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FUTURE OF OUR PARKS: PARKS MASTER PLAN

Last year, the Village took a big step forward in shaping the future of our parks and open spaces by updating our Parks Master Plan. Partnering with Hitchcock Design Group, we collected invaluable input from the community through surveys and meetings to create a clear vision for the next 5 years.

The plan's key goals include updating aging amenities, expanding indoor spaces and programming, and ensuring our parks are safe, inclusive, and aligned with community expectations.

Ready for more details? Head to page 4 of this newsletter for additional park updates and visit lith.org/ParksMasterPlan to explore the full Parks Master Plan. The future is bright for Lake in the Hills parks!

CHANGES TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING SCHEDULE

The Village Board approved a significant change by combining the Committee of the Whole and Board of Trustees meetings into a single meeting that will occur on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. Historically, the Committee of the Whole met on the Tuesday prior to discuss items for consideration to be placed on the Board of Trustees meeting agenda. This change eliminates the Tuesday meeting, making it more convenient for residents, petitioners, and contractors to attend, as they can now share their input and hear the outcome of a vote in one evening. These changes were adopted during the January 23, 2025, Board of Trustees meeting and took effect immediately.

For details on all Village meetings, visit lith.org/events.



New Playground at Celebration Park
Photo taken by @darlingducky.adventures





A MESSAGE FROM VILLAGE PRESIDENT RAY BOGDANOWSKI

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Dear Residents,

As we embark on a new year, I'm pleased to share several exciting updates and milestones for the Village of Lake in the Hills.

2025 Budget Update

The Village Board has once again adopted a budget that reflects our commitment to fiscal responsibility and exceptional service. For the 15th consecutive year, the property tax levy remains flat or reduced, ensuring stability for our residents while enabling us to grow and thrive as a community. This year's budget highlights key investments and priorities, which we've summarized for you in an easy-to-read format on page 7.

Parks Master Plan Finalized

We're thrilled to announce the completion of the Parks Master Plan, which serves as a blueprint for the future development and enhancement of our parks, facilities, open spaces, and programming. The Leadership Team and Village staff have worked diligently to identify strategies and create actionable goals that will guide us for the next 5 years. We're excited to continue building a vibrant and accessible parks system for everyone to enjoy. Learn more about this significant achievement on page 5.

Police Department Facility Update

Our new Police Department facility is progressing steadily, with significant milestones achieved this year, including the completion of foundational work and the installation of key structural elements. This state-of-the-art facility represents our commitment to public safety, and additional project updates are included on page 10.

Comprehensive Plan Update

Planning for the future is always a priority, and we're actively working on an update to the Village's Comprehensive Plan. This important initiative will shape the growth and development of Lake in the Hills for years to come. Be sure to check out page 9 for details on this effort.

Consolidated Election Reminder

On April 1, 2025, residents will have the opportunity to participate in the Consolidated Election. This election

will include several important positions, including the Village President, Village Clerk, and three Village Trustee seats, each carrying a four-year term. We encourage everyone to mark their calendars and exercise their right to vote.

Save the Dates for Rib Fest and Summer Sunset Festival

Two signature community events are back for 2025! The Rotary Club of Lake in the Hills' Rockin' Rib Fest will take place July 10-13 at Sunset Park. Labor Day weekend will bring our annual Summer Sunset Festival from August 29-31. For local businesses, we're introducing a new Small Business Showcase sponsorship opportunity at the Summer Sunset Festival, allowing businesses to connect directly with our community on-site throughout the event. Don't miss these exciting opportunities to celebrate summer in Lake in the Hills!

As always, I want to thank each of you for your continued support and engagement in our community. Together, we are building a bright future for Lake in the Hills. I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events and working alongside you to make 2025 another remarkable year for our Village.

Warm regards,

Ray Bogdanowski, Village President

PUBLIC WORKS OPEN HOUSE

Meet the Public Works team and learn about the department's operations at the Public Works Open House! Join us on Saturday, May 17, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Public Works facility, located one block south of the intersection of Haligus and Miller Road at 9010 Haligus Road.

Check out trucks, skid steers, tractors, loaders and other vehicles the department uses to maintain the Village's infrastructure. Take part in demonstrations and learn about our Water, Streets, Public Properties and Airport Divisions. The event will include tours of an adjacent water treatment facility. Visitors will receive a complimentary hot dog lunch.

Shred Day will also be held on Saturday, May 17, at the Public Works facility at 9010 Haligus Road from 9 a.m. to noon. Residents may bring two copy paper sized boxes of any documents to be shredded at no charge. AMS Store and Shred will transport the documents in locked totes and shred them at their facility at 13 Prosper Court.

Save the date and bring the family out for a fun day at Public Works! Please call Public Works at 847-960-7500 or visit lith.org to learn more about this event.





GORDON LARSEN BUSINESS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Village of Lake in the Hills is proud to announce that The Place for Children with Autism has been awarded the prestigious 2024 Gordon Larsen Business of the Year Award. This recognition highlights their exceptional contributions to our community, particularly their efforts to make Village events more inclusive and accessible for families of all abilities.

Throughout 2024, The Place for Children with Autism demonstrated unparalleled commitment and generosity. Their efforts included sponsorships, donations, and direct involvement in a variety of events, making a significant impact across the Village. Their sensory-friendly event tables at programs like Family Bingo, Lucky Gold Hunt, and Unplug LITH provided valuable activities and resources for attendees. They also donated prizes, sponsored entertainment,

and even called bingo games, enhancing the experience for families.

Their partnership extended to larger-scale events, including the Summer Sunset Festival where their donation to Rockin' the Spectrum helped create an inclusive space for families. Their collaboration with Rockin' the Spectrum also supported the Village's initiative to host more inclusive programs, ensuring that all residents could feel welcome and engaged.

Their dedication to inclusivity and community enrichment is reflected in every event they supported, from June and July storytimes to Rec2Night at LITH Elementary School.

The Village extends heartfelt congratulations to The Place for Children with Autism for this well-deserved honor. Their continued

commitment to fostering inclusivity and their enthusiastic participation in Village events have truly set them apart as a vital partner in our community.

We look forward to their continued partnership and thank them for helping make Lake in the Hills a place where all families can feel included and celebrated.



WELCOME, NEW BUSINESSES

The Lake in the Hills business community continues to grow with the opening of new businesses and senior living facilities. Learn more about our community's growth and shop local.

ANT NAILS AND SPA located at 156 N. Randall Rd., offers top-notch nail care services in a relaxing atmosphere.

DOERNER JEWELERS INC. at 9239 S. Route 31, brings fine jewelry and expert craftsmanship to the area.

STAR BEAUTY SPA at 61 Polaris Dr. Suite 2, provides beauty and spa services tailored to a variety of needs.

STARBUCKS COFFEE has opened its second Lake in the Hills location! It is located at 4501 W Algonquin Rd. next to the CVS.

LEVEL HEALTH & WELLNESS offers nutrition plans that are designed to address everything from weight loss to food sensitivities. They also offer acupuncture and cupping to alleviate pain, reduce stress, and improve overall health. Visit them at 2114 W Algonquin Rd.

NATIONAL MUSCLE CARS buy, sell and trade some of the finest Antique, Classic, and Muscle Cars in the world today. They are an internet-based retailer located

at 9176 Trinity Dr. Visit their website to browse their collection.

FORTIFY PHYSICAL THERAPY & REHABILITATION offers physical therapy, weight management, athletic rehabilitation, and other specialty services. They are located at 61 Polaris Dr.

TOP TIER TINTS provides competitively priced automotive window tinting with evening and weekend appointments at 9114 Virginia Road, Suite 111. Visit their website to learn more.



PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT



SPRING EVENTS

Bunny Trail - Saturday, April 12

Follow the bunny tracks around Village Hall on your way to find where the rascal is waiting to take a photo with you! Fun riddles and jokes along the way for your family to enjoy while you wait your turn for a visit with the Bunny. Although it's not a traditional egg hunt, bring your baskets to collect the eggs you'll be given along the path from our community partners. This is a free event for residents who register before April 9.

Flashlight Egg Hunt - Friday, April 11

It's that time of the year, so paint those eggs, keep an eye out for the bunny and.....grab a flashlight???. That's right! Get ready for a great night looking for candy and prizes. Registration deadline is March 28.



Lucky Gold Hunt - Saturday, March 8

This family event features a leprechaun trap contest and a hunt for over 100 toy gold coins around Sunset Park. Participants turn their pot o'gold in for a mystery prize. Enjoy other activities such as a clover hunt, taste the rainbow, pin the gold on the rainbow and musical shamrocks. Registration deadline is March 5.



SUMMER EVENTS

Kick off summer with our annual **First Day of Summer Beach Party** at Indian Trail Beach on **June 20!**



Summer's CALLING



Ready for a summer of adventure? Check your mail boxes this spring for our summer event swag hunt map. Attend five of the events and you could win a prize!

SUMMER CAMPS

Preschool Camp for ages 3-6 and FuntastiCamp for grades K-7 are open for enrollment. Flexible attendance options are available.

SUMMER GUIDE AVAILABLE ONLINE ON APRIL 30

BROWSE OUR PROGRAM & EVENT GUIDE ONLINE!

Use your smartphone to scan now!



RECREATION.LITH.ORG





New Parks, New Memories!

Exciting things are happening in Lake in the Hills! This summer, the Village will replace two beloved playgrounds with brand-new designs that promise cherished memories for years to come. Get ready for fun and adventure at Nature's View and Avalon Park, where thoughtful designs bring fresh perspectives to outdoor play.

Nature's View: True to its name, Nature's View will connect visitors with its natural surroundings. Its centerpiece, an elevated tower, offers multiple play routes and a scenic lookout. Surrounding features encourage creative and sensory play, blending natural elements with innovative designs. A standalone climbing feature adds adventure while complementing nearby Celebration and Linda K. Fischer Parks.

Avalon Park: Avalon Park's vibrant new design invites creative, open-ended play for all ages. With colorful equipment, swing options, and a standalone climbing amenity, it promises endless fun. The design harmonizes with nearby parks, creating a cohesive and dynamic play experience.



Parks Master Plan Update

In 2023, The Village recognized the need for a roadmap to develop and redevelop parks, facilities, and open spaces. In June of 2023, Hitchcock Design Group (HDG), was hired for professional services to assist staff in the development of an updated Parks Master Plan.

As part of the determining factors in creating the Parks Master Plan, the Village identified a number of criteria to be included in future developments and redevelopments with the assistance of the community and the HDG leadership

team. Through the community survey and community meetings, input was collected and the leadership team categorized these areas into the plan's objectives:

- Maintain and Improve Existing Parks and Open Space Offerings
- Update Aging Park Amenities and Facilities
- Improve Existing Park and Amenity Assets to Align with Community Expectations
- Expand Indoor Space Offerings

- Expand Programs and Events
- Improve Accessibility, Safety, and Inclusivity at Parks and Facilities.

The Leadership team and Village staff identified strategies needed to accomplish these tasks and created the Master Plan's action items to guide the Village for the next 5 years in the development and redevelopment of parks, facilities, open space, and programming. To view the entire Parks Master Plan, please visit lith.org.



PROJECT UPDATES

Public Works Crew Performing Road Resurfacing

2025 WATER METER REPLACEMENT PROJECT

In 2025, the Village, and more specifically, the Water Division, is planning on a Village-wide, comprehensive water meter replacement project. This project is intended to have all meters throughout the Village replaced and updated with current technology.

Older meters may become less accurate over time by allowing more water to pass through the meter without being charged. New meters are more precise and ensure that residents are billed accurately for the water they consume. Additionally, the new meters will come with remote reading capabilities, eliminating the need for manual meter readings, reducing operational costs and improving efficiency.

The Village has budgeted approximately \$4.4M for this project, and is estimating this project to take around 12-18 months. Staff is currently in the initial stages of planning. As the project advances, the Village is committed to communication, ensuring that the proper channels be used to highlight the project status, updates, and when to expect your meter to be upgraded. In the meantime, questions can be directed to the Public Works Department at 847-960-7500.

RANDALL ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UPDATE

The Randall Road Corridor Improvement Project will soon be underway, with plans to widen Randall Road from Acorn Lane to McHenry Avenue. This spring and summer, work will focus on utility relocation, the installation of a temporary traffic signals at Miller Road and Randall Road and a new temporary signal at Alexandra Boulevard and Randall Road. Temporary pavement will also be installed along the east side of Randall Road. Construction is expected to continue through 2027. For project updates, visit randallroad.info.

ROAD RESURFACING

The annual resurfacing project is a significant part of the Village's management of the road system. Funds from the Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Fund pay for the pavement improvements. The project may create limited inconveniences when resurfacing is taking place. Please watch for signage that will alert you to the upcoming work. Street resurfacing is planned for the following roads in 2025:

- Aurora Drive (Savoy Drive to McKenzie Drive)
- Highwood Lane (Chadwick Lane to Thistle Lane)
- Hilly Lane (Ramble Road to Pheasant Trail)
- McKenzie Drive (Savoy Drive to Worthington Lane)
- Princeton Lane (Harvard Lane to Albrecht Road)
- Roosevelt Street (Clayton Marsh Drive to Adams Street)
- Savoy Drive (McKenzie Drive to Savoy Court)
- Sonoma Circle (Miller Road to Miller Road)
- Sonoma Court (Sonoma Circle to End)
- Sorrel Row (Impressions Drive to Impressions Drive)
- Wander Way (Algonquin Road to Indian Trail)
- Worthington Lane (Savoy Drive to Danbury Circle)
- Wright Court (Ellis Road to End)
- Albrecht Road (Miller Road to Lakewood Road)

Please contact the Public Works Department at 847-960-7500 with any questions.

FIBER OPTIC NETWORK CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY

In 2023, i3 Broadband began installing a fiber optic network within the Village's rights-of-way. This project is still ongoing and is expected to be completed by the end of the year. i3 is currently requesting permits, and the Village will continue to provide updates on the work being done at lith.org/FiberOpticUpdates.

Parking Lot Replacements Scheduled for Plote Field & Leroy Guy West

The Village has scheduled replacements for two parking lots that have reached the end of their usable lives. The Plote Field parking lot, in service for 32 years, currently has a condition rating of 58 out of 100. Each year, Village staff evaluates parking lots and assigns a rating to determine maintenance and replacement priorities, focusing on those in the most critical condition. Replacing the Plote Field parking

lot will ensure continued access for motorists attending community events, ballgames, and park activities. Delaying its replacement would result in the need for significant maintenance to keep the parking lot functional.

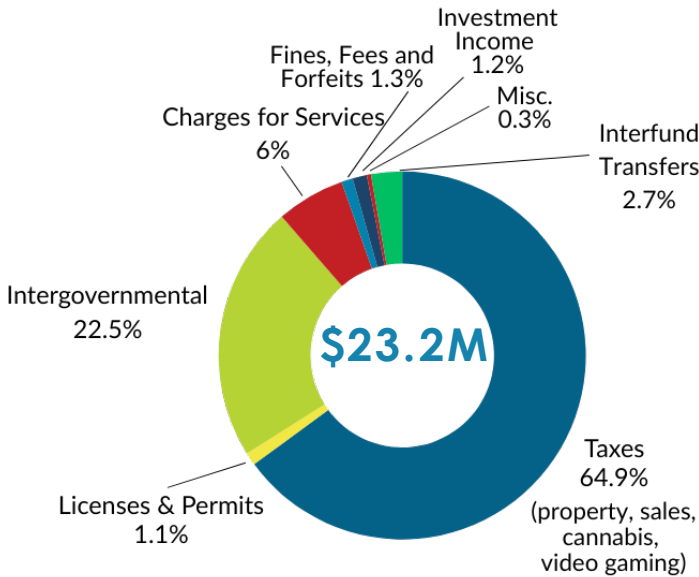
Similarly, the Leroy Guy West parking lot, which has been in use for 28 years, is also slated for replacement. With a condition rating of 48 out of 100, it

is among the parking lots in greatest need of attention. This lot plays a vital role in providing parking for community gatherings, sports events, and park visitors. Addressing these replacements promptly will ensure that these facilities continue to serve residents effectively while avoiding costly repairs associated with delayed action.

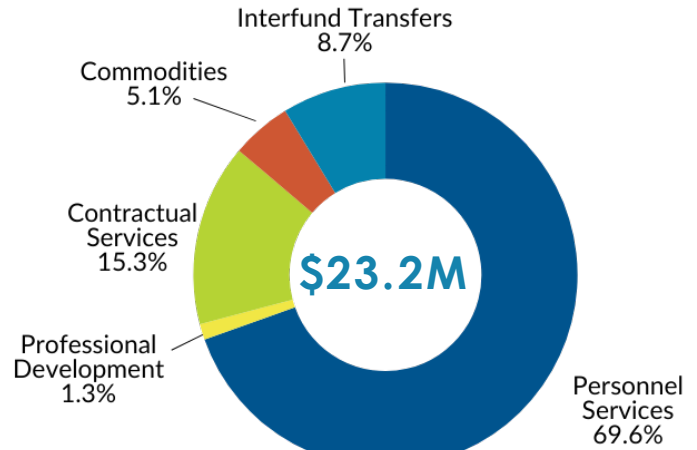
FY2025 BUDGET SNAPSHOT

The Village operates on a calendar year fiscal year, which is comprised of a number of funds. The Village's primary fund, the **General Fund**, receives revenues and identifies expenditures for programs and services that aren't tracked in a different fund, which includes the majority of everyday governmental activities. The FY25 General Fund Revenues reflect a balanced budget. The major sources are identified below with both a percentage and label. Additional information can be found within the Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Budget located at lith.org/budget.

REVENUES BY TYPE



EXPENDITURES BY TYPE



EXPLANATION OF OTHER FUNDS

Water Operating and Maintenance Fund: The Public Works Water Division manages nine wells, eight treatment facilities, over 108 miles of water main pipe, and nearly 9,600 service accounts. Staff ensure safe drinking water, conduct IEPA testing, perform meter readings, and handle system repairs.

Airport Operating and Maintenance Fund: The Airport Division oversees the operation of the Lake in the Hills 3CK Airport, an FAA reliever airport for Chicago O'Hare. This fund supports airport infrastructure maintenance, navigational aids, and groundskeeping, including snow removal and marketing initiatives.

Police Facility Fund: This fund supports the construction of the new police facility, with bonds issued in early 2025 to cover remaining construction costs. Expenditures include construction, furnishings, and landscaping, with completion anticipated by October 2025.

Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Fund: This fund provides a dedicated revenue source for significant capital projects and asset improvements through gas and electric utility taxes. This ensures long-term funding for essential infrastructure and services that benefit residents and businesses.

All Other Funds: These include the Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Fund for road maintenance, the Police Seizure Fund, the Public Safety Cadets Program, the Festival Fund, Special Service Area (SSA) Funds, the Debt Service Fund, and the Health Insurance Fund, each supporting specific operational or programmatic needs across the Village.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS



Capital Investments: Over \$3.9 million will be allocated to the Capital Improvement Plan Fund, including park improvements and engineering projects like Woods Creek Lake dredging.



Strategic Planning: \$50,000 is allocated for developing a new strategic plan following the completion of the Comprehensive and Parks Master Plans.



Utility and Road Maintenance: The Village plans to use \$1.29 million from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund for major road resurfacing projects, including Albrecht Road.



"An Oasis in Lake in the Hills" by Katelyn Casey
2024 Photo Contest Entrant

PHOTO CONTEST

Take your shot! The Village of Lake in the Hills is holding its annual photo contest to find images that best capture life in Lake in the Hills. Select photographs will be featured on the Lake in the Hills website and in various Village publications. The contest is open to Lake in the Hills residents and non-residents. Exciting news for this year's contest: we're introducing themed categories! The 2025 contest theme will be **Sunset Fest Memories**, so get ready to capture your favorite festival memories! Visit lith.org/photocontest to view the rules and submit your photos.



"Car Show at Sunset Fest" by Tim Steffey
2024 Photo Contest Entrant



Congratulations to Veronica Etherton, the winner of the 2024 Photo Contest! Her stunning photo, *Boat Rides Before Bed*, beautifully captures a peaceful evening on her father's fishing boat near the Hain House.

FOOD SCRAP COMPOSTING PROGRAM

Flood Brothers Disposal offers a voluntary food scrap composting program to single-family residences throughout the Village during the yard waste collection season, April 1 through November 30. Residents who enroll in this program may mix food scraps with yard waste by placing them at the curb in a rigid, lidded container or a rented Flood Brothers 95-gallon yard waste cart. The program is available to all single-family residences at no additional cost unless residents choose to rent a yard waste container, which costs \$2.25 per month. Yard waste and food scraps are taken to a compost facility, where they are processed into compost and mulches. The compost and mulches are then used to fertilize soils and protect soils from erosion. Visit lith.org to find more information and an enrollment form.

GARBAGE CAN PLACEMENT AND STORAGE

Residents may place trash containers at the curb no earlier than 12 p.m. on the day preceding their scheduled garbage and recycling pick-up day. Please use care and secure any loose items so light winds do not carry those items through the neighborhood. When not at the curb, containers must be placed at the rear or side of the home or in a fully enclosed area. Find additional information at lith.org.

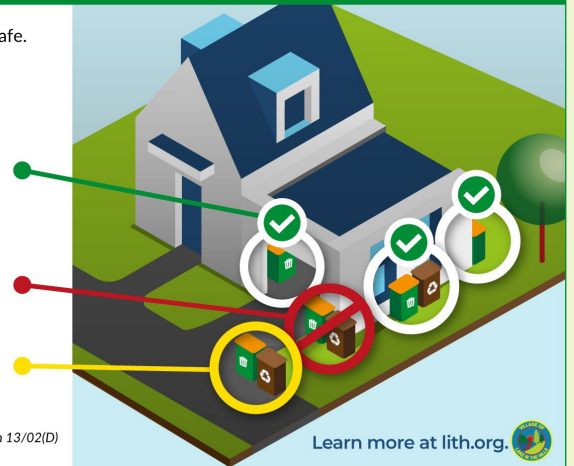
Where can I store my garbage cans?

Help us keep Lake in the Hills beautiful and safe. Please remember to store garbage cans:

- ✓ Inside your garage,
- ✓ On the side of your home.
- ✓ Or in the rear yard.

✗ Please do not store cans in front of your home.

🕒 Garbage cans may be brought to the curb beginning at 12 p.m. on the day before the scheduled collection day.



Municipal Code Section 13/02(D)

Learn more at lith.org

VILLAGE OF LAKE IN THE HILLS



COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

The Village will soon complete a full update of the Lake in the Hills Comprehensive Plan. The final plan will set goals, policies, and objectives that articulate the community's vision and guide the Village's growth for the next ten years. Village staff and our planning consultant have compiled technical analysis, community input, and stakeholder feedback into draft recommendations regarding community identity, economic development, transportation, infrastructure, and land use. Please visit planninglith.org to learn more, and consider subscribing to receive email updates about the final opportunities for public input prior to adoption of the new plan.

BUILDING PERMITS

Village staff continues to work to uphold property values through the administration of a building permit program and the enforcement of property maintenance ordinances.

As a reminder, a building permit is required for construction, remodeling and system replacement work within a home. Visit lith.org to find building permit application forms and helpful information. Examples of projects requiring a permit include:

- Installations or replacements of decks, hot tubs, swimming pools, retaining walls, solar panels, lawn sprinklers, patios, sidewalks, driveways, stoops, sheds, fences, windows or roofing
- Construction of a garage or gazebo
- Kitchen, bath and basement remodeling projects or other work that alters walls, fixtures, plumbing or electrical systems

Permit applications are available at lith.org/public-portal through our online public portal for the following projects:

- Water heater/softener system repairs and replacements
- Furnace and air conditioning system repairs and replacements
- Roofing and siding repairs and new material installations
- Stormwater management

Contact the Community Development Department at 847-960-7400 for further information and assistance.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Establish and follow a routine maintenance plan to preserve the value of your home and property, avoid unexpected expenses, and protect the safety and value of surrounding properties in your neighborhood.

Follow these helpful reminders:

- Make plans to service lawn mowing equipment ahead of the growing season. Per Village ordinance, grass and weeds must never exceed eight inches in height throughout all yard areas and the adjacent right-of-way.
- Trim trees and bushes to limit damage to the roof and siding and prevent safety hazards. Low branches overhanging public bike paths and sidewalk areas obstruct views at street intersections. Ensure that your home's address is clearly visible from the street for first responders.
- Downspouts and sump pumps may not be installed in locations that would cause them to discharge any closer than six feet inside a lot's property lines. They must not cause a runoff issue for the public sidewalk, street or adjacent properties per Village ordinances.
- Pet owners are responsible for maintaining their property and keeping it free of excessive waste accumulation in any yard area. Dog waste must be picked up while walking dogs in any park or public place and properly disposed of in a waste receptacle.
- Boats, recreational vehicles, vehicles and trailers (all types) must be properly parked or stored at all times on a hard surface per Village ordinance. Parking on grass is not permitted.

To schedule a courtesy visit from a member of our staff or get answers to questions on property maintenance topics, please get in touch with the Village's Community Development Department staff at 847-960-7400. Find more information on property maintenance requirements at lith.org.



New Police Facility Progress as of
December 6, 2024

POLICE UPDATES

NEW POLICE FACILITY UPDATE

We're excited to share updates on the construction of the new Police Department facility, a cornerstone of public safety for Lake in the Hills. Since breaking ground on April 19, 2024, the project has been progressing steadily, reflecting our community's investment in a modern facility to support our law enforcement team.

In the months following the groundbreaking, crews focused on preparing the site. This included land clearing, utility installation, and grading. By June, the foundation was being poured, and the site began to take shape despite some rainy interruptions.

A significant milestone during this phase was the relocation of the Veterans Memorial to a more prominent spot closer to the roadway. This thoughtful

move enhances visibility and provides a welcoming space for community members to honor those who served.

Through summer and fall, the building began to rise from its foundation. Masonry work on the lower levels was completed, and walls began forming, providing the first glimpse of the facility's layout. Essential infrastructure, like sump pump basins and the electric transformer, was installed, and the detention pond was completed and seeded, adding an environmentally friendly touch to the project.

In recent months, progress has been rapid. The storm shelter's concrete roof was poured, and the elevator shaft masonry reached the upper floors, with the roof steel scheduled for installation. Structural beams are now in place,

adding strength and stability. Interior spaces like the mobile command center and electrical rooms are taking shape, ensuring the facility will meet the diverse needs of the department.

The new Police Department is a testament to the commitment of Lake in the Hills to public safety. We are grateful for the support of residents, stakeholders, and everyone involved in making this project a reality. We look forward to providing more updates as we move closer to completion in 2025!

Thank you for your continued support as we build a safer, stronger future for Lake in the Hills.

CIVILIAN RESPONSE TO ACTIVE SHOOTER EVENTS (CRASE) TRAINING

The Lake in the Hills Police Department will offer Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE) Training this summer at the Irv Floress Safety Education Center at 1109 Crystal Lake Road. Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE) is built on the three principles of avoid, deny and defend. This free two-hour training will discuss the history and prevalence of active shooter events, civilian response options, medical issues, considerations for conducting drills, tips on controlling the body's physiological response to

stressful situations and more. The training will help citizens better understand how first responders and law enforcement officers respond to active shooter events.

The Lake in the Hills Police Department is proud to partner with the community to help citizens gather tools to help them survive. Take the class to learn how you can take action to save your life and the lives of those around you when every second counts. Follow the police department on social media at facebook.com/LakeintheHillsPolice or check on lith.org/police for the official date to be announced soon.



DEA DRUG TAKEBACK EVENT

In April of 2025 - date TBA - from 10am to 2pm we will be partnering with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to provide an opportunity for the public to rid their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs. Bring your prescription pills for disposal to the lower lobby of the Lake in the Hills Police Station (1115 Crystal Lake Road). The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

Liquids, needles and/or sharps, and illegal drugs cannot be accepted. Pills and/or patches will be accepted. Vaping devices and cartridges will also be accepted. However, devices containing lithium-ion batteries cannot be accepted so be sure to remove the batteries from the devices before turning them in. If the battery cannot be removed, check with large electronic chain stores or local hazardous materials management facility to determine if they will accept the vape pen or e-cigarette devices for proper disposal. Veterinary prescription drugs will also be accepted, as long as they are in pill or patch form.

Prior to drop off, be sure to remove all labels or black out with a marker. Follow us on our social media at facebook.com/LakeintheHillsPolice or check onlith.org/police for the official date to be announced soon.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT COMMUNITY COOKOUT

Join the Lake in the Hills Police Department for their annual National Night Out Community Cookout on the **NEW** date and time: August 5, 2025, from 5 – 8 p.m. at the Irv Floress Safety Education Center, 1109 Crystal Lake Road. This free family event promotes community unity against crime and features exciting activities, including:

- A LifeNet helicopter landing
- Live K-9 demonstrations from the McHenry County Sheriff's Office
- Displays from local fire protection, libraries, and Parks and Recreation
- Hands-on experiences with police, fire, and SWAT vehicles
- DUI fatal vision impairment goggles

POLICE DAYS AT FANTASTICAMP

This summer, the Lake in the Hills Police Department will be teaming up with Parks and Recreation to visit FuntastiCAMP! They will visit with campers and talk about safety like recognizing what is an emergency, calling 9-1-1, fire safety, the buddy system, stranger danger, pedestrian safety, bullying, and more! It will be a fun, interactive and educational day where campers will learn, gain confidence, skills, and have space to be their creative, positive and fun selves.

Dates: TBD during the months of May – August of 2025

Ages: FuntastiCAMP requirements are grade K-7

To learn more about FuntastiCAMP please visit recreation.lith.org.

DUNKIN' COP ON A ROOFTOP

Get ready for the 22nd Annual Dunkin' Cop on a Rooftop fundraiser, coming this May! On the event day, officers from the Lake in the Hills Police Department will be at Dunkin' on Randall Road from 5 a.m. to 12 p.m., collecting donations in support of Special Olympics Illinois.

Every guest who makes a donation to the Torch Run will receive a

coupon for a free donut as a token of appreciation. For those looking to give a little extra, a variety of Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run and Dunkin' branded items—including pins, tumblers, hats, and shirts—will be available for donations. Each merchandise purchase comes with a coupon for a free medium hot or iced coffee.

Looking for an exciting way to contribute? For a \$10 donation, you can enter to win a Harley Davidson motorcycle!

Cop on a Rooftop is part of the Law Enforcement Torch Run, a collaborative effort between police departments nationwide and Special Olympics. In Illinois, this initiative has raised over \$8.7 million to support and empower Special Olympics athletes.

Stay tuned for the exact event date, which will be announced this spring. Follow the Lake in the Hills Police Department on Facebook, Instagram, or visit our website for updates.

If you have additional questions or would like to donate directly to Special Olympics Illinois, please reach out to Sgt. Miller at cmiller@lith.org.

Enjoy free hotdogs, chips, and pop while engaging with crime scene technicians and various community services. Follow us on social media for updates!



SUBSCRIBE TO OUR E-NEWSLETTERS



Stay in the know by subscribing to our email updates! We publish several newsletters including the Resident Insider, the Business Insider, the Lake in the Hills 3CK Airport Update, and Police Officer Recruitment and Employment News. Visit us at lith.org/publications and select "Subscribe to eNewsletters" to sign up for the newsletters you'd like to receive.



VILLAGE OF LAKE IN THE HILLS

600 Harvest Gate
Lake in the Hills, IL 60156

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U.S. POSTAGE PAID
ALGONQUIN, IL
PERMIT NO. 8

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Postal Customer
Lake in the Hills, IL 60156

VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS

The Village Board of Trustees meets twice a month on the second and fourth Thursday at 7:30 p.m. They meet once during November and December on the second Thursday. Residents are encouraged to attend and present matters during public comment at these meetings. Agendas for all meetings are posted on the Village's website, lith.org.



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PAPERLESS WATER BILLING

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Police Department Facebook:	facebook.com/LakeintheHillsPolice
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The Village of Lake in the Hills is pleased to respond to your individual questions, thoughts, and concerns. Please visit lith.org/contact-us to make an online submission, or contact us at Village Hall, Public Works, or the Police Department. You can also get in touch with us on social media and via Nixle by texting 60156 to 888777!

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