

LEAF VACUUMING



NO SOLICITING STICKERS



TRICK OR TREAT



HOLIDAY PARADE



A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Dear Residents,

It's hard to believe that summer has already come to an end. I hope you enjoyed the warm months, had a chance to relax, and attend some of the wonderful community events we offered. It's always great to see neighbors and friends coming together to celebrate our local traditions.



As the seasons change, our staff and volunteers are busy preparing for the upcoming holiday season, as well as, looking ahead to a very special year. In 2026, the Village of Lake Villa will celebrate its 125th Anniversary! This milestone is a remarkable opportunity to honor our history, celebrate our community, and create lasting memories together. We are already working hard to plan a full calendar of events throughout the year to make this anniversary truly unforgettable.

In the meantime, please join us for our annual Holiday Parade & Tree Lighting along with Santa in Lehmann Park, which will take place downtown on Saturday, November 29th at 5:00pm. The parade kicks off from Palombi Middle School.

The Lake Villa Historical Society will also be hosting Breakfast with Santa at the Lehmann Mansion on Sunday, December 7th.

Details on these events are located within this issue and will soon be available on the Village website at www.lake-villa.org.

For more updates on what's happening around the Village, please follow my Facebook pages @Mayor James McDonald.

Respectfully,

Jim McDonald

GENERAL INFORMATION



CELEBRATION OF FALL

On behalf of the Village of Lake Villa and our events coordinator, we would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all who attended, participated, sponsored, and volunteered time in this year's Celebration of Fall event. Your time, effort, and contributions brought our community together for a day filled with fun, laughter, and memories. Whether you were serving food, showcasing your business, running activities, lending a hand behind the scenes or simply enjoyed the festivities, you played an important role in creating a truly special event for Lake Villa. We can't wait to see you again next year as we continue this tradition!



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LRS will pick up leaves weekly, starting October 20th for 6 weeks. Residents are asked to rake leaves to the curb by Monday morning, for pickup by LRS. Leaves should be raked in a narrow long line along the curb (not on the street) with the back of the pile no further than 4 feet from the mailbox. Leaves will be picked up weekly.

NOTE: Dates may be adjusted based on weather.

BRANCH PICKUP

LRS collects branches on your normal garbage day. Branches must be bundled and tied together in no longer than four foot lengths and should not weigh more than fifty pounds. Each bundle must have an LRS sticker on them. Stickers can be purchased at the Village Hall.

HYDRANT FLUSHING

The Village performs hydrant flushing starting the week of October 13th. Signs will be posted around town. You may experience rusty water or a temporary change of water pressure during this process. If you notice rust in the water, let your water run for a few minutes until it clears. Avoid doing laundry when rust is visible.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE VILLAGE

TRICK OR TREAT

Halloween Trick or Treating hours will be on Friday, October 31, 2025 from 4pm - 7pm.

Here are some safety tips:

- **Stay on Well-Lit Paths** by using sidewalks whenever possible. If you must walk on the road, stay to the side.
- **Always Trick-or-Treat in Groups** - Set boundaries. Parents should establish clear rules about which streets or neighborhoods are off-limits.
- **Inspect Candy Before Eating** - Avoid eating homemade treats from unknown sources
- **Watch for Traffic** - Remind all to look both ways before crossing the street and use crosswalks whenever possible
- **Respect your Neighbors** - Only visit home with lights on as it is a sign they're participating in Halloween.

We hope you have a safe & fun time Trick-Or-Treating!

MAILBOX REPAIRS NEED TO BE COMPLETED BEFORE PLOW SEASON

Public Works needs your help! Make sure your mailbox is sturdy and ready for the upcoming snow season. Please take some time and check the condition and proper placement of your mailbox. If the post is rotted or broken, please repair or replace it before the weather changes. Here are some helpful tips to follow when placing your mailbox:

- Position your mailbox 41" to 45" from the road surface to the bottom of the mailbox or point of mail entry
 - Place your mailbox 6" to 8" back from the curb. If you do not have a raised curb, contact the postmaster for guidance
 - Put your house number on the mailbox
- Public Works is only responsible for repairing/replacing mailboxes damaged by our trucks.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS: NO SOLICITING STICKERS AVAILABLE

To help residents maintain their privacy and peace at home, The Village is now offering free "No Solicitor" stickers for pickup at Village Hall and the Police Department. Please bring your driver's license or your utility bill to confirm residence. Posting a "No Soliciting" sign on your property is a simple and effective way to discourage unwanted door-to-door sales or solicitations. Under Village Ordinance, solicitors are required to respect these signs, violating them may result in enforcement action. We encourage all residents who wish to limit uninvited solicitations to stop by and pick up a sticker. It's a small step that can make a big difference in protecting your home and your time. If you have concerns about a solicitor or believe someone is violating the Ordinance, please contact the Police Department's non-emergency number at 847-356-6106.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING SHAPE THE FUTURE OF OUR PARKS

Thank you to everyone who participated in our recent parks survey and public meeting. Your feedback is helping shape the future of Lake Villa's parks, especially improvements in Lehmann Park. The Village received over 300 survey responses, with top priorities including walking/biking trails, splash pads, upgraded playgrounds, and restrooms. During the August 18 public meeting, residents shared thoughtful feedback on how to enhance Lehmann Park's connection to Downtown Lake Villa and the future of Sherwood Park, celebrate the natural beauty and history of Cedar Lake, and create unique features like a climbing wall and an open-air performance shelter. Your ideas and considerations will be evaluated further as part of the Village's upcoming budget process, with a focus on future capital improvements to Lehmann Park.

SEWER CLEANING/SEWER JETTING

The sanitary sewer system is made up of ten sanitary pump stations and over 32 miles of sewer mains. The Village maintains the pump stations and sewer mains on a daily basis. From time to time the pumps need to be pulled due to clogging. This can cause expensive damage to the pumps and possible sewer back-ups. Please do not flush any non-biodegradable material into the sewer system such as rags, clothes, cleaning wipes, anything plastic, dental floss or feminine sanitary products. These items will collect and cause major problems in the sewer system and clog up the pumps that can result in sewer back-ups into residential homes. The Village cleans a percentage of the sewer mains yearly. The cleaning usually takes place from April-November. From time to time you may hear noises (such as gurgling water) in your sewer lines.

WATER METER CHANGE OUT

The Village has planned a water meter replacement program scheduled to exchange and upgrade all meters by the end of 2027. Please see the Village website for the timetable and zones. A letter will be sent when working in your area to schedule an appointment. Please make sure you exercise your valves and verify they are in working condition. If you have received a letter, please schedule your appointment as soon as possible. For more information, please call the Village at 847-356-6100.

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VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING SCHEDULE

Village Board meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays
of each month.

October 6, 2025 @ 7:00pm
October 20, 2025 @ 7:00pm
November 3, 2025 @ 7:00pm
November 17, 2025 @ 7:00pm

VILLAGE HALL CLOSURES

Village Hall will be closed October 23 & 24th due to new system implements, November 11 in observance of Veterans Day and November 27 & 28, 2025 for Thanksgiving. Regular hours will resume on December 1, 2025.

