



# The Lakewood Newsletter

## From the President

Dear Neighbors,

As I write this article, it is clear that spring is finally on its way. We are fortunate to live in a community that has such an abundance of outdoor activities, and I encourage you to take advantage of them as soon as weather permits. As an organization, we are busy closing out projects from our current fiscal year and making plans for the upcoming construction season. Following is a summary of projects and issues impacting our community.

### **Turnberry Country Club**

In early February, every household in the Village of Lakewood was mailed a letter providing background information about a concept put forth by a potential owner of Turnberry Country Club (TCC) to renovate the facility and build condominiums and guest rooms on site. The letter also stated that the Village of Lakewood would strive to hold a town hall meeting to explore the concept in greater detail. Please know that an invitation has been extended to the potential developer. It is our understanding that he is currently studying different business models to determine if there is one he could pursue that would limit the concerns vocalized by the residents. If he chooses to continue a dialogue about any concept for the property, we will notify residents and continue our efforts to schedule a town hall meeting.

Any consideration of change within a community is difficult, especially when it is such an important asset as Turnberry Country Club. However, the concept submitted began an important discussion about the need to identify a long term, sustainable solution to the ongoing operation of Turnberry Country Club in a way that enhances the neighborhood.

### **East Sewer Project**

The final loan documents have been received from the state of Illinois, and the long awaited project is nearly ready to begin! Once a definitive timeframe is established, a mailing will be sent to residents of the East Side. Regular updates will be posted on our website and, of course, you are encouraged to call the staff at Village Hall with any specific questions regarding the project.

As a part of our Interim Agreement with the City of Crystal Lake during the construction of the East Sewer, both parties have agreed to share responsibility for utilities along that portion of Meridian Street where ownership is unclear. Last year, the City of Crystal Lake replaced the watermain under the portion of Meridian Street south of Broadway, and the Village of Lakewood shared in that cost. This summer, the roadway along this section of Meridian Street will be repaved. We are currently in discussions with the City of Crystal Lake to extend this portion of the roadway program north to Lake Avenue.

### **Sale of Surplus Property**

In December, the Village finalized an agreement to assume ownership (at no cost) of six (6) vacant, single family properties along RedTail Drive. The sole purpose in assuming ownership of these sites is to sell them. I encourage you

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### **Village Board Meetings**

All Village Board meetings will be held at:

**RedTail Golf Club  
7900 RedTail Dr.**

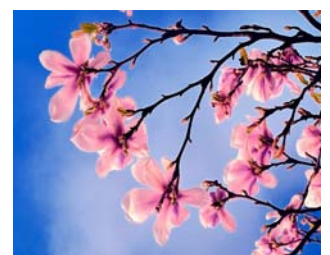
at 7:00 p.m.  
on the 2nd and 4th  
Tuesday of each month

### **Holiday Schedules**

**Memorial Day**  
Village Hall Closed  
Monday, May 30

Trash, Recycling and  
Yardwaste Pickup on  
Saturday, June 4

Police and Fire  
Departments are on  
duty 24 hours a day



to read the enclosed information about the properties and pass it along to any parties that might be interested in purchasing the parcels.

### **Fire Department**

Given the professionalism of all parties, our transition to the Crystal Lake Fire Rescue Department (CLFRD) on January 1, 2016 was seamless. The first call for service was received approximately forty-eight (48) hours later. Police Chief Leigh Rawson is currently exploring a number of options for divesting ourselves of our fire and rescue equipment. Funds received from the sale of this equipment will be used to retire the loan originally taken for their purchase.

### **Finances**

We are in the midst of budget preparations for Fiscal Year 2016 – 2017 (which begins on May 1). The preliminary budgets will be available for review on our website, and several years of our annual audits are also available on line. While we continue to face challenges resulting from the budget impasse in Springfield, the Village of Lakewood remains strong financially. Our equalized assessed valuation (EAV) has increased for the second year and the pace of new construction has accelerated. In 2015, we issued permits for seventeen (17) single family homes and twenty (20) townhouse units. In December, we purposefully chose not to take advantage of the CPI increase in our property tax rate and simply levied for new growth. **Last month, the Board of Trustees unanimously chose to eliminate the vehicle sticker program for residents.** Please contact Village Hall, however, if you want a sticker for your vehicle (at no cost) for convenience or identification sake.



These actions to lower your cost of living in our community are possible because the Village strives to operate as closely to a business model as possible. As an example, a critical evaluation of our staffing levels is an ongoing process. During this past year, we eliminated a thirty (30) hour/week position and reduced a twenty (20) hour/week position to ten hours/week. None of this would be possible if our existing employees were not willing to continually challenge themselves to create efficiencies and assume even greater responsibilities.

In looking forward to the coming year, we are cautiously optimistic. Our goals include:

- Completing the Phase II (design) engineering for the project to extend utilities to the intersection of IL Route 47 and IL Route 176. This is critical because it will allow the Village to move forward quickly once the right development is identified for this area.
- Strongly advocating for improvements to the intersection of IL Route 47 and IL 176, which we believe is critical for safety and economic development.
- Identify interested parties to develop the parcel on Crystal Lake that is the current site of Village Hall.

As always, please contact me or any of our officials with questions regarding any of the projects highlighted in the newsletter or that you might read about elsewhere.

Sincerely,

*Erin*

Village President

### **McRide Dial-A-Ride Service**



For updated rates, current service areas, hours of operation and guidelines on scheduling a pick-up visit:

[www.McHenryCountyDOT.org](http://www.McHenryCountyDOT.org)

You can also call the McHenry County Division of Transportation at (815) 334-4981.

### **Presidential Election**

**Tuesday, March 15, 2016**  
**General Primary**

**Tuesday, November 8, 2016**  
**General Election**



To register to vote on line and for a complete Election Calendar and Candidates Guide, please visit the Illinois State Board of Election Website at:

[www.elections.state.il.us](http://www.elections.state.il.us)



## POLICE NEWS

### Medication Disposal Unit

The Village of Lakewood is pleased to announce that we have partnered with CVS in the Medication Disposal for Safer Communities Program.

The Partnership TM for Drug-Free Kids granted our application for a Drug Collection Unit. It is our common desire to provide a safe place to bring expired and unwanted prescription drugs for disposal and prevent them from becoming a source for drug abuse.



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

In addition, our National Drug Take Back Event will be held on Saturday, April 30 from 10 a.m.—2:00 p.m. at the Lakewood Police Department entrance.

### At Home Entertaining

As we approach Spring, many residents may be planning to entertain at their homes. If planning a gathering such as a wedding or large party, please keep a few things in mind:

- Please plan where people will park. Cars must park as to not impede access of any emergency vehicle such as a fire truck, an ambulance or a police car. Typically, this would mean parking on only one side of the street.
- Also, the Village has a noise ordinance. If loud music, etc. is a part of the party, please note that the permitted time period for any type of amplified sound is between the hours of 7 a.m. and 11 p.m.
- Inform your neighbors of the event as a courtesy so they can let you know if they have any issues.

**Questions?**  
Police Non-Emergency - (815) 459-2151

### Burglary Prevention Tips

Here are some preventative measures that residents can take to help deter burglaries:

1. Place your home on the Police Department's Vacation House Watch list by calling (815) 459-2151 or visit the website at: [village.lakewood.il.us](http://village.lakewood.il.us).
2. Install **and activate** any security system you may have. (Change alarm codes regularly, give key codes or alarm codes only to trusted friends or relatives).
3. Install motion sensor lights in rear of home, especially if it backs up to a golf course or other dark areas.
4. Install and use timers on lights, radios and televisions or simply leave them on.
5. Cancel newspapers and mail while gone.
6. If you have expensive valuables (i.e. jewelry or coins) they should be kept in a locked safe or bank safety deposit box.
7. Talk to trusted neighbors and have them watch and check your home while you are out of town.
8. Use caution when notifying your cleaning and landscaping providers that you will be out of town.
9. Don't advertise vacations or trips on social media.

Should you return home and discover you have been burglarized, please do not touch anything. Leave the residence and call the police immediately.

Also, as Spring is upon us, please make sure that you lock the vehicles that are left in your driveway or on the street. **Do not** leave anything of value in your vehicles as this will help reduce thefts from vehicles.

Please remember if you see anything that doesn't seem right, call the Police Department when it is occurring; including suspicious vehicles and persons in your neighborhood. We cannot be everywhere and we need your eyes and ears to keep Lakewood the safe community that it has always been.

### 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.

## CRYSTAL LAKE FIRE RESCUE



On January 1, 2016, the Crystal Lake Fire Rescue Department began providing fire rescue services to the Village of Lakewood. Crystal Lake Fire Rescue has had a long history with the Village and we are grateful for the opportunity to serve the citizens of Lakewood.

We look forward to seeing you at upcoming Lakewood community events and are excited to get to know you again. As your Fire Rescue Chief, I encourage you to reach out to me with any questions you have regarding the service Crystal Lake Fire Rescue provides.

Please check our webpage at <http://www.crystallake.org/departments/fire-rescue> for further information about Crystal Lake Fire Rescue.

*Paul De Raedt*

*Fire Rescue Chief*

## Thunderstorms, Tornadoes and Lightning.....

### Plan Ahead

Severe storms can strike at any time. Knowing what to do during a weather emergency is an important part of being prepared. Protect yourself and your family by taking a few important steps before an emergency situation:

- Recognize severe weather
- Develop a plan and practice your plan
- Assemble an emergency supply kit
- Be ready to act when threatening weather approaches
- Purchase a certified National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio with battery back-up to receive up to date weather warnings.



### During the storm

Go to the lowest floor and in a room with no windows. In a single story house, go to the center-most room and position yourself under a heavy piece of furniture.

If you are in your car, get into a permanent building, if close by, or get out of your car and lie in a ditch next to a sturdy structure. Do not hide under an overpass. If there is flying debris, get low and cover yourself with any material handy.

### Develop an Emergency Plan/Be Prepared

Assemble an emergency supply kit. Examples of some items to include in your kit, but are not limited to, are flashlights with batteries, water, canned food, can opener, change of clothing, personal items, and a first aid kit.

*Information provided by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)*

## Change Your Clock—Change Your Batteries

On March 13<sup>th</sup>, it's time to turn your clocks ahead one hour. This is also a great time to ensure that your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are working by changing your batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a gas. It has no odor and is poisonous. It can make you feel sick and is deadly. CO is called the invisible killer because the gas cannot be seen or smelled.

Working detectors can buy your family valuable time to escape from a fire or a dangerous level of carbon monoxide. Install smoke detectors on every level of your home, inside each bedroom, and outside sleeping areas. Install carbon monoxide detectors outside each sleeping area.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, 60% of fire related deaths occur in homes that have non-working smoke detectors or no smoke detectors installed.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO KEEP FIRE HYDRANTS CLEAR OF BRANCHES/SHRUBBERY IN ORDER TO ALLOW ACCESS AND UNOBSTRUCTED VIEW**

**Questions?  
Fire Non-Emergency - (815) 356-3640**



## NEWS FROM REDTAIL GOLF CLUB

### 2016 Junior Golf “Kick-off” Event—Sunday, April 17 3 p.m. — 5 p.m.

Juniors between the ages of 5 to 17 years, their parents and family members are invited to come out to RedTail Golf Club for a fun event which will “kick-off” the 2016 Junior Golf Programs.

Juniors will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of golf games. There is NO COST to attend this event. We encourage the whole family to attend and learn what lesson programs are being offered for the 2016 Season.

### 2016 Platinum Senior Card \$185 - Age 55+

Enjoy fixed rate pricing for the entire season with the Platinum Senior Card. With the card, players play 18 holes on Weekends for \$35, including cart, and 18 holes during the week for \$24, including cart.

### 10 Play Card Sale \$300 (\$50 off)

The 10 Play Card is great for personal play, or a gift for the golfer in your life. Purchase a “10 Play” card valid for 10 green fees with cart. Valid Monday—Friday anytime, weekends and holidays after 12 p.m. Offer available for limited time only.

### Tuesday Night 2 Person Team League

Sign your team up today for the Tuesday Night 2 person team league. There is a \$50 team registration fee to sign up. Players are responsible for their green fees each week. Each 2 person team will play a match against a different team each week. Practice rounds start April 12<sup>th</sup>. The first matches will be played April 26<sup>th</sup>. Prizes will be awarded to the first half point champions, second half point champions, and total season point champions. To register your team or to receive more information about the league, log on to [www.redtailgolf.com](http://www.redtailgolf.com) or call the golf shop at (815) 477-0055.

### 2016 Player Development Program

The player development program is great for golfers who are just getting in to the game, and players who have time to get out on the course later in the day. The card is \$20 for a family and \$10 for an individual. The program rules are \$1.75 per hole if you start after 5:30 p.m. and \$1.25 per hole if you start after 6:30 p.m. Just tell us at check-in how many holes you would like to play and go have fun.

### Range Punch Card \*\*2 Free Large Buckets\*\*

Buy a RedTail Golf Club range punch card and get 10 Large Range Buckets for \$18 off the regular price of \$90.



### Tournament Schedule

EVENT	DATE	START TIME
Icebreaker 1	Saturday, Mar. 19, 2016	10:00 a.m. Shotgun
Icebreaker 2	Saturday, Apr. 9, 2016	9:00 a.m. Shotgun

Please call RedTail Golf Club at (815) 477-0055 or visit [www.redtailgolf.com](http://www.redtailgolf.com) for more information about these programs

# SIX LOTS FOR SALE

## Village of Lakewood

- 100' Frontage x 227' deep
- Fully Improved
- No Homeowner's Association
- Within walking distance to Lou Malnati's; 20,000 sq. ft. retail center; Chesterbrook Academy; RedTail Golf Course

	Parcel Number	Appraised Value	Parcel Area
Lot 7	18-13-101-005	\$11,055	33,501 sq. ft.
Lot 12	18-13-102-010	\$22,134	34,055 sq. ft.
Lot 16	18-13-102-014	\$30,887	23,761 sq. ft.
Lot 20	18-13-102-018	\$15,443	23,761 sq. ft.
Lot 21	18-13-102-019	\$7,840	23,762 sq. ft.
Lot 26	18-13-151-013	\$15,443	23,761 sq. ft.

Please call Catherine Peterson at (815) 459-3025 or visit the website at [village.lakewood.il.us](http://village.lakewood.il.us) for further information about each of these properties.



## BUILDING DEPARTMENT

### Sump Pump Season is Coming!



We have some pretty dynamic soils and water table levels in the Village of Lakewood. On the west side of town we have gravel and sand soils which remove water and drain very well. The chance of your sump pump running too frequently on the west side of town is rare.

In contrast, the east side of town consists of soils that are more organic and don't drain as well.

Additionally, there is a water table that is elevated due to the presence of a body of water known as Crystal Lake. Sump pumps on this side of town likely run, often even in the dry summer season as well. Being prepared for sump pump failures is highly recommended, as sump pumps do break.

**The Village of Lakewood does not require permits for sump pump repair or replacements**

### Building Projects

Finishing your basement? Building a deck? Planning a home improvement project? If you answered "yes" to any of those questions, then you need a permit. Working without a permit is illegal, can jeopardize the safety of your family, and may create serious problems when trying to sell your home or in some insurance situations when you are asked to show proof of inspection that the work was completed pursuant to Village Code.

Visit [village.lakewood.il.us](http://village.lakewood.il.us) or call the Building Department at (815) 459-4671 for information.

### Start Early: Mosquito-Proof Your Home

- Keep your lawn mowed. It helps to keep out unwanted bugs.
- Install or repair screens or windows and doors to keep mosquitoes outside.
- Help reduce the number of mosquitoes around your home by emptying standing water from flowerpots, gutters, buckets, pool covers, pet water dishes and birdbaths on a regular basis.



Here are some suggestions:

- Have an extra pump or pump switch handy- switches are one of the more common replaceable parts of many sump pump systems that do break. If you have the ability, it is recommended to keep an entire sump pump and/or repair parts ready at all times in case they are needed.
- Install a back up sump pump system. Features vary from some very basic systems to the more elaborate. Generally, you get what you pay for...
- If you have a back-up sump pump, check your back-up battery voltage with a multimeter. Most batteries should be between 12-14 volts for 12 volt battery back-up systems. Some batteries can be topped off with distilled water, please read your manufacturer's instructions for more information.
- Finally, if you read this article and find yourself unfamiliar or uninterested, contact your friendly local licensed plumber- they will be happy to help you prepare for the spring!

### Being a Good Neighbor Starts With.....

- Keeping your lawn mowed. It looks good, but also helps keep out unwanted bugs and weed seeds from spreading.
- Keeping your property clear of debris and un-used, unnecessary household items.
- Making sure trash receptacles have tight fitting lids and be sure to collect your receptacles within 24 hours of pickup.
- Cleaning up after your dog. This helps avoid noxious odors and unwanted pests.
- Making sure your pets are not causing disturbing noises by repeatedly barking, howling or whining.
- Trimming tree branches and shrubbery so they do not obstruct fire hydrants, pedestrian and vehicle traffic.
- Removing any fallen or cut trees and limbs from your property.
- Obtaining a permit to conduct a garage sale on your property. Residents are allowed three sales in a 12 month period.
- Contacting the Building Department before starting any construction/remodeling to verify permit requirements.

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

### Summer Employment

Want to earn some money over summer break? The Public Works Department is soliciting applications for several summer maintenance worker positions.

Please visit the Village's website at: [village.lakewood.il.us](http://village.lakewood.il.us) for details.

### Easter Egg Hunt

**Crosspoint Lutheran Church**  
**Sunday, March 20 at 11:30 a.m.**  
 Registration begins at 11:00 a.m.  
 Rain or Shine — All Are Welcome!

#### VILLAGE OF LAKEWOOD

2500 Lake Avenue  
 Village of Lakewood, IL 60014  
 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM—Mon -Fri  
 (815) 459-3025  
[info@village.lakewood.il.us](mailto:info@village.lakewood.il.us)

#### VILLAGE PRESIDENT

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#### POLICE CHIEF

Leigh Rawson - (815) 459-2151

#### REDTAIL GENERAL MANAGER

Chris Neuhart - (815) 477-0055

### Spring Best Management Practices

If lawn care and home improvement projects are done properly, your normal routines and maintenance can actually improve the quality of McHenry County waterways by minimizing pollutants in stormwater runoff.

#### Natural Lawn Care

Natural lawn care practices can begin in the spring with an inexpensive soil test to determine what—if any—nutrients your lawn needs. In addition, spring is the time to get in the habit of allowing your grass to grow 3 inches before mowing. This improves its health by allowing roots to grow longer, also helping to remove pollutants from runoff.

#### Green Infrastructure

Spring is also an excellent time to begin thinking about growing gardens, specifically rain gardens with deep-rooted native plants to filter pollutants from stormwater runoff. Rainwater harvesting is also a popular technique to capture and store stormwater for later use, such as lawn irrigation. This can be accomplished with a simple rain barrel or an intricate underground system.



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Celebrate Lakewood

*Sunday, June 5, 2016*

Join us on Sunday, June 5, 2016 from noon to 4:00 p.m. to Celebrate Lakewood! This community and family gathering offers an opportunity to have a little fun while getting to know each other and our local and locally owned businesses. In addition, there will be a petting zoo, music, games, moonwalks, face painting, golf lessons, hot dogs, drinks and more!

For more information about the event, or if you have a business you would like to highlight, please contact Village Hall at (815) 459-3025.



### Crystal Lake Park District News

#### Spring 2016 Events

- Breakfast With The Bunny at Park Place—March 12 or March 19, 9 - 11 a.m.
- Easter Egg Hunt— Saturday, March 19, 11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.
- Park Place Bridal Fair—Saturday, April 9, 5—8 p.m.

Registration for all programs and events is available online at [www.crystallakeparks.org](http://www.crystallakeparks.org) or in person at the Crystal Lake Park District Administrative Building, One East Crystal Lake Avenue, Crystal Lake. For more information call (815) 459-0680.