



FEBRUARY - MARCH 2019

## STORMWATER



## RECYCLING



## ST. PAT'S DAY



## EGG HUNT



## A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Dear Residents,

It has recently been brought to my attention that there are new challenges in the recycling world. Did you know that nearly 1 in 4 items placed in every recycling bin isn't actually recyclable? It was explained that the phrase "one bad apple spoils the bunch" is also true for recycling. One non-recyclable item can spoil an entire batch of otherwise good materials.

Although residents have the best intentions by recycling, according to Waste Management, today, the average contamination rate among communities and businesses is about 25%. These spoiled recyclable materials end up in the landfill.

Often, plastic bags are placed in the recycling bins or other recyclable items are placed in a bag and then into the bin. These bags get tangled in sorting equipment at the recycling plants and cause havoc with the process, which ultimately make it more expensive to separate recycled materials. Plastic bags can be recycled at most grocery stores including Butera or Jewel.

Placing food or liquids in the recycling bin can contaminate all of the cardboard and paper items within and prevent all of them from being recycled.

On a positive note, according to statistics, Lake Villa is 3rd in the County in amount of recycling per capita. Now, how do we improve and recycle more? We can all contribute by going back to the basics and apply the same discipline we did years ago to the modern recycling programs.

More information can be found on page 4 under Recycling Guidelines. Also, learn about options for disposal of electronics and other household waste at [www.swalco.org](http://www.swalco.org).

Keep up the good work!

Jim McDonald  
Mayor



## AROUND THE VILLAGE

### WHERE DOES YOUR SUMP PUMP DRAIN?

Inflow and infiltration (I/I) are terms for the ways that snowmelt, stormwater runoff and groundwater make their way into sanitary sewer pipes and eventually get treated, unnecessarily, at wastewater treatment plants.

**Inflow** is when clear water enters the wastewater system through sump pumps or foundation drains that are illegally connected to sewer lines. Inflow is greatest during major storm events. Infiltration is when groundwater seeps into cracked or broken wastewater pipes.

**Infiltration** is a steady contributor to the problem, causing water that should be filtering down and recharging the areas aquifers to end up going through the Wastewater Treatment Plant and eventually flowing down the Fox River.

***I/I is a problem because it uses up fixed capacity in sewer pipes, pump stations and the wastewater treatment plant.***

Inflow results in unnecessary expenses that can increase rates for all users.

Inflow is a significant problem because during major rain a sump pump can add over 7,000 gallons of clear water to the wastewater system in 24 hours, the equivalent of the normal daily flow from 40 homes. In more extreme rain events, inflow can cause sewer backups into homes and businesses.

#### ***What can homeowners do about I/I?***

- Familiarize yourself with your house plumbing system. If you have roof downspouts that are piped underground, a sump pump that has no identifiable discharge point, or foundation drains that don't discharge to the road side ditch or other low point on the lot, you may be contributing to the problem.
- Disconnect unlawful connections to the sewer system.

Taking these steps will help the environment and reduce unnecessary treatment costs associated with treating stormwater that enters the sanitary sewer system.

If you are unsure about where your sump pump discharges, please contact the Public Works Department at 847-245-6901.

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### SPRINGFEST

The LLV Chamber of Commerce has announced that 2019 SpringFest Expo is back by popular demand at it's original location, Lakes Community High School on March 31, 2019 at 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Don't miss this extraordinary opportunity to meet the many businesses and organizations; all in one place, that help make the Lindenhurst- Lake Villa area such a strong community.

The event will kick off at 8:00 am with a delicious pancake breakfast presented by the Lions Club of Lake Villa Township. The Expo will open at 9:00 am and will feature a Raffle to benefit the Paul Yurs Scholarship Fund. The raffle is your chance to win great prizes and help make a difference in the lives of some local students.

The Expo is fun and family-friendly with lots to see and do! You can expect appearances by a few of the Disney Princesses, live music, Bella's Bouncies, and much, much more!

### 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](mailto:webmaster@lake-villa.org) to enroll. When emailing your request, please include your name, account number, and home

# RECYCLING GUIDELINES

# YES!



## METAL

Steel & Aluminum Containers and Foil



## PAPER

Cardboard (flattened),  
Office Paper, Newspaper, Magazines

### Clean & Empty

Replace lids & caps



## GLASS

Containers: Bottles & Jars Only



## PLASTIC

Containers: Bottles, Tubs, Jugs,  
and Jars Only



## CARTONS

May be acceptable in some  
programs, check with  
local authority.

# NO!



**No Plastic Bags**  
No Product Wrap  
(return clean to retailer)



**No Big Items** (Electronics, Wood,  
Propane Tanks, Scrap Metal or Styrofoam  
– check with local authority for other options)



**No Tangles** (Hangers, Hoses,  
Wire, Cords, Ropes or Chains)



**No Clothing**  
Textiles or Shoes (donate)



**No Food, Liquid, Diapers,  
Batteries or Needles**



**No Shredded Paper**  
(check with local authority  
for other recycling options)

**Put material in loose  
- Not in Bags**

These Guidelines represent the common items accepted in most recycling programs in Illinois. For greater detail on specific items or programmatic variations, reach out to your local authority.

To find out more detail, including recycling and reuse programs beyond the bin, visit [SWALCO.ORG](http://SWALCO.ORG), or contact SWALCO at (847)377-4950



## SPRING EVENTS



### ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Everyone is Irish during our annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. The parade will kick off on Saturday, March 16th, 2019 at 12:00 noon from Palombi School and ends on Cedar Avenue at the Train Station. At that point, everyone is invited to the VFW for the Village Corned Beef and Cabbage Luncheon served immediately following the parade for a nominal fee.



### EGG HUNT IN LEHMANN PARK

The annual Egg Hunt for children ages 3-8 will be Saturday, April 13th at 11:00 a.m. in Lehmann Park located on Cedar Avenue. Parking will be available in the Train Station parking lot. The hunters will be separated into age groups of 3-4 year olds, 5-6 year olds, and 7-8 year olds. Parents will be asked to remain behind the starting lines of each age group. The egg hunt is free, but we ask that everyone bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to the Lake Villa Township Food Pantry. Hunters will want to bring a basket or a bag to carry their eggs.

#### THE VILLAGE OF LAKE VILLA

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Police Non-Emergency	(847) 356-6106
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### VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING SCHEDULE

Visit [www.lake-villa.org](http://www.lake-villa.org)  
for a complete calendar of Village  
meetings and a list of agendas.

#### VILLAGE HALL

Village Hall will be closed February 18,  
2019. Regular hours will resume the next  
business day.



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