



The Lakewood Newsletter

From the President

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and Village Staff, I want to extend our best wishes for a very Happy New Year. I hope you were able to take time off over the holiday season to relax and enjoy time with family and friends.

As with previous newsletters, I will highlight some of our current projects and provide status updates for each project. But, first I would like to share some personal thoughts with you.

In April I will complete my 8th year as Village President following 4 years of service as Trustee. It has been my great privilege to serve as Village President. My desire was to serve two terms as President if given the opportunity to do so. Consistent with this plan, I am not running for a 3rd term.

Lakewood has been my home since I was 12 years old. My husband Mike and I have raised our 4 children in the house where we have resided for 24 years. Lakewood is still home to 24 members of my family. I want to extend my deepest gratitude to the residents of Lakewood for providing me the opportunity to serve in the community I care about so deeply.

As you may know, in my full-time career, I serve as the head of Total Rewards for a global technology company. With the completion of my Village Board service, I look forward to the additional flexibility I will be afforded when planning international business travel. In addition to my professional career, I will continue to pursue my passion for community service. I have accepted a position on the Advisory Board of the Chicago Community Trust Disability Fund, where I hope to make a difference in expanding inclusion, accessibility, education and employment opportunities for citizens with disabilities.

Board Transitions

In addition to my transition, Trustees Jeff Iden and Bev Thomas are not running for reelection and Trustee Ken Santowski has resigned his position as Trustee effective December 31, 2016. I hope you will join me in expressing our appreciation to Jeff, Bev and Ken for their years of service to the Village of Lakewood. In addition to serving as Trustee, Jeff Iden served on the RedTail Committee and as our Board Liaison to the Turnberry Lakes Committee, adding considerable time to his Village commitment. Ken Santowski initiated and maintained our award winning Village recycling program for nearly 10 years, donating many hours of service each week to process our Styrofoam and electronics recycling.

I have been very fortunate to serve with many dedicated Board Members throughout my 12 years on the Lakewood Village Board and I am very proud of the many accomplishments we have achieved together.

At our January 24 Board meeting, I will be asking for the advice and consent of the Board to appoint Jason McMahon to complete the remaining 2+ years of Ken Santowski's term. He will be one of many new faces on the Board, as we will have a new Village President and 3 Trustee positions on the ballot in the April General Election. **Please make sure you vote in this very important General Election on April 4th.**

Turning attention back to Village business, I will now provide a number of important updates.

Winter 2016-17

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Village Board Meetings

Reminder that the Village Board Meetings for January, February and March 2017 will be held at Turnberry Country Club, 9600 Turnberry Trail.

Video Gaming Ordinance

The Village of Lakewood is one of the last municipalities in McHenry County to oppose Video Gaming. However, in response to a request from a local business, the Board has agreed to consider the passage of an Ordinance that would allow video gaming within licensed establishments.

Within the parameters of this Ordinance, the Board has expressed the desire to restrict those businesses whose primary purpose is a video gaming café.

If this topic is of interest to you, please consider attending the February 14, 2017 meeting to share your comments with the Board.

MCRide Services

The Village of Lakewood recently discontinued our direct participation in the County's Dial-A-Ride Transit Service, commonly known as MCRide. Despite this, senior and disabled residents living in either Grafton or Dorr Townships will seamlessly continue to receive the benefits of the MCRide program through their Townships' participation.

Algonquin Township, which includes properties east of Meridian Street, is not a participating member of MCRide and is therefore not eligible for service throughout the MCRide service area. Instead, the township manages their own transportation services for both seniors and disabled individuals travelling within the township. In order to use this service, residents must first register with the township. Reservations can be placed a minimum of 24 hours in advance by calling (800) 639-2700, Ext. 6.

The Village Board understands the importance of having access to transportation services within the community. We are confident that the programs offered by our each of our townships will continue to support our senior and disabled residents, who are the primary users of the program.

Utility Billing Dropbox

The Village has installed a utility billing dropbox as you approach the exit to the Village Hall parking lot on Lake Avenue. This dropbox allows you to securely drop off your utility payments without having to leave the comforts of your vehicle. This should be particularly helpful during winter months. Residents are always welcome to stop in at the front desk to pay in person. Payments received in the box after hours will be posted the next business day.



Turnberry Well Abandonment



Well #2 is located adjacent to the boat launch along Turnberry Trail. Since this well is not actively in service, the Village planned to have it properly abandoned or sealed over the summer of 2016. In anticipation of this work, many have noticed that the landscaping around the well site was cleared. This was done to allow the heavy equipment easier access to the well.

Unfortunately, the depth of the well presented some challenges that will require the project to be completed in the summer of 2017. This will leave the area open and exposed for a bit longer than hoped, but the Village has every intention of replacing the landscaping as soon as the project is complete.

2017 Roadway Program

Our 2017 Roadway Program will be bid in January as one project, but is broken into two parts for funding purposes. The first section will be the resurfacing of Lake Avenue and the addition of bike lanes from Huntley Road to the east Village limits (East of Essex Lane). The cost for this portion of the project is estimated to be \$693,000. However, the Village is responsible for only 20% of the cost, or \$138,600, as the remaining 80% will be paid for through federal highway funds.

The second portion of the roadway program includes the following additional roadways whose construction and engineering is estimated at \$545,821, will be fully funded by the Village of Lakewood:

- Pheasant Drive - Bard Road to Bardwell Lane
- Wiltshire Lane - S. Shore Dr. to Broadway Ave.
- Warwick Lane - S. Shore Dr. to Lake Ave.
- Cumberland Lane - Lake Ave. to Broadway Ave.
- Oxford Lane - Lake Ave. to Broadway Ave.
- Essex Lane - Lake Ave. to Broadway Ave.

The Village's website will provide regular updates throughout the construction, which is expected to begin in the spring.

Sincerely,

Erin Smith

Village President



POLICE

House Watch Service



Travel plans this winter? The Lakewood Police Department provides a House Watch Program to keep your home safe while you travel. Simply complete a house watch request online at our website or call 815-459-2151 to add your home to the list.

Officers will walk around your home and check windows and doors, as well as look for any other signs of disturbance while you are away. If you have any questions about the program, please contact us at the above number or at Village Hall 815-459-3025.

Shop With a Cop a Success!

Thank You for Your Service!

On Sunday, December 11, three members of the Lakewood Police Department, Sergeant Roth, Officer Kapsalis, and Records Clerk Jeanette LoBosco, volunteered their time to participate in the Shop with a Cop Program organized by McHenry County Police Charities. This program promotes a positive relationship between children and law enforcement, and allows underprivileged kids an opportunity to purchase Christmas gifts for their families.

For more information on this great event, please visit: www.mchenrycountypolicecharities.org.

Lakewood resident, Pat Moll is a member of a local organization called Bunco Friends, who sets aside money throughout the year to give to a charity. Through her efforts, the Shop with a Cop program received a \$500 donation from the organization. The Village of Lakewood wishes to recognize this very generous contribution.



CRYSTAL LAKE FIRE RESCUE

Winter Weather Preparedness

Winter weather in Illinois is inevitable, but being prepared will help you handle whatever weather hazards come our way this year!!



Winterize your home:

- Insulate walls and attics.
- Caulk and weatherize doors and windows.
- Install storm windows or cover windows with plastic.

Frozen pipes:

- Locate and insulate the pipes most susceptible to freezing; typically those near outer walls, in crawl spaces or in attics.
- Seal any leaks that allow cold air inside where pipes are located.
- Disconnect garden hoses and shut off and drain water from pipes leading to outside faucets.

At home:

- Stay indoors in a heated room as much as possible.
- When using alternative heat from a fireplace, wood stove, space heater, etc. use safeguards and ensure proper ventilation to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning.

When outside:

- Avoid overexertion, such as shoveling heavy snow, pushing a car or walking in deep snow. The strain from the cold and the hard labor of snow shoveling could cause a heart attack.
- If you become stranded outdoors, seek shelter to stay dry.
- Wear loose fitting, lightweight, warm clothing in several layers. The trapped air between the layers insulates. Layers can be removed to avoid perspiration and subsequent chill.
- Wear a hat. Wear mittens that are snug at the wrist. Mittens offer better protection.
- Cover the mouth and nose with scarves to help protect lungs from cold air.
- Keep your feet as dry as possible. Wear wool socks.

Wind Chill:

Cold is judged in terms of a thermometer reading. However, both temperature and wind speed are used to determine "wind chill factor". Wind chill is based on the rate of heat loss from exposed skin caused by the effects of the wind speed and cold temperatures. As wind increases, heat is carried away from the body at an accelerated rate, driving down the body temperature. Wind chill is a good way to determine the potential for frostbite or hypothermia.

*Information provided by IEMA.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Winter Operations

In cooperation with the Police Department, Public Works will decide when to begin snow or ice control operations based on the conditions of the roadways, the depth and time of snow accumulation, along with the volume of traffic.

During each snow event, we 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:

PARKING AFTER A SNOWFALL be sure to park your vehicle off of the street when it starts to snow and especially after a snowfall of two inches or more. This prevents the car from being plowed in, or from receiving a ticket and being towed.

CHILDREN need to be reminded to stay clear of snowplows and avoid playing in the mounds of snow near

the street. These large trucks are unable to stop quickly and snow thrown from their blades often contains pieces of ice and debris.

FIRE HYDRANTS located near your home need to be kept free from snow and visible on all sides.

DRIVEWAY snow cleared by residents should 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.

Be aware that you will get snow in your driveway! It is largely unavoidable, especially in cul-de-sacs.

To report snow plow damage, call (815) 459-3025 or email info@village.lakewood.il.us.



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REDTAIL GOLF CLUB

2017 Memberships

RedTail Golf Club is offering memberships for the 2017 Season. Special programs are available for seniors and juniors. Weekday membership programs include weekend privileges after 1:00 p.m. Please give RedTail a call at 815-477-0055 for more information.

2017 Golf Outings

RedTail Golf Club is now booking golf outings for the 2017 season. Many great dates are still available. Whether you need an outing for 144 players or a group of 20, the RedTail Golf Club staff will be happy to service your every event need.

Event Planning

Five Reasons Why Your Next Event Needs to be at RedTail Golf Club:

1. Fantastic Golf Course that Appeals to All Levels of Players
2. Excellent Playing Conditions
3. Full Service, Fully Stocked Golf Shop
4. Affordable Event Packages
5. Our Professional Management Staff Takes Care of All the Details