



Lake in the Hills Business Insider

◆ Fall 2007 ◆

State of the Village Presentation

Each year, the Algonquin/Lake in the Hills Chamber of Commerce holds an annual membership breakfast to provide its members the opportunity to learn a little more about what's happening in the community they do business in.

The Village of Lake in the Hills hosted the August 16th event, which included a presentation by Assistant Village Administrator, Shannon Andrews. In her presentation, Ms. Andrews highlighted the growth trends of both residential and commercial construction in the Village. She also reviewed construction projects that are currently in progress or were completed over the course of the past year.

During a brief review of the Village's budget, she highlighted that this is the Village's 13th consecutive year that the property tax rate has decreased.

Ms. Andrews spent time discussing the Lake in the Hills airport and its economic impact on the community and surrounding areas. She also gave an update on the status of the Airport Reconstruction Project.

Finally, Ms. Andrews discussed the role of the Business Relations Committee (BRC) in enhancing communication and strengthening business retention.

Overall, the event was considered a great success!

Festival of Trees

Kicking off the holiday season, many communities hold a tree lighting ceremony where everyone gathers around one large tree in anticipation of all the lights being switched on.

In our community, we do our holiday festivities a bit different. Instead of one large tree, we have many, each sponsored by a local business for \$75. Those businesses then have the choice as to whether they would like to decorate it themselves or have a local community organization come to do the honors.

The trees are decorated the last week of November in anticipation of the Santa Ride-In event on December 1st. Santa comes to town to visit with the residents and hear the wants and wishes of the children.

Residents are encouraged to vote for their



favorite tree by donating non-perishable food on its behalf. This voting process continues through much of December before tallying the votes to determine the winning tree.

If you are interested in participating in this tradition, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 847-960-7460.

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.

- Bucket of Herbs.com
(Online Retail Herb Plants)
2511 Waterford Lane
- Divine Home Health, Inc.
420 Wright Drive
- Moffett Physical Therapy
9551 Ackman Road
- Industrial Staffing Services
870 Oak Street
- EPJ Heating & Air, LLC
5515 Savoy Drive
- Shimmer & Shine C.S.
(Cleaning Service)
154 Village Creek Drive
- Rad Source
(Sale of Irradiators)
8411 Pyott Road
- Joy Community Christian
Children's Center (Day Care &
Preschool)
108 S Lakewood Road

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Helping You, Help Yourself - Local Business Resources

Business Relations Committee (BRC)

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Catherine Jones, Director
(815) 479-7752

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Illinois Small Business Administration

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500 W. Madison Street, Suite 1250
Chicago, Illinois 60661-2511
(312) 353-4528

www.sba.gov/il/

Chamber of Commerce

Sandy Oslance, Executive Director
106 S. Main Street, Algonquin, IL
60102
(847) 658-5300

www.algonquin-lith-chamber.org

McHenry County Convention & Visitors Bureau (MCCVB)

Cort Carlson, Executive Director
5435 Bull Valley Road, Suite 324-B
McHenry, Illinois 60050
(815) 363-6177

www.visitmchenrycounty.com

Trash Enclosures

As a reminder, all trash containers (dumpsters) in all commercial and multi-family areas must be screened by September 14, 2007. The containers must be located on an approved hard surface and screened on three-sides by a minimum 6-foot high screen consisting of treated wood, PVC board, slatted mesh or masonry material. The fourth side must be secured by an opaque screen gate, and required to be closed at all times, except when in use for collection. If you have any questions regarding the regulations, please contact the Community Development Department at (847) 960-7440.



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.

Upcoming Dates

September 18, 2007

Business Relations Committee Meeting
6:00pm
Village Hall

October 16, 2007

Business Relations Committee Meeting
6:00pm
Village Hall

November 13, 2007

Business Relations Committee Meeting
6:00pm
Village Hall

December 1, 2007

Festival of Trees
Village Hall
(Sponsorships Available!)

December 18, 2007

Business Relations Committee Meeting
6:00pm
Village Hall

January 4, 2008

Gordon Larsen Award Nomination
Deadline

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.

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Gordon Larsen Business Achievement Award

At the July 24, 2007 meeting, the Lake in the Hills' Business Relations Committee selected Joy Community Christian Children's Center as the next Gordon Larsen Business Achievement Award winner. The award program was established by the Committee to recognize Lake in the Hills' businesses for their contributions to the community.



Pictured above: President Plaza and BRC Chairman, Russ Ruzanski present the Gordon Larsen Business Achievement Award to representatives from Joy Community Christian Children's Center

The nomination for Joy Community Christian Children's Center recognized the business for their regular donations to the Lake in the Hills Food Pantry, as well as their recent participation at the 2007 Lake in the Hills' Air Expo. In addition to community support, they were also recognized for their quality services.

The nomination affirmed, "The residents need and want a high-quality, friendly and learning-rich environment for their children when attending preschool classes and daycare and Joy Community Christian Children's Center delivers."

The Committee unanimously supported the nomination, with one member suggesting that Gordon Larsen himself would have selected them. Joy Community Christian Children's Center was presented with the award at the August 23, 2007 Board of Trustees meeting.

The nomination deadline for the next Gordon Larsen Business Achievement Award is January 4, 2008. Nomination forms are available on the Village's website at www.lith.org and at Village Hall. Residents are encouraged to participate in the program by nominating a deserving Lake in the Hills business.

Development Updates

The Village saw several commercial projects under construction this summer. The Auto Zone, located at the northwest corner of Algonquin and Crystal Lake Roads, opened its doors on August 25, 2007.



Pictured above: AutoZone, located at the northwest corner of Algonquin and Crystal Lake Roads opened August 24, 2007.

The Curtis Professional building (pictured right) is a 14,000 square foot two-story office building in the same subdivision. The building opened in late July.



Pictured above: Curtis Profession Building, a 14,000 square foot, two story office building located in the Algonquin Plaza Subdivision.

In the Lakewood Pointe Subdivision along Lakewood Road at Princeton Lane, a 17, 300 square foot and a 1,500 square foot commercial retail building were under construction this summer and should be completed this fall.

development was recommended for approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission recently. Construction at the 24-unit project should start late this year.

A Final Plat for the Bentley Place town home

Dunkin Donuts has applied to the Village to occupy the former Famous Firehouse Coffee location along the west side of Randall Road. They should be open by mid-November.

Village of Lake in the Hills

600 Harvest Gate
Lake in the Hills, IL 60156

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Village Contact Information

For any Business-related inquiries, please contact:

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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.lilh.org

Business-Related Questions?

Village Administrator, Gerald Sagona is committed to working with the Village's business community. We are available to answer questions regarding the Village's ordinances or receive suggestions for new business-

related programs. We are here to provide assistance.

If you have a question, concern or comment, please feel free to contact us at (847) 960-7410.

Sponsorship/Marketing Opportunities

The Village offers businesses a wide range of marketing opportunities through the sponsoring of Village events and activities.

Being a sponsor for one of these events has the potential to provide significant exposure for your business while contributing to the success of a community event.

Currently, the Village is seeking sponsors for the 2007 Festival of Trees (see page 1), as well as the all of the planned 2008 events.

If you are interested in learning more about marketing partnerships with the Village, please contact Shannon Andrews at (847) 960-7412.