



DECEMBER 2017-JANUARY 2018

HELP WANTED**SHOPPING SAFETY****SNOW REMOVAL****PRINCESS****A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR**

Dear Reader,

Another year of great memories is coming to an end. Lake Villa had a very busy year. Some of those great memories were created at our parades, Celebration of Summer, Miss Lake Villa Pageant, a variety of cooking and painting classes at Lehmann Mansion, and our Community Partners "Concert in the Park" series. We also added our first Craft Beer Festival this summer. Our Staff and Volunteers are already working on plans for next year's events.

With winter coming, one of the most frequently asked questions is, "Who is responsible for shoveling the sidewalks in the right of way?" The General Assembly has recognized that it is the public policy of the State of Illinois that property owners are encouraged to clean sidewalks of snow and ice. To this end, the Snow and Ice Removal Act shields individuals from liability for damages resulting from efforts to remove snow or ice from sidewalks, except for acts which amount to clear wrongdoing.

The Village is also looking to fill a vacancy on our Police Pension Board. This is a volunteer position required by State Statutes to complete a 32 hour certification course within the first 18 months of service. Each year there after, 16 hours of continued training is required. Serving your community can be an interesting and rewarding experience. If you are a village resident interested in public service, the Village is now soliciting applications to fill the vacancy. Contact the Village Administrator for more information.

On behalf of the Village Board, I wish you and your family, a very happy and healthy holiday season!

Happy New Year!

Jim McDonald
Mayor



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Village of Lake Villa

GENERAL INFORMATION

WATER & SEWER E-BILLING

To receive an electronic bill instead of a paper bill, please call Village Hall at (847)356-6100, or send an email to webmaster@lake-villa.org to enroll. When emailing your request, please include your name, account number, and home address.

You can also view your utility bill and account history online at www.lake-villa.org. To access your account, you will need your account number and the Pin number from your bill. While online, you may also pay your utility bill via a credit card. Residents and business owners may also sign up for auto debit to have your bill automatically debited from your account on the due date.

METRA SERVICE

The Village is on the North Central Line with week-day service from Antioch to Chicago. Visit www.metrarail.com for schedules and additional information. To fund the maintenance of the parking facilities and the Metra station, the daily parking fee is \$1.75. The North Central Line, which services Lake Villa, is also an O'Hare Transfer line. You can reach both Chicago and O'Hare on the same train route.

RENTAL PROPERTY

Renting your property? Rental inspections are required prior to a new tenant moving in. Please contact the Village Hall for more information

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Come join the fun, at Lehmann Mansion, with a Pancake Breakfast hosted by the Lake Villa Historical Society and the Lake Villa Township Lions Club! Event includes many activities for kids, including visit with Santa, storytellers, crafts, and balloon artist Holly Nagel. All proceeds from this event benefit the Lake Villa Historical Society. Tickets are \$10 (ages 3 and under free) and are available in the Village Hall.

SHOPPING SAFETY TIPS

During the holiday season, shoppers may be so busy that they fail to be aware of their surroundings. Careless or unaware shoppers are easy pickings for purse snatchers and other thieves. Scan your immediate area; don't assume that you are secure because there are people around you. For example, when you are in a parking lot or garage, be alert to anyone who appears to be standing around for no good reason. He or she might be waiting for someone, or that person could be an opportunist waiting to grab your shopping bags or your purse. Don't become an easy target.

Here are some other important crime prevention tips from the Lake Villa Police Department to remember during the holiday season, whenever you're out and about during the holiday season:

- Don't flash large amounts of cash around, or offer tempting targets for theft such as expensive jewelry or clothing.
- Carry your purse or shoulder bag close to your body, not dangling by straps. Put your wallet in an inside pocket of your coat or front pants pocket.
- Always walk and park in well-lit areas. Park close to the entrance of the store or mall, if possible. When outside the mall, stick to well-lit, well-traveled streets, walkways and parking areas.
- Don't talk on your cellphone while walking through parking lots and streets. Your phone conversation is a distraction that makes you vulnerable to robbers. Keep your full attention on your surroundings. Also, your cellphone itself can be a tempting target to thieves.
- If you are ready to leave the mall and feel uneasy about entering the parking lot or garage by yourself, stay in the mall and ask for a security escort.
- Don't fumble for your car keys. Have them in your hand, ready to use when you reach the vehicle.
- Don't electronically unlock your vehicle until you are within door-opening distance. This helps stop a thief from getting into the vehicle and waiting to strike when you least expect it.
- If you believe someone is following you, cross the street, switch directions, or walk into a store or restaurant. If you are really scared, yell. Don't be embarrassed. Your safety is more important.
- Do not open your vehicle door to anyone in a parking lot or garage.

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VILLAGE OF LAKE VILLA
DISCOVER THE OPPORTUNITIES

AROUND THE VILLAGE

"A FAIRYTALE COME TRUE" PRINCESS LUNCHEON

Tickets for this magical event at the historic Lehmann Mansion are available at the Village Hall. Come join Queen Grace for a special afternoon while enjoying lunch, story telling and dancing. All little princesses receive a tiara, balloon corsage, and goody bag along with a special photo keepsake.

The Princess Luncheon is Saturday, March 3, 2018. Tickets for the event are \$25 and are expected to sell out quickly.

For more information, please call Village Hall at (847) 356-6100.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Village is currently seeking applicants for part-time seasonal help (maximum of 1000 hours) in the Public Works Department.

Responsibilities include snow removal, chipping branches, and other street department duties as assigned. Must be at least 18 years old and must be able to lift at least 80 lbs. Will be required to work 40 hours per week and work weekends as needed. A valid CDL Class B driver's license with air brakes endorsement preferred. Some overtime may be required at the request of supervisor. This position will be a maximum of 1000 hours.

Salary rate is \$15-\$17 per hour depending on qualifications.

Employment is contingent upon the successful completion of a drug screen and physical.

Interested candidates should contact Glenn McCollum, Director of Public Works at gmccollum@lake-villa.org or 847-356-6100 x224.

2018 CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL

The 2018 Lake Villa Craft Beer Festival will be held on the grounds of the Lehmann Mansion on June 23, 2018. Registration is now open. Visit www.lakevillabeerfest.com to make your reservations.

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CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

Waste Management will be picking up Christmas Trees January 2nd - 12th. Please remove all ornaments, lights, tinsel, etc. and place the tree at the curbside. If you need to use a bag while transporting the tree out of your home, please remove the bag before leaving the tree at the curb. Trees must be of a size that one driver may manage.

SNOWPLOWING

Keep in mind that as the plows come by, snow is diverted to the curb to the right side of the plow. Snow may accumulate in the end of driveway approaches as the plow truck passes by. Please do not shovel this snow back into the street because snow that is in the street can freeze and cause dangerous conditions. As you clean your driveway, place the snow onto your yard or the parkway to the right side as you face the street. That will help prevent the snow from being pushed back into your driveway.

ON STREET PARKING

Village Code prohibits parking on the street during 2 or more inches of snow. This will help the Village be more efficient in clearing Village Streets.

WASTE MANAGEMENT PICK-UP DATES

For the week of Christmas and New Year Holidays, Waste Management will pick up garbage one day later than regularly scheduled.

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DO YOU HAVE A LEAK?



Many household leaks are silent and go unnoticed, and gradually increase until the homeowner receives their bill in the mail. To prevent this from happening to you, periodically check your home for leaks.

A good way to tell if you have a leak is to read your water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter does not read exactly the same, there is a leak.

Toilet leaks can be the most problematic because they can leak quite a bit and can go undetected for some time. Most leaks start slowly and gradually increase. A toilet leaking at rate of 1/2 gallons per minute can use up to 21,600 gallons per month. Check for toilet tank leaks by adding food coloring to the tank. If the toilet is leaking, color will appear in the bowl within 30 minutes. Check the toilet for worn out, or corroded or bent parts. Most replacement parts are inexpensive, readily available, and easily installed. (Flush as soon as test is done, since food coloring may stain your tank).

Another common fixture to check for water usage is your water softener. Make sure it is set to regenerate only as often as necessary to keep water at the desired hardness.

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VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING SCHEDULE

December 13th, 2017 @ 8:00pm
December 27th, 2017 @ 8:00pm
January 10th, 2018 @ 8:00pm
January 24th, 2018 @ 8:00pm

Village committee meetings precede each regular board meeting and start at 7:00pm

VILLAGE HALL

Village Hall will be closed December 25th - 26th and January 1st 2018. Regular hours will resume the next business day.



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