



DECEMBER 2018-JANUARY 2019

WATER



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SNOW REMOVAL



METRA



A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Dear Residents,

The construction project that will provide Lake Michigan water to Lake Villa is nearing completion. It is anticipated that Lake Michigan water will be flowing before the spring arrives. This will mark the end of more than a decade of work by the Village to find the best and most cost effective way to provide a long-term and sustainable water source to the residents and businesses of Lake Villa. After studying options for years with other municipalities and Lake County, the Village of Lake Villa approved an admissions agreement in 2013 with the Central Lake County Joint Action Water Agency (CLCJAWA) to become a member of the water agency that included nine other municipalities.

The Village was able to reduce costs of this project by partnering with Lake County and the Village of Lindenhurst. By pooling our legal, engineering, easement acquisition and construction resources together, the overall costs came in lower than anticipated. These costs are funded by Special Service Area #16 (SSA) on your property taxes. The estimated property tax for the SSA was \$250 for a \$200,000 home. While construction has not yet been completed, we anticipate that the construction costs will result in a lower SSA property tax than originally projected.

During the planning and construction time, the Village completed a number of improvements to our internal water system to ensure the reliability of the system during the transition to Lake Michigan water and beyond. Part of the improvements included an additional 1.5 million gallon water storage tank in addition to our existing 1 million gallons of storage. This will ensure a continued water supply in the event of a temporary service disruption from CLCJAWA.

Lake Michigan will provide a number of water quality benefits. If you would like to review these benefits, please go to www.clcjawa.com. Visit the water quality tab and click the "What to Expect when Shifting to Lake Michigan Water" tab. Please pay attention to the Village of Lake Villa's website, Facebook and Twitter accounts for announcements on Lake Michigan water.

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

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 12th, 2018 @ 8:00pm
January 9th, 2019 @ 8:00pm
January 23rd, 2019 @ 8:00pm

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

VILLAGE HALL

Village Hall will be closed December 24th - 25th 2018 and January 1st 2019. Regular hours will resume the next business day.



WWW.LAKE-VILLA.ORG

AROUND THE VILLAGE

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.



METRA PARKING PASS

Do you take the train every day? Tired of having to have exact change to pay the daily Metra parking fee? Sign up for Lake Villa's Metra Pre-pay Parking Program and enjoy the convenience of a pre-paid parking pass for \$34 per month.

Simply complete the Metra Pre-Pay Parking Program form that can be found on the village website under Resident Services/Ride Metra. Return the completed form with a check for your first month in the amount of \$34 to the Village Hall and you will receive a hang tag to put on your vehicle's rearview mirror. Each month \$34 will automatically be deducted from your bank account. There will be no need to remember to renew or to pay the daily fee at the pay box!

See the form or contact the Village Hall for more information.

2019 CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL

Mark your calendars! The 2019 Lake Villa Craft Beer Festival will be held on the grounds of the Lehmann Mansion on July 13, 2019. Watch future issues of Village Views for registration information.

FOLLOW THE VILLAGE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter for news and updates:



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CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

Waste Management will be picking up Christmas Trees January 2nd through January 11th. 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.

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.

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.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Interested in Lake Villa History? Check out the Lake Villa Historical Society located at 223 Lake Avenue in Lake Villa. They offer some interesting programs and have a great collection of Lake Villa related historical items on display in their gallery. The museum is open on Thursday afternoons or by appointment. Visit www.lakevillahistory.org for more information.

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.

Convenient Utility Bill Payment Options:

Did you know that you can 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 or e-check.

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 weekday 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.

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.

