

The Lakewood Ledger

Village of Lakewood - *Quality Living in a Natural Setting*

Fall 2018

From the President

Dear Neighbors;

About two months ago, Paul Serwatka resigned from his elected position as President of the Village of Lakewood. I am honored that the Trustees appointed me to fill the vacancy and serve as Lakewood's president until the next election on April 2, 2019. I will do my best to live up to the trust our village board, and all Lakewood citizens, have placed in me. Throughout the transition, your village board has been involved, active and providing leadership for our community. We are very fortunate to have an excellent staff who maintained our daily operations during this time of change.

This has been a busy time as we make the transition and clean up some related loose ends. I want to focus our board on Lakewood's future as dwelling on the past won't be productive. I believe our citizens are best represented when independent trustees are free to express their concerns and suggestions supporting policies that will make Lakewood strong. Our board of trustees should reflect the will of our varied citizens. My top goal is to develop our board into an effective and functional legislative body that represents your interests. In this short time, we have already made great strides. Here are some of the accomplishments:

Appointment of Trustee Brian Augustine - When your board appointed me to fill the President vacancy, the trustee position that I formerly held was left open. One of our first actions was to find someone to fill the trustee vacancy so we would again have a complete board. I consulted several of our residents seeking recommendations and suggestions for people who might be willing to serve on our board. I had conversations with more than a dozen prospects, all of whom would have served Lakewood well. After narrowing the list to a handful of volunteers willing to serve, there was one who stood out. Brian Augustine was recommended to me by several people who know him well. Brian has raised his family in the Gates for 18 years. He served as a board member of Country Club Additions Property Owner's Association for six years. Brian has owned several successful businesses in the financial services industry. The Village Board unanimously approved Brian's appointment.

Moving forward with the Realignment of IL 47/176 Intersection with Pleasant Valley Road - As IDOT continues its project to widen IL 47 between Huntley and Woodstock, an opportunity arose to improve one of McHenry County's most dangerous intersections. The Village Board agreed to collaborate with IDOT to realign Pleasant Valley Road to connect directly with IL176. The Village Board expects this will make the intersection safer and more desirable for future commercial development as well. Sales tax revenues from this area have the potential to help offset property taxes. Best of all, IDOT is paying for almost all of this!



Progress on Stormwater and Flooding Issues - Stormwater problems can be difficult to diagnose and resolve. The Board fully supports the work our Stormwater Task Force is doing to find permanent solutions. Progress is slow, but we believe some staff implemented protocols (monitoring sanitary lift station levels, preemptively pumping stormwater at Riverside, etc.) are helping while we continue to work toward permanent improvements, and some of those permanent improvements are already well under way. Stormwater issues are not limited to the Gates but have led to repairs and improvements throughout the village. One of the most critical issues remains sump pumps that are illegally connected to the sanitary sewer system. I'm going to say it plainly - *an improperly connected sump pump pushes sewage into someone else's house!* If you have or know of someone with a sump pump connected to the sewer system, or you're not sure, please let the Village assist with getting it corrected.

Maintaining RedTail for Improved Financial Performance - Maintaining our assets has been a topic of budget conversations and RedTail Golf Club was one of those assets the Board was compelled to improve. In addition to the noticeable physical improvements, we have seen noticeable financial improvement since making Jean Heckman our manager. The goal is not only to make sure RedTail is never again a burden on taxpayers but to have it start paying us back for our investment.

Efforts to Support Property Values - Strong property values benefit all of us. Economic improvement has been painfully slow. That makes anything we can do to help even more important. Simple property maintenance goes a long way to making a positive first impression on a buyer considering moving to your neighborhood. Our staff and board have received concerns from residents about Lakewood properties that are not being maintained well in accordance with Village codes. Some examples of these are overgrown weeds, unserviceable autos in driveways and even peeling paint. The Trustees and I hope every resident will take steps to keep our neighborhoods looking sharp and will support our staff's enforcement of property maintenance codes when necessary.

As you can see, your board has been quite busy, and I expect that to continue. We'll be working on an update to our comprehensive plan (a document that helps us communicate the Village's vision with developers). We are applying for a grant to help pay for this work. Of course, we will continue to look for solutions to flooding and we expect to work cooperatively with Crystal Lake to coordinate those efforts. Most importantly we'll work to provide the services you expect.

If you have opinions or good ideas on these issues, please don't hesitate to contact me and the other board members. Our meetings are a good opportunity to communicate with all of us at once. To receive meeting notices, please log onto our website at www.village.lakewood.il.us and click on the link in the upper right hand corner that reads "Sign Up Now". You can also contact any of us individually through our website or by simply leaving a message at Village Hall. If you do, please thank your volunteer Trustees for serving their community. All board members have agreed to donate their small stipend back to the village, so we can do our part.

Again, thank you for putting your trust in me. Together we can make our village the best it can be!

Sincerely,



J. Carl Davis, Interim Village President

CLERK'S CORNER

APRIL 2, 2019 CONSOLIDATED ELECTION CANDIDATES FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES

KEY DATES

Candidate petition packets will be available for pick up at the Lakewood Village Hall beginning September 18, 2018 and ending December 17, 2018.

Nomination papers must be filed at Village Hall between December 10, 2018 and December 17, 2018

Election Day - Tuesday, April 2, 2019



Open Positions

Trustee — four year term (3 positions)
Trustee — two year unexpired term (1 position)
President — two year unexpired term (1 position)

While staff is not available to answer questions regarding this process, more detailed information is available in the Candidate petition packets located at:

Village Hall, 2500 Lake Avenue, Lakewood, IL 60014; on the Village website at www.village.lakewood.il.us; or on the State Board of Elections website at www.elections.state.il.us.

HOLIDAY INFORMATION

HOLIDAY OFFICE SCHEDULE

Halloween

Trick or Treat Hours: Wednesday, October 31st
3:00pm — 7:00pm

Thanksgiving

Village Hall Closed: Thursday, November 22nd
Friday, November 23rd

Trash and Recycling & Yardwaste Pickup: Saturday, November 24th

Christmas

Village Hall Closed: Monday, December 24th at noon; and
Tuesday, December 25th

Trash and Recycling Pickup: Saturday, December 29th

New Year's

Village Hall Closed: Monday, December 31st at noon; and
Tuesday, January 1st

Trash and Recycling Pickup: Saturday, January 5th

VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS

All meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month at RedTail Golf Club, 7900 RedTail Drive, unless notice of a date, time, or location change is posted or published in accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

Please note there will be no meeting on December 25, 2018 in observance of the Christmas Holiday.



MARENGO DISPOSAL

MDC Environmental Services will pick up leaves and yard waste on Fridays through December 7th.

- Unlimited leaf pick-up every Friday in November; December 7th is 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
- 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

HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP

Trees will be picked up by MDC Environmental Services on Fridays through January 2019

HOILDAY LIGHTS RECYCLING

Don't throw away your tangled, frayed or burned-out holiday lights this year! In support of the Village's strategic plan goal to be green, mindful, and sustainable, the Village will offer recycling of holiday lights and extension cords. A receptacle is available at Village Hall through January 31, 2019.

Acceptable Items are: Mini-lights (also known as Italian lights), C7 Lights, C9 Lights, Rope Lights, LED Lights and Extension Cords. Special thanks to Elgin Recycling for partnering with the Village to promote sustainability in the community.

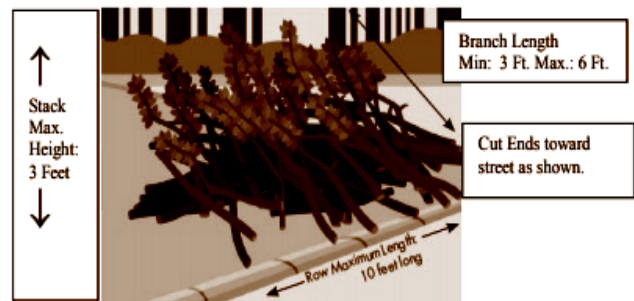
BRUSH PICK UP

The Village of Lakewood offers an unbundled brush pick up twice a year. This service is above and beyond the weekly leaf and yard waste services provided by MDC Environmental Services.

November 5 through 7, 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 with 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 7:00am 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.

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 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.

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

MAILBOX DAMAGE POLICY

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.



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.

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

WATER AND SEWER

WATERMAIN BREAKS

It's that time of the 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 am to 4:30 pm (815)459-3025
After hours, holidays, and weekends (815) 459-2151



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.

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.

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.

REDTAIL GOLF CLUB



FALL GOLF & HAWK'S NEST PUB EVENTS

The temperature may be changing but things are just starting to heat up at Redtail and our Hawk's Nest Pub. Bring your foursome, you don't want to miss our last Scramble of the year Saturday November 3rd, 10am shotgun. Bragging rights, prizes, and Lou Malnati's dinner included. Visit www.redtailgolf.com, find a registration form on our home page.

Comfort food and friends at Hawk's Nest Pub. Hit a large bucket of balls on the range and enjoy an OctoberFest beer for \$12.00, pair it with an item from our new Fall Menu:

CHILI WITH CORN BREAD - \$5.00

½ SANDWICH WITH MAC & CHEESE - \$6.00

GRILLED CHEESE AND CUP OF TOMATO SOUP - \$6.00

ROAST BEEF SANDWICH WITH MELTED CHEDDAR ON FRENCH BREAD - \$7.00

BEER BRAT AND CHIPS - \$7.00

ADD A MILLER LIGHT DRAFT FOR \$2.50

OR OCTOBERFEST BEER FOR \$4.00

Keep an eye out for special food & drink events, along with viewing parties throughout the coming months. Hawk's Nest Pub is a great venue for hosting meetings, showers, birthday parties, rehearsal dinners, bunco parties and just gathering with friends. To hear about all our events please join our email list at: <https://redtailgolf.com/contact-us/email-club/> or call us at 815-477-055.

We look forward to seeing you!

SPECIAL EVENTS

The Village of Lakewood is now offering special events the whole family can enjoy.

Please check our website from time to time at www.village.lakewood.il.us for updates.

<u>Date & Time</u>	<u>Event & Location</u>
12/1/18 at 11:00am	Cookies w/Cops & Santa Village Hall
4/13/19 at 10:00am	Easter Egg Hunt Redtail Golf Club
4/20/19 at 10:00am	Raindate Easter Egg Hunt Redtail Golf Club
5/18/19 at 3:00pm	Save The Silo Golf Outing Redtail Golf Club
7/13/19 at 7:00pm	Family Movie Night Redtail Golf Club
8/6/19 at 5:30pm	National Night Out Redtail Golf Club
8/17/19 at 7:00pm	RedTail Rocks! Redtail Golf Club Featuring Mike and Joe!

Mike & Joe



Rock Music. Rock Band.



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VILLAGE HALL

2500 Lake Avenue, Lakewood, IL 60014

Phone: (815) 459-3025

Email: info@village.lakewood.il.us

Web: www.village.lakewood.il.us

Hours: Monday through Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm

POLICE DEPARTMENT

2500 Lake Avenue, Lakewood, IL 60014

FOR EMERGENCIES ALWAYS DIAL 911

Non Emergency Dispatch: (815) 459-2151

PUBLIC WORKS

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