Lake in the Hills, IL – During an ad hoc COVID-19 meeting on Wednesday, March 18, the Lake in the Hills Village Board declared a local disaster emergency through April 9, 2020, in accordance with the Illinois Emergency Management Act. This declaration will allow the Village to perform emergency response action items and make reasonable emergency purchases.

In conjunction with the declaration of emergency, the Village has closed its Village Hall, Public Works, airport office and LaBahn-Hain House facilities to the public and suspended all programs and events through March 31st. The ability to reopen to the public and reinstate programming will be assessed on an ongoing basis after March 31st. All programs and events intended to draw more than 50 participants will be cancelled in compliance with and for the duration of the Governor Pritzker’s mandate. In the absence of in-person programming, the Village’s recreation division will be providing opportunities to recreate online through the Village website and social media pages.

Staff will remain available to serve all residents, businesses, and the community via email and telephone. Staff can be reached by phone at 847-960-7400 and additional contact information is available at lith.org/contact-us. At the airport, staff will still be on hand to provide full-service fuel; however, the bathrooms and lobby will be closed. Residents are encouraged to take advantage of opportunities to conduct business through the Village website, such as making payments or applying for permits. Services available through the website may be found at lith.org/resourcecenter.

With the support of the Village Board, all water shutoffs and late fees have been suspended for 45 days beginning March 18, 2020. During the facility closures, water bills may be paid online at lith.org/finance/page/water-billing. Residents may also mail or utilize the drop box located at the Village Hall drive entrance to deliver payments to staff. Additionally, both First National Bank locations, as well as the Home State Bank within Lake in the Hills, may also be utilized as drop off locations.

Building permits and essential inspections continue through the Village’s Community Development division. Residents and contractors may utilize the Public Portal for online permits, scheduling inspections, and license applications (https://lith.org/cd/page/public-portal). A PDF building permit application is available online for projects not available through the public portal. Completed applications and materials may be emailed to cd@lith.org. Applicants may provide oversized plan drawings via the Village’s drop box located at the Village Hall drive entrance. For drawings unable to fit in the drop box, applicants may contact customer service at 847-960-7400 to coordinate delivery.

To reduce the potential exposure of police first responders during the period that McHenry County is impacted by the Coronavirus (COVID-19) the Police Department has temporarily adjusted
procedures for non-emergency calls. To file a report or complaint that is of a non-emergency nature, citizens are requested to continue to call the non-emergency line at 847-658-5676. A dispatcher will take the required information and an officer will re-contact the citizen as soon as possible via telephone to handle calls for service. Examples of non-emergency calls include but are not limited to theft reports, damage to property, and fraud. The Department will continue to physically respond to all high-priority, emergency, exigent, in-progress calls that affect life safety issues.

Committee of the Whole and Village Board meetings will be combined through April. Updated meeting dates will be posted on lith.org/meetings.

Regular updates for the Village’s actions taken in response to the COVID-19 outbreak will be posted on lith.org/coronavirus and on social media.

As always, the health and safety of the community remains one of the Village’s top priorities. The public is strongly encouraged to take all precautions advised by the CDC and to follow all mandates to help slow the spread of COVID-19. A directory of resources by public health agency is available at lith.org/coronavirus.

For questions regarding the COVID-19 virus, please call the Illinois Department of Public Health coronavirus hotline at 1-800-889-3931 or email DPH.SICK@ILLINOIS.GOV to have all your Coronavirus questions answered.