodstock, Free
- Crystal Lake Half Marathon (and a special tribute on the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9/11) - Sunday, September 11, 8 a.m., Lippold Park
- Home School Expo - Tuesday, September 13, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Park Place, 406 W. Woodstock, Free
- Wagon Ride and Campfire - Booking rides September 25-November 13, Wagon ride thru Sterne's Woods followed by campfire time. Rides for up to groups of 20, Register in person at the Park District Office.
- Ladies Night at Park Place - Wednesday, October 5, 5-8 p.m., Park Place, 406 W. Woodstock, Free, vendors, cash bar, raffles.

Registration is available online at [www.crystallakeparks.org](http://www.crystallakeparks.org). For more information call (815) 459-0680.

#### VILLAGE OF LAKEWOOD

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