

DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT UPDATES

The Village continues to make steady progress on several key projects that will shape the future of Downtown Lake Villa. On October 30, the Village hosted a public open house to share information and gather feedback on the proposed 209 Cedar Avenue Mixed-Use Redevelopment Project - a major opportunity to bring new shops, restaurants, and housing to our downtown. The event was well attended, and the feedback received will help guide the next steps as the Village reviews developer qualifications and design ideas. Learn more at www.lake-villa.org/209Cedar.

The Village will also soon issue a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the former Pleviak Elementary School property, located just west of the downtown core. This 5.7-acre site sits at the gateway to Downtown Lake Villa and offers an exciting opportunity for a mixed-use development that could include retail, dining, and residential uses. The Village is seeking experienced developers to create a high-quality project that honors the site's history and supports our growing downtown. The RFQ will be released in late November, with updates shared at www.lake-villa.org.

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VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING SCHEDULE

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

December 1, 2025 @ 7:00pm
December 15, 2025 @ 7:00pm
January 5, 2026 @ 7:00pm
Tuesday, January 20, 2026 @7:00pm

VILLAGE HALL CLOSURES

Village Hall will be closed December 24 & 25, 2025 and January 1, 2026 for the Holiday's. Regular hours will resume the next business day.

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Village Views
DECEMBER 2025 - JANUARY 2026

125TH ANNIVERSARY



WINTER WEATHER REMINDERS



MAILBOX REPAIRS



SNOW PLOWING



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 will 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 page @Mayor James McDonald.

Respectfully,

Jim McDonald

GENERAL INFORMATION

MEET OUR COMFORT DOG, CHARLI

The Lake Villa Police Department is excited to introduce Charli, our new comfort dog! Charli is a 10-month-old labrador retriever with a very special mission - to spread joy, ease stress, and offer emotional support to both our community and department staff.

You might see Charli out and about with Officer Bagdasarian on patrol. When you do, be sure to stop by and say hello, and share a smile! Charli's presence is already making a positive impact, and we're thrilled to welcome her as the newest member of our Lake Villa family.



VILLAGE OF LAKE VILLA'S 125TH ANNIVERSARY

Get ready Lake Villa! 2026 marks a truly special milestone in our village's history: our 125th Anniversary! For over a century, Lake Villa has grown from a quiet lake-side retreat into a vibrant, close-knit community full of pride, tradition, and hometown spirit. Now, it's time to celebrate everything that makes our village so special!

Throughout 2026, we'll be hosting a full year of exciting anniversary events for residents and visitors. From lively festivals and family friendly gatherings there will be countless opportunities to come together, reminisce, and make new memories.

This milestone year is all about celebrating our past, embracing our present, and looking forward to an even brighter future. We can't wait to share the fun, honor our heritage, and highlight what makes Lake Villa such a wonderful place to live, work, and play. Stay tuned for announcements and event details coming soon!

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE VILLAGE

WINTER WEATHER REMINDERS

During the winter, the Lake Villa Snow Operations team often work long extended hours - plowing snow and removing ice on roadways, parking lots, and sidewalks.

Their goal is to ensure that all roads are safe for travel when winter weather hits. The Village's snow operations is not as simple as one would think and it requires a true team effort to meet the needs of residents and businesses.

Here are a few snow-related things to remember as we approach the winter weather season:

- 1. Do NOT push snow back into the street** - when removing snow from your driveways, please do not shovel or plow it onto the public roadway. This creates a slippery and hazardous surface for traffic (Village Code 5-1-11).
- 2. Be mindful of parking during and after snowfall** - After a minimum of 2 inch snowfall, parking is not permitted on Village maintained roadways until snow has been cleared edge to edge.
- 3. Mailbox replacement policy** - If you believe a Village snowplow caused damage to your mailbox, please report the damage by contacting the Village Hall at 847-356-6100 or by using our resident portal. \$50.00 max replacement cost.

Snow Removal Priorities:

When snow and ice removal needs to be prioritized during a large winter weather event, here's how the Village of Lake Villa prioritizes resources:

- 1. Village Streets** - Village crews plow and clear nearly 60 miles of Village maintained roadways. IDOT is responsible for IL Routes 83 & 132, and LCDOT plows Deep Lake, Grass Lake, Fairfield, Petite Lake, and Monaville Rd.
- 2. Village Parking Lots & Sidewalks** - all platforms adjacent to tracks is the responsibility of Metra
- 3. Pedestrian Walkways around parks**
- 4. Central Business District/Park Property Hauling of snow.**