



# Lake in the Hills Business Insider

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## Business Enhancement Program

The Business Enhancement Program was created by the Business Relations Committee to provide local businesses the opportunity to network, while gaining knowledge from presentations on various business related topics. The Village has been able to offer the program free of charge to local businesses and continues to be well received by those attending.

The Committee is currently working on putting together the next Business Enhancement Program. If you have a topic that you would like to see addressed at one of these sessions, please email the Committee at [brc@lith.org](mailto:brc@lith.org).

The Committee is also interested in finding out what time of day is best to offer programs such as this to our business community. Please email [brc@lith.org](mailto:brc@lith.org) with your preference.

- a. breakfast
- b. lunch
- c. dinner



## Sales Tax Increase

In March of this year, the Village's Board of Trustees voted in favor of a 0.5% increase in the Village's sales tax. This decision was made in keeping with the mission of the Board to eliminate the municipal utility taxes for its residents.

While the elimination of the utility tax affects all residents and businesses, the increase in sales tax largely affects non-residents purchasing goods in Lake in the Hills, thereby shifting some of the tax burden from the residents.

Effective July 1, 2006, the new tax rate for general merchandise will be 7%. As Lake in the Hills is home rule, the increase in tax does not affect qualified food, drugs, medical appliances or items that must be titled or registered by an agency of the State.

For more information on the tax increase, visit the Illinois Department of Revenue (IDOR) website, [tax.illinois.gov](http://tax.illinois.gov) or call the IDOR at 800-732-3336.

## Gordon Larsen Business Achievement Award

The Business Relations Committee selected Northern Illinois Flight Center (NIFC) as the next recipient of the Gordon Larsen Business Achievement Award at the May 23, 2006 meeting.



Pictured (from left to right): Jeff Altman, Chair of the Business Relations Committee, Howard Seedorf, Owner of Northern Illinois Flight Center, Ed Plaza, Village President

NIFC began its operations back in 1982 and has continued to flourish through the years. The business operates with approximately 30 employees, making it one of the Village's top 30 employers.

The Committee applauded Northern Illinois Flight Center for their continued Village support, including the Lake in the Hills Police Benevolent and annual Air Expo. The nomination credited NIFC with increasing corporate awareness of the Lake in the Hills Airport.

Pictured above, Howard Seedorf, NIFC's owner, was presented with the award at the June 22, 2006 Board of Trustees meeting.

Nominations for the next Gordon Larsen award will be accepted through August 4, 2006. If you are interested in nominating your business, logon to [www.lith.org](http://www.lith.org) to download the form.

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### Temporary Signs

As a reminder to our businesses, the Village Zoning Ordinance does not allow off-site temporary signs. Businesses are allowed to have temporary signs on their own property.

No more than two permits for a temporary event sign(s) can be issued for the same premises within one calendar year and is limited to

14 days per permit. Businesses can run those permits back to back for a total of 28 days if they wish.

The number of signs for the temporary event is limited to two and they can be no larger than 32 square feet (combined) and 8 feet in height. Permits can be obtained from the Community Development Department at Village Hall.

### Business-Related Questions?

The Village's Administration Department is available to answer any business related questions you may have. This can range from questions regarding the Village's ordinances to suggestions for new Business-related programs.

If you have a question, concern or comment, please feel free to contact Shannon Andrews, Assistant Village Administrator or Gerald Sagona, Village Administrator at (847) 960-7410.

### Welcome New Businesses

Lake in the Hills would like to welcome the following new businesses to our community. Residents are encouraged to use our merchants whenever possible to help out our local economy.

- Christina Ledet Childcare  
4585 Barharbor Drive
- Tastefully Simply  
4585 Barharbor Drive  
(Gourmet Food Party Plan)
- Ramesh B. Vemuri  
9241 S. Route 31  
(Physician)
- Grace Medical Center 2250  
Algonquin Rd, Suite 112
- Hills Food & Liquor  
9451 Ackman Road
- Lakewood Dental  
9411 Ackman Road
- Maximum Impact Internet Market  
5 Flowerfield Court  
(Internet drop ship sales)
- Prairie Stone Cleaners  
9431 Ackman Road
- Northwest Electrical Contractor  
3446 Sonoma Circle
- Precise Chiropractic Center  
4590 Princeton Lane, Suite 120
- Millennium Diagnostics  
9217 S. Route 31  
(Medical Diagnostic Service)
- Kingstone Cleaners  
9431 Ackman
- Davric Corporation, Inc.  
8015 Pyott Road  
(Injections Molding)
- PDM Vending  
204 Wander Way
- Satellite Innovations  
9248 Trinity Drive  
(Parts Distribution)
- Tropical Tanspa  
4620 Algonquin Road
- Cirrus Aircraft  
8407 Pyott Road
- Pure Salon & Spa  
9213 S. Route 31
- Grace's Studio (Decorating)  
1165 Moonstone Run
- Silhouette Soldiers (Lawn Art)  
1330 Cunnat Court, Unit 1-F
- E's Bakery  
9541 Ackman Road
- Midwest Maintenance Group  
1 Walter Court  
(Janitorial Maintenance)
- Pizzamore Pizza, Inc.  
9471 Ackman Road
- F.E. Moran Alarm & Monitoring  
1510 Industrial Drive, Suite F

### Village Contact Information

**For any Business-related inquiries, please contact:**  
Gerald D. Sagona (847) 960-7411  
Village Administrator  
Shannon Andrews (847) 960-7412  
Assistant Village Administrator

**Emergency Services 911**  
Police Non-Emergency 658-5676  
1115 Crystal Lake Road  
Village Hall 960-7400  
600 Harvest Gate  
Administration Department 960-7410  
Finance Department 960-7420  
Community Development 960-7440  
Parks and Recreation 960-7460  
Public Works Department 960-7500  
9100 Haligus Road

**Office Hours**  
Village Hall  
8:30AM to 5:00PM Monday - Friday  
(Finance Dept remains open until 7:30PM on Thursdays)

Public Works  
7:30AM to 3:30PM Monday - Friday

**Website** [www.lith.org](http://www.lith.org)

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## Upcoming Dates

### July 18, 2006

Business Relations Committee meeting  
6:00pm  
Village Hall

### August 1, 2006

Deadline to submit request to advertise on the Village's July, water billing envelopes. Contact Statement Marketing at (312) 881-7447 or email: [statementmarketing@fvi.net](mailto:statementmarketing@fvi.net)

### August 4, 2006

Deadline to submit nomination form for the Gordon Larsen Business Achievement Award.

### August 15, 2006

Business Relations Committee meeting  
Selection of the Gordon Larsen Award recipient  
6:00pm  
Village Hall

### September 3, 2006

Summer Sunsest Fest  
Business Expo  
11:00am - 5:00pm

### September 14, 2006

Board of Trustees meeting  
Gordon Larsen Business Achievement Award presentation  
7:30pm  
Village Hall

### September 19, 2006

Business Relations Committee meeting  
6:00pm  
Village Hall

## Marketing Opportunities

### Miss Lake in the Hills Pageant

The Algonquin/Lake in the Hills Chamber and Jaycees are excited to hold the 2006 Miss Lake in the Hills Pageant. With no swimsuit or gown competitions, the pageant strays from tradition and focuses on recognizing up and coming, young business women in the community.

Each contestant needs a business sponsor to pay the \$250 entry fee. Sponsors of contestants who do not pass the interviews held on Aug. 2nd will have \$200 of this fee refunded. The finals, held at Summer Sunset Fest, include the contestants performing a 2 minute commercial about their sponsoring business.

If you are interested in sponsoring one of these young women, please contact the Chamber at (847) 658-5300 prior to the application deadline of July 26th.

### Community Business Expo

The Community Business Expo provides Lake in the Hills' businesses the opportunity to promote themselves and their products in a fun, social and highly attended event.

The Expo will take place during the Summer Sunset festival on Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> from noon to 4:00 pm. For a small entrance fee, participants will receive a 10' X 10' booth space and the exposure to thousands of area residents.

### Summer Sunset Fest

Sunset Fest also offers businesses an opportunity to promote themselves through volunteer work. The fest has a number of booths that need to be staffed and in return, businesses would be invited to wear attire with their company logo, as well as pass out trinkets. Your company name would also be highlighted on various signs throughout the food and beer tent areas.

## Commercial Development

Construction of new commercial space at the southeast quadrant of Lakewood and Ackman Road continues into the summer of 2006. The Goddard School Day Care Facility, along Princeton Lane, should be open by early July.

The first building in the Prairie Stone Shops development at the corner of Ackman and Lakewood Roads is complete and the first tenants moved in this past spring. Uses so far include a bakery, food and liquor store, dry cleaners, dental office, nail salon, fitness center and restaurant.

The Final Plat for the Algonquin Plaza commercial development was approved

in January. The 5 acre development is located at the northwest corner of Algonquin Road and Crystal Lake Road and will contain 3 lots for commercial uses. Plans have been submitted for a two-story office building and 15,000 square foot multi-tenant commercial building.

Life Storage started construction of their facility along the south side of Algonquin Road earlier this year. The site is located directly south of the Thornton's Gas Station and will contain four self storage buildings with 161 total rental units and approximately 30,000 sq. ft. of net leaseable area.

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