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LAKE IN THE HILLS WELCOMES A STATE-OF-THE-ART POLICE HEADQUARTERS

On February 5, the Lake in the Hills Police Department officially moved into its new headquarters at 2600 Village Hall Drive, behind Costco, and next to Village Hall. All police operations are now being conducted from the new facility.

The former police department at 1115 Crystal Lake Road is permanently closed, and no further police services are being provided at that location.

The officers and staff are excited to serve the residents, businesses, and visitors of Lake in the Hills from their new headquarters, and are sincerely grateful to the community for its support and cooperation during several years of planning and construction.

The new building has enhanced law enforcement operations by consolidating many components under one roof and enabling different divisions to be more integrated. The old building was constructed in 1992 before Lake in the Hills quadrupled in population. The design of that space was never optimal for police operations.

Every amenity was thoughtfully designed with people in mind, making the state-of-the-art facility a great place to work for current employees and future generations.



SEE THE NEW HQ!

Tours of the new police station will be conducted May 25 before and after the Veterans Memorial rededication event, which is discussed on Page 2.

Additional tours will be available June 15.

Stay tuned to the Village's website and police social media for registration details.



A MESSAGE FROM VILLAGE PRESIDENT RAY BOGDANOWSKI

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Dear Residents,

The value of a community where people feel secure, supported and connected is truly immeasurable. It's the reason I have been proud to call Lake in the Hills my home for more than 40 years.

To that end, our new state-of-the-art police headquarters next to Village Hall will be a catalyst for taking our safety and security to the next level. The building opened in February after several years of planning and construction. It's the culmination of a carefully executed vision involving many dedicated individuals who put countless hours into the project.

The impressive, high-tech hub of community policing begins an exciting

new chapter in service excellence for those who live, work and spend time in our great village. The benefits to our residents are extensive, enabling our law enforcement officers to perform their critical duties more effectively and efficiently than ever before.

The new police headquarters at 2600 Village Hall Drive combines under one roof the components that were spread out across four buildings (evidence, equipment, supplies, training and community events). The former station on Crystal Lake Road was constructed in 1992 before Lake in the Hills quadrupled in population. That space was never optimal for police operations.

A few of the elements that address deficiencies in the old building include:

- Improved areas for the patrol and investigations divisions to operate, including larger workspaces and private interview rooms.
- A flexible training area for a range of police programs, such as use of force, defensive tactics and classroom sessions.
- Expanded holding areas to enhance the safety and security of staff and detainees.
- An advanced evidence processing center and larger storage areas to meet today's legal and technological needs.

That's only a fraction of the valuable

features that put Lake in the Hills at the forefront of community policing. Each amenity was carefully designed with people in mind—our staff and community – focusing on enhanced services and job execution while supporting mental health and wellbeing.

My heartfelt thanks goes out to everyone at the Village, Police Department, Public Works and in the community who supported this project and worked tirelessly to make it a reality.

I'm confident that new generations of employees will find our Police Department to be an ideal place to work. By attracting the best people to our police force, the safety and security of our community will continue to be our most trusted asset.

So, what does the future hold? We are well-positioned to continue offering top-tier community policing services from our new police headquarters. We look forward to the grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony in May.

In regard to the vacated building at 1115 Crystal Lake Road, the Village Board will be thoughtful in determining alternate uses for that space. A comprehensive review will begin later this year.

Warm regards,

Ray Bogdanowski, Village President

VETERANS MEMORIAL REDEDICATION

Join the Village, and local veterans, on Memorial Day, Monday, May 25, at the Veterans Memorial for a rededication ceremony.

During construction of the new police department, the Veterans Memorial was relocated to a more prominent position, closer to the street.

The new location, between the Village Hall and Police Department, enhances the Memorial's visibility and creates a welcoming space to honor those who served.

The Veterans Memorial started as a local effort, supported by the Village, to pay



tribute to our local veterans. Introduced on Veterans Day 2015, the Memorial has historically been used as a location to observe and remember those who defended our nation's freedom.

As part of the rededication, the Village is reintroducing the commemorative brick program. Please visit www.lith.org for additional information.

PUBLIC WORKS OPEN HOUSE

Meet the team and learn about the department's operations at the Public Works Open House! Join us on Saturday, May 16, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 9010 Haligus Road, one block south of the intersection of Haligus and Miller roads.

Check out trucks, skid steers, tractors, loaders and other vehicles used 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.

Save the date and bring the family out for a fun day at Public Works! For more details about the open house, please call 847.960.7500 or visit.lith.org.



GORDON LARSEN BUSINESS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Village of Lake in the Hills is proud to recognize Butcher on the Block as the recipient of the 2025 Gordon Larsen Business of the Year Award.

The award was presented to business representatives at the Village Board meeting on Jan. 8 in appreciation of their exceptional contributions to the community.

Nearly 500 votes from the community helped determine Butcher on the Block as this year's winner.

Several nominations praised the knowledgeable, friendly staff who go above and beyond with personalized service, special orders and a welcoming, hometown atmosphere. Butcher on the Block was also recognized for its deep commitment to the community.

The community nominations consistently highlighted the business's charitable giving and hands-on support of local families, food pantries, first responders, schools and nonprofit organizations.

"Butcher on the Block is a long-standing community destination," said Village President Ray Bogdanowski. "Their commitment to service, and to the Village, was reflected by their successful 25th anniversary celebration in 2025.

"Their customers' overwhelming support demonstrates just how cherished Butcher on the Block is," Bogdanowski added. "They are not just a local business, they are a trusted community partner and local gathering place."

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 be sure to shop local.

ADDM TRUCK REPAIR CORP is located at 14 Prosper Court, Unit 10. It provides full-service truck repair through diagnostics, engine repair, brake systems, suspension, oil changes, preventive maintenance, tire services, welding, parts replacement and sales of truck parts.

AUTOHUB MOTORS operates a dealership at 1303 W. Algonquin Road dedicated to high-quality, pre-owned vehicles, and offering financing options to help get the vehicle you want. Browse their inventory online at <https://autohubmotors.mycarsonline.com/>.

CHICAGO CAR DEALS sells quality used cars from their dealership at 1119 W. Algonquin Road, Suite A. Visit them online at <https://www.chicagocardeals.com/> to review their inventory.

CONSUMERS CREDIT UNION is a welcome addition at the corner of Algonquin and Randall roads. The new branch at

2450 W Algonquin is the 16th location for Consumers Credit Union. Visit <https://www.myconsumers.org/> for information.

ELEVATION RESTORATION provides top-tier services for exterior residential and commercial construction work such as roofing, siding, gutters, window and doors. They are at 1119 W. Algonquin Road, Suite B, and online at <https://elevationrestorationinc.com/>.

FAMOUS FADEZ opened their seventh barbershop at 441 N. Randall Road. Appointments and walk-ins welcome.

GLG SOLUTIONS offers repair and maintenance services for trucks and trailers at 1326 Industrial Drive, and also sells truck and trailer parts.

JACK IN THE BOX opened its newest Chicagoland location in August at 323 N. Randall Road. It has been met with incredible customer enthusiasm.

SALES SUPPORT, INC helps businesses finance and lease equipment through experience-tested financial services and expertly developed solutions from their office at 1301 Pyott Road, Suite 211.



SLIM & EDDIE'S BARBER COMPANY is a full-service barbershop at 6 Miller Road. They specialize in fades, flat tops, mohawks, pomps, tapers and blowouts. Schedule an appointment online at <https://www.slimandeddies.com/>.

THE VOID MARTIAL ARTS gives Taekwondo instruction at 421 N. Randall Road.

PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT



PRESCHOOL ACADEMY ACCEPTING ENROLLMENT FOR 2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR

Give your child a confident start in a nurturing learning environment. Our specialized, compassionate teaching staff guide children toward independence by encouraging socialization, creativity and individual problem-solving skills. We offer flexible scheduling options, including 2- and 3-day programs for 3-year-olds and 3- and 4-day programs for 4-year-olds. Interested families are invited to contact Preschool Director Michelle Steffey at msteffey@lith.org to schedule a personalized tour and learn more.

SPRING EVENTS

Bunny Trail - Saturday, April 4

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 3.



Mom & Me Tea Garden Party Saturday May 9, 10 a.m. to noon

Celebrate spring with a delightful morning of tea, sweet treats, and special moments together! Moms, grandmas, aunts, and daughters will enjoy light refreshments, charming décor, fun activities and plenty of photo-worthy moments in a beautiful garden party setting. Dress in your garden best — floral prints, sun hats and bright smiles encouraged — and get ready for a magical experience full of laughter, connection, and memory-making and prizes. Register by May 3 to save your spot.



SUMMER CAMPS

FUNTASTICAMP - SUMMER FUN FOR GRADES K-7!

Looking for a summer full of adventure and flexibility? FuntastiCamp runs Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Additional options include Before Care from 7 to 9 a.m. and After Care from 4 to 6 p.m. Families can choose a 5-, 4- or 3-day option, making summer planning simple and stress-free.



Campers will enjoy weekly trips to Woodstock Water Park, exciting field trips, and plenty of time exploring local parks with friends. Registration is now open!

SUMMER EVENTS

Our Recreation staff have an exciting lineup of events and programs planned for this summer, and you won't want to miss a moment! Be sure to watch for the **Summer Activity Guide**, available online May 6 at recreation.lith.org. Even better—we'll be celebrating the **Parks and Recreation Department's 30th anniversary**, so expect extra fun, special surprises, and plenty of reasons to celebrate all summer long!

BEACH BASH ON JUNE 19

Kick off the Summer at Indian Trail Beach during the Beach Bash on June 19 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Program details and registration fees will be in the Summer Event Guide!

PRESCHOOL SUMMER CAMP (AGES 3-6)

Keep your little learner engaged all summer with our theme-based Preschool Summer Camp! Designed for ages 3 to 6, this program blends play, creativity and early learning in a fun and nurturing environment. Camp runs Monday through Thursday, June 1 to July 30, with flexible schedule options, including a 3-day session (9 to 11:30 a.m.), 4-day session (9:15 to 11:45 a.m.) and 4-day extended option (9 a.m. to 1 p.m.). Weekly registration makes it easy to plan around your schedule while giving your child opportunities to learn, explore, and make friends. Find details and registration at 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 Rolling Hills Park and Jaycee Park, where thoughtful designs bring fresh perspectives to outdoor play.

Rolling Hills Park: Rolling Hills Park will connect visitors with its Natural surroundings and the updated equipment will include: Updated climbing features, swings, and spinners to complement existing equipment, Play elements that encourage unstructured, open-ended play, allowing children to develop physical coordination, creativity, and problem-solving skills through self-directed exploration, and a turtle-themed play element, representing the turtles that frequent the park and serving as a playful, symbolic connection to local wildlife.

Jaycee Park: Jaycee Park is a well-loved neighborhood space that naturally attracts older children and teens due to its location and popular basketball amenities. Building on how the park is already used by the community, plans will include play equipment designed specifically for older users while enhancing the park's overall recreational appeal. These improvements will help transform Jaycee Park into an outdoor recreation center-style destination, offering more engaging, age-appropriate opportunities for active play, fitness, and social connection. The goal is to create a space that supports healthy activity, encourages positive gathering, and complements existing features—while continuing to be a welcoming, enjoyable environment for nearby residents.



Big News at the Bark Park: Say Hello to Key Fob Access!

We've got an exciting upgrade to share! The Bark Park has officially gone high-tech with a brand-new key fob access system which makes entry smoother, safer, and way more tail-waggingly convenient.

What's New & Why You'll Love It

Key Fob Access: No more gate codes, just tap your fob and fetch the fun!

Rolling Memberships: Memberships are now valid for 12-months from your registration date, so you can join whenever it works best for you and your pup.

Enhanced Security: Better tracking,

safer playtime, happier humans.

Before You Register: Be sure to review the Bark Park Rules and regulations before signing up for your Bark Park Membership.

Interested? Here's How to Get Your Pup Registered

Online Registration

- Upload required documents (rabies & distemper vaccinations, plus proof you've owned your dog for at least 6 months)
- Complete checkout with a credit card
- Please allow up to 48 hours for

processing

- You'll receive an email when your key fob(s) and dog tag(s) are ready for pickup at Village Hall

In-Person Registration at LITH Village Hall

- Complete the Bark Park Registration Form and Rules & Regulations Form
- Bring vaccination records and proof of ownership
- Pay by cash, check, or credit card
- Available Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Questions? Don't be shy - bark or howl at us at 847-960-7400 or CSD@LITH.org



Annual Road Resurfacing

PROJECT UPDATES

COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM

The Community Rating System (CRS) is a program started in 1990 under the NFIP. The objective of the CRS is to reward those communities that are doing more than the minimum National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requirements to help their residents prevent or reduce flood losses. The CRS is a voluntary incentive-based program that rewards property owners when local government undertake selective activities that reduce flood damage to existing buildings, manage development in areas not mapped by the NFIP, protect new buildings beyond minimum NFIP protection level, help insurance agents obtain flood data and help people obtain flood insurance. The reward is in the form of discounts to flood insurance premium rates on flood insurance policies sold for properties within the community.

There are ten classes in the CRS. Class 1 requires the most credit points and gives the largest premium reduction while Class 10 is the entry level into the CRS and carries no premium reduction. The Village of Lake in the Hills is currently rated Class 6 under the CRS, which translates to a 20% reduction in flood insurance rates for local residents and businesses.

PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY PESTICIDE APPLICATION NOTICES

Effective January 1, 2025, the Illinois Department of Agriculture began enforcing Illinois Public Act 103-0976, which establishes new requirements for pesticide applications within municipalities. Under the law, municipalities and government entities must provide the public with at least 24 hours' advance notice prior to applying pesticides on public rights-of-way within municipal boundaries. Notices must include the location and date of the intended application, the name and type of pesticide to be used, the purpose for the application, application concentrations, any special instructions, the name and telephone number of the applicator, and contact information for the Illinois Department of Agriculture. Notice must be provided in writing and posted at least 24 hours prior to application and may be satisfied through publication in municipal newsletters, official websites, calendars, or other government communications.

The Village of Lake in the Hills has a standing website article that is updated regularly with information and a copy of the notice. In 2025, notices were issued for applications at Village Parks and other rights-of-way. Notices will continue to be shared in compliance with the state law.

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 2026:

- Daybreak Drive (Wildspring Drive to Pembridge Drive)
- Geneva Lane (Haligus Road to Geneva Court)
- Harvard Lane (Ronan Drive to Princeton Lane)
- Hiawatha Drive (Bernyce Street to Willow Street)
- Hilltop Drive (Bernyce Street to Algonquin Road)
- Lake Drive (Algonquin Road to Pheasant Trail)
- Menominee Drive (Pyott Road to End)
- Menominee Drive (Apache Trail to End)
- Montgomery Drive (Savoy Drive to McKenzie Drive)
- Pheasant Trail (Indian Trail to Lake Drive)
- Pocahontas Trail (Delaware Drive to Hiawatha Drive)
- Ramble Road (Lake Drive to End)
- Saginaw Street (Barharbor Drive to End)
- Saginaw Street (End to Barharbor Drive)
- Thornberry Way (Spring Lake Drive to Peartree Drive)
- Village Creek Drive (Acorn Lane West to Indian Trail)
- West Indian Trail (Village Creek Drive to Crystal Lake Road)
- McKenzie Drive (Montgomery Drive to Aurora Drive)

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

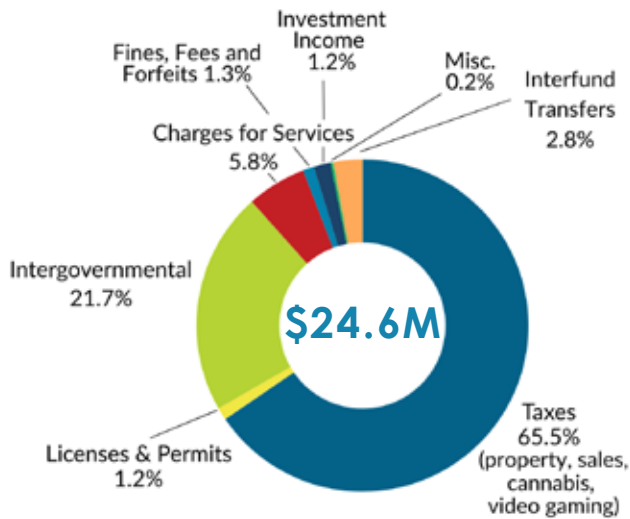
PARKING LOT REPLACEMENTS SCHEDULED FOR TWO PARKS

The Village has scheduled replacements for two parking lots, at **Sunset Park and Lynn Dillow Park**, that have reached the end of their usable lives. The Lynn Dillow parking lot, in service for 18 years, currently has a condition rating of 57 out of 100. Replacing this parking lot will ensure continued access for motorists attending community events and park activities. Delaying its replacement would result in the need for significant maintenance to keep the parking lot functional. Similarly, the Sunset Park north and south parking lots, which have been in use for 17 years, are also slated for replacement. With a condition rating of 52 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.

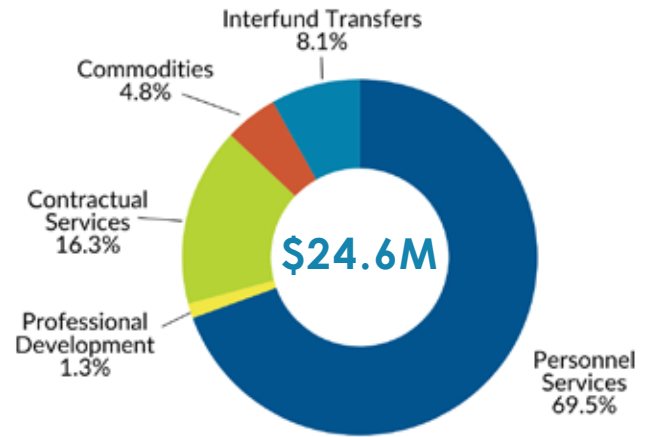
FY2026 BUDGET SNAPSHOT

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 FY26 General Fund reflects a balanced budget. The major sources are identified below with both a percentage and label. Additional information can be found within the Fiscal Year 2026 Annual Budget located at lith.org/budget.

REVENUES BY TYPE



EXPENDITURES BY TYPE



UPDATE TO VILLAGE'S STRATEGIC PLAN

Adopted in August 2025, the Strategic Plan guides Village officials to focus on the delivery of core services and drive advancement in the areas that matter most.

The plan features a problem statement, a guiding policy, and a set of Key Action Items (KAIs) around which important organizational and operational activities are managed and measured. The updated 2025 Strategic Plan identifies new Key Action Items, following a discussion of the future needs of the Village, as reviewed with input from the recently adopted Parks Master Plan (2024) and Comprehensive Plan (2025).

2025 Strategic Plan Key Components

Problem Statement: A problem statement describes the challenges an organization faces in the pursuit of its vision. By serving as the basis for policy development and strategic initiatives, problem statements identify a target, a goal, and the gap that exists between the two.

The Village's problem statement is:

The Village of Lake in the Hills cannot grow the community and invest in our existing resources without a response to increasing costs and declining revenues.

Solutions: The Village Board also discussed and identified solutions that address the problem statement. These included:

- Growth through the prioritization of expansion projects and the advancement of projects to shovel readiness to increase grant eligibility.

- Preservation of existing revenue sources.
- Review and update Village fees.
- Identify future revenue sources.

Key Action Items - the new key action items include:

Community Growth: Develop a clear, actionable strategy that guides long-term community growth in alignment with the Village's vision, values, and capacity for development.

Village Identity: Establish and communicate a clear, authentic identity that reflects the Village's history, character, and vision in an effort to strengthen community pride and support economic vitality.

Financial Health: Pursue financial health initiatives to develop financial forecasts, policies, and economic development financing options to monitor major funds' financial needs and strengthen revenue or reduce costs based on these forecasts.

Capital Initiatives: Establish a transparent, sustainable process for evaluating, ranking, and financing capital projects that align with community priorities, regulatory requirements, and long-term financial capacity.

Village Properties: Maximize the value and community benefit of Village-owned properties by creating a comprehensive plan that evaluates current use, future needs, and opportunities for redevelopment, partnerships, or sale.

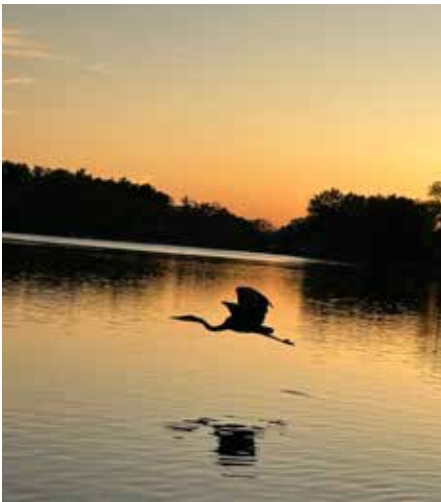
Staff Investment: Foster a high-performing, engaged, and supported workforce by prioritizing professional development, competitive compensation, workplace culture, and the tools necessary for staff to succeed.

COMMUNITY UPDATES

"Stormy Weather Over the Airport" by Andy Litchfield
2025 Photo Contest Entrant

PHOTO CONTEST

Congratulations to to Chloe Basch, the winner of the 2025 Photo Contest! Her stunning photo, *Wings At Dusk*, beautifully captures a blue heron over Woods Creek Lake.



WATER BILLING UPDATES

Starting in 2026 there will be a number of changes related to your water bill including:

- **Water consumption measurement:** The Village Board is anticipated to consider a change in which quarterly consumption is measured in thousands of gallons, instead of cubic feet.
- **Email and text delinquency alerts:** Delinquent water accounts currently receive a letter in the mail. The Village is now implementing a solution to send reminders via text message and email.
- **Updated Payment Options:** The Village will be going away from the PO Box option, and implementing a more timely payment solution.

NEW ILLINOIS ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE

The State of Illinois recently adopted the use of the 2024 Illinois Energy Conservation Code (IECC), which went into effect statewide on November 30, 2025.

There are several significant changes included in this code for new buildings. For most homeowners though, the most impactful change is a reduction in allowable U-factor for windows and doors from 0.30 to 0.28. U-factor is a measure of thermal performance that indicates how well a window, door, or skylight prevents heat loss. In short, this reduction means less energy loss from the building. From a practical standpoint, both new structures and window replacement projects will need to comply with this new code requirement.

Comparing the cost savings of the 2024 IECC to the previously adopted 2021 IECC for new structures, the life cycle costs savings for the average structure in our climate zone is \$2496. This value represents energy savings and cost effectiveness over a 30-year life cycle.

Simple Payback is a simplified metric that estimates the number of years required for energy cost savings to make up for increased construction costs. Simple Payback for Lake in the Hills residents is 0 years! These improvements on a new home pay for themselves immediately.

If you have any questions about the adopted Building Codes for the Village of Lake in the Hills, please call Community Development at 847-960-7400.

FLOODWAY / FLOODPLAIN INFORMATION

The Village of Lake in the Hills participates in the National Flood insurance Program (NFIP) and has adopted flood hazard area protection standards. As a public service, the Village of Lake in the Hills Community Development Department will provide the following information upon request:

1. Basic flood map information:
 - a. Whether a property is in or out of the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA);
 - b. Zone, base flood elevation, and panel reference information from the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM);
2. Additional flood map information: including floodways and regulatory requirements for development in a floodway.
3. Historical Flood information: Areas of the Village known to have repetitive flooding.
4. Natural and Wetland areas: Areas designated as wetland and open space and regulations prohibiting development.

To request flood map information, please contact the Community Development Department at 847-960-7400.

RANDALL ROAD PROJECT UPDATE

Information on the Randall Road project, including the reintroduction of the Miller Road closure / detour can be found at www.randallroad.info.



Spring / Summer Safety Reminders



E-BIKES, ESCOOTERS, AND PERSONAL TRANSPORTATION DEVICES

As a reminder, in 2025, the Village of Lake in the Hills updated its ordinance to clarify where and how personal transportation devices such as e-bikes, e-scooters, and minibikes may be used in the Village.

Under the revised Chapter 8.12 of the Village Code, the following regulations are now in effect:

The following devices may not be operated on Village-owned property, including:

- Sidewalks
- Bike paths
- Multi-use paths
- Parks
- Easements
- Parking lots

Prohibited devices include:

- Motorized scooters (electric or gas)
- Low-speed electric bicycles (while motor is in use)
- Low-speed gas bicycles (while motor is in use)
- Segways and other self-balancing personal transporters, dirt bikes, minibikes, and similar devices

Where You Can Ride

- Low-speed electric bicycles may be ridden on public roads.
- Low-speed electric bicycles may also be used on sidewalks or paths under manual (pedal) power only, without motor assistance.
- Low-speed gas bicycles may be used on roads by individuals age 16+, at speeds under 20 mph. Manual use is also permitted on sidewalks and paths.
- Motorized wheelchairs and mobility devices used by individuals with disabilities are always allowed, in line with ADA regulations.

SAFE BOATING TIPS

SELECT A PROPER LIFE JACKET

Be sure that everyone wears a U.S. Coast Guard approved, properly fitting life jacket while boating. Brightly colored life jackets help increase visibility so others can easily see you on the water. When selecting a life jacket, remember to:

- Check for U.S. Coast Guard approval by reading the label
- Ensure a snug fit and fasten
- Select a comfortable model for good wearability

MANAGE ENVIRONMENTAL STRESSORS

Environmental stressors may weaken your body and mind enough to make the risk of a boating accident much greater. Take care to consider the following factors:

- Overexposure to the sun
- Noise of the water, wind, and vessel
- Motion of the vessel
- Dehydration
- Alcohol and drug consumption

Please remember, Municipal Code 8.08 prohibits the possession or consumption of any alcoholic liquor in any parks, lakes, beaches, or public buildings within the Village.

CHECK THE FORECAST

Always check the weather forecast before you head out to boat. Visit weather.gov for the latest updates from the National Weather Service before leaving shore and carefully observe changing weather while boating. Avoid potential hazards like:

- Heavy winds
- Thunder and lightning
- Extreme heat or UV rays (Remember to wear sunscreen)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

More information online at safeboatingcampaign.com

STUDENT SUMMER SAFETY TIPS

The Village's School Resource Officer, Tycjan Sieradzki, has provided a number of safety tips for consideration for both Spring Break and Summer Break!



ONLINE & DIGITAL SAFETY

With more free time and less structured online learning, there is often increased use of social media and online platforms, which can come with added risks.

Some basic rules to follow when it comes to your online presence include:

- Do not share personal information such as your address, date of birth, phone number, email address, or real-time location online—especially with people you do not know.
- Be cautious about who you communicate with online, particularly in games or chat rooms on apps such as Discord.
- Remember that anything you post online becomes part of your digital footprint and does not truly disappear, even if you delete it.
- If you receive a message from someone you do not know, do not respond. Block and delete the message.
- If someone continues to bother you online or asks for personal information, tell a trusted adult immediately.

HOME SAFETY WHEN ALONE

If you are home alone, please keep these basic rules in mind:

- Do not open the door for strangers.
- Keep doors and windows locked.
- Know how to contact a parent or trusted adult, and keep your phone charged and nearby.
- Understand when and how to call 911 in an emergency.

POLICE UPDATES

DEA DRUG TAKEBACK

The Lake in the Hills Police Department will partner with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) on Saturday, April 25, to help the public rid their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs.

Bring your prescription pills for disposal to the police station at 2600 Village Hall Drive from 10 am to 2 pm. The service is free and anonymous with no questions asked.

Liquids, needles, sharps and illegal drugs cannot be accepted. Pills, patches, vaping devices and cartridges are accepted, including veterinary prescription drugs in pill or patch form.

Please note that devices containing lithium-ion batteries cannot be accepted, so remove the batteries before turning a device in. If the battery cannot be removed, check with large electronic chain stores or a local hazardous materials management facility to see if they will accept the vape pen or e-cigarette device for proper disposal.

Prior to drop off, be sure to remove all labels or black them out with a marker.

DUNKIN' COP ON A ROOFTOP WILL SUPPORT SPECIAL OLYMPICS

This year marks the 23rd annual Dunkin' Cop on a Rooftop fundraiser! The event has raised nearly \$10 million in Illinois.

Lake in the Hills police officers will be at Dunkin' Donuts at 280 N. Randall Road from 5 a.m. to noon on Friday, May 15. Please check the department's social media channels for more information as the date approaches.

Officers will gather donations in support of Special Olympics Illinois. Each customer who generously makes a donation will receive a coupon for a free donut. There will also be items



available for various donation amounts such as Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run/Dunkin' branded pins, tumblers, hats and shirts. All the items come with a

A recruitment poster for the Lake in the Hills Police Department. At the top, it says "JOIN THE FUTURE OF POLICING IN LAKE IN THE HILLS" and "JOINLITHPD.COM". Below this is a large five-pointed star logo with a globe in the center. The background shows a modern police station building. In the foreground, two police officers in uniform are standing. The main text reads "NOW HIRING LATERAL POLICE OFFICERS" in large, bold letters. Below that, it says "STARTING AT \$70,319.94 - \$119,446.68". A list of benefits includes: "SPECIALITY ASSIGNMENTS (SWAT, DETECTIVES, SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER, AND MANY MORE)", "CUTTING EDGE TECHNOLOGY & EQUIPMENT", "WELLNESS PROGRAM", "STRONG COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP", and "STATE OF THE ART POLICE FACILITY OPENED FEBRUARY 2026". At the bottom, it says "ILLINOIS" and "OUT OF STATE OFFICERS WELCOME".

DEPARTMENT IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR LATERAL POLICE OFFICER POSITIONS

If you are looking for a career with purpose, pride and the chance to grow, the Lake in the Hills Police Department is the place for you.

Applications are being accepted from lateral candidates for the position of police officer. Apply for immediate openings at www.joinlithpd.com.

Make a meaningful impact on the community while building a fulfilling career. The department emphasizes

teamwork, innovation and community-oriented policing. Officers receive the training, resources and technologies they need to excel in their jobs.

The department provides competitive pay and excellent benefits, remaining committed to the future of its officers.

For any questions, please contact policerecruitment@lith.org or send a message through the portal at www.joinlithpd.com.

coupon for a free medium hot or iced coffee at Dunkin'.

Cop on a Rooftop is one of several fundraisers held for the Law Enforcement Torch Run, a collaborative effort of police departments across the nation and Special Olympics.

Special Olympics Illinois offers year-round training and competition in 18 sports to over 55,000 athletes, coaches, volunteers and more.

Lake in the Hills police officers are excited to be a part of this worthwhile cause again this year. See you there!

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT COMMUNITY COOKOUT COMING IN AUGUST

Join the Lake in the Hills Police Department for its annual National Night Out Community Cookout! The event will be held outdoors on Tuesday, Aug. 4, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Village Hall, 600 Harvest Gate.

This free family event promotes community unity against crime and features food, fun and a variety of activities for all ages.

- Watch the LifeNet helicopter land and take off, and meet the flight crew (upon availability).
- See a live K-9 demonstration presented by the McHenry County Sheriff's Office.
- Visit with the Algonquin-Lake in the Hills Fire Protection District and Algonquin Area Public Library.
- Meet our very own Parks and Recreation team and enjoy all of the fun



activities that Rec2U brings.

- Talk to the many community partners and services that will be in attendance with engaging and fun activities.
- See and touch police, fire, SWAT and Incident Command vehicles along with



plows and big trucks.

- Try on a pair of DUI fatal vision impairment goggles.
 - Chat with police traffic units, recruiters, 911 operators and crime scene technicians. Learn about programs and resources the police department offers.
- Free hotdogs, chips and pop will be provided! Follow the police department on social media for event updates.



COFFEE WITH THE CHIEF

Join Police Chief Mannino and members of the Lake in the Hills Police Department for more installments of "Coffee with the Chief" in 2026.

The schedule is in the works, so please watch the department's social media posts for updates. The informal events will take place at both Lake in the Hills Starbucks locations and Police HQ.

"Coffee with the Chief" is an opportunity for residents to ask questions, voice concerns and discuss important issues directly with Chief Mannino in a relaxed setting while enjoying a cup of coffee, of course.

The chief looks forward to talking about local law enforcement efforts and providing insights into police operations.

Together we can build a safer and more vibrant community!

AGAIN BRAVING THE COLD FOR A CAUSE

Lake in the Hills police officers continued their support of Special Olympics Illinois on March 1 by jumping into icy waters at the Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run Polar Plunge in Crystal Lake.

The annual event brought many law enforcement agencies together to raise funds for thousands of athletes who compete with Special Olympics Illinois. Their year-round programs transform

lives through the joy of sport, unleashing the human spirit. Special Olympics offers 30-plus Olympic-style individual and team sports nationwide that provide training and competition opportunities for persons with intellectual disabilities.

LITH officers chose a USA theme for their attire this year, dressing in a range of red, white and blue outfits. The team surpassed its fundraising goal of \$1,000.





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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 these meetings and present matters during public comment. Agendas for all meetings are posted on the Village's website at lith.org.



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PAPERLESS WATER BILLING

Paperless billing is available for water bills. Easily access your bill from your email and receive it the day it is created without the delay of mail. The online billing e-suite is private and secure. To enroll, visit lith.org/waterbill and click the "Access My Account" button. Next, click "Create User Profile" to create an account. Please have your account number from your water bill ready.

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SPEAK OUT!

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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