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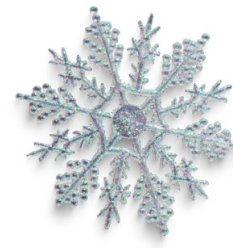
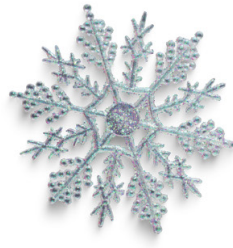
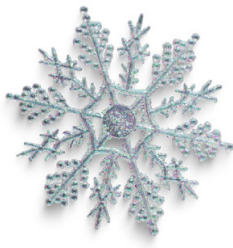
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FROM THE MAYOR’S DESK

Dear Neighbors,

I am fond of saying that the day after Halloween is New Year’s Day. The end of the year flies by. Just as we finish “inspecting” our kid’s trick or treat candy we turn around and the Holidays are over.

I don’t have to tell you, it’s been a huge year for construction projects and capital improvements in

Lake Forest. ComEd is finishing up their bridge replacement project at Deerpath Road and Route 41, which requires one weekend closure of Deerpath this November. And IDOT’s pump station, also at Deerpath and Route 41, should be operational by the end of December.

Thankfully, the City’s projects are now nearly complete, and our roads have been repaired. With the Burr Oak Area Storm Sewer Improvement Project and its StormTrap, one of two bike path bridge replacements, and the annual street resurfacing finally finished we can look forward to the relative calm of winter. Never mind the snowplows! Thanks to all on the City Staff who worked so hard to minimize the disruptions, and also to our patient neighbors who carried on with such great tolerance.

Speaking of snowplows, in this issue is a spotlight on our interdepartmental Snow Operations team that works long hours throughout the winter plowing snow and removing ice from roads, sidewalks, and parking lots. As you’ve been patient during all the road construction this year, please extend that understanding to our snow crews when they’re out working to keep the roads clear all hours of the day and night.

As I noted above, the Holidays are right around the corner. I know we are all looking forward to doing lots of shopping in Lake Forest, which will certainly please the Lake Forest/Lake Bluff Chamber of Commerce; highlighted in this issue. The Chamber is sponsoring the Pop-Up Shop this year, which will return at a new location (stay tuned for details). Visit the Pop-Up Shop to support our many local non-profit organizations. Also, the City’s Saturday Market is back at the West Lake Forest Train Station on Saturdays, December 10 and 17. Our traditional Holiday festivities, kicking off with the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony the day after Thanksgiving, will be extra special in our first truly post-Covid season. This will be my last time “throwing the switch,” as my second and final term as Mayor ends next April. It has been a great experience, and the City is in great shape. I truly appreciate all the support and warm wishes that you have given me during these four years serving you.

Two events that I hear nothing but rave reviews about are our Lake Forest Citizens Fire Academy and the Citizen’s Police Academy. These are offered every year by our Public Safety Departments, and are open to all residents. A session of the Citizens Fire Academy is coming up in Spring 2023. There is a great article about this program that begins on the next page. Please consider participating in one or both!

I look forward to seeing everyone in Market Square. Have a wonderful Holiday Season!

- Mayor George Pandaleon

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Blazing a Trail

*Citizens Fire Academy Participants Wield Hoses,
Use Tourniquets as They 'Play Firefighter'*

BY DAVID A. F. SWEET

Growing up, Joe Oriti dreamed about becoming a firefighter. Then one day, thanks to the Weekly eNews he subscribed to on the City of Lake Forest's Lake Forest Now App, he heard about the Citizens Fire Academy. He immediately signed up for the seven-week course hosted by the Lake Forest Fire Department.

"I was elated to see this existed because it was the perfect opportunity to live my childhood dream," said Oriti, a Lake Forest resident who operated the jaws of life to remove a car door, crawled through a pitch-dark course to bring a pretend baby to safety and more on Tuesday nights last spring.

Started in 2014, the Citizens Fire Academy (CFA) exists so citizens and business owners in Lake Forest, Lake Bluff and Knollwood can learn about how the Lake Forest Fire Department operates and see the various activities it engages in. This year's session was the first since 2019, as the pandemic shut down the CFA for two years.

After being sized for gear that had been retired by the department, the 17 participants (many of whom had attended the Citizens Police Academy as well) learned a broad range of skills. They took part in forcible entry, extrication (the class's favorite event), learning how to operate a fire extinguisher and more. One part they missed: Lake Forest firefighters have shifts where they are required to work 24 hours straight.

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David A. F. Sweet is the Executive Editor of the City's Lake Forest Love blog.

Our goal was to provide a safe, fun, and educational environment so they could see what we do everyday.

- Chrissy Custer, Citizens Fire Academy Coordinator



One of those firefighters, five-year veteran Chrissy Custer, ran the academy for the first time. The chiefs approached Custer in 2020 to see if she'd be interested in taking over the program from them. She immediately said yes.

"Public education is my favorite part of the job. I'm not quiet about it," said Custer, who noted social media publicity helped spur a record demand for CFA.

With access to the pre-pandemic curriculum, Custer implemented much of it and added new programs like CPR Training and Stop the Bleed. Those who participated in the CPR Training are now CPR certified. Stop the Bleed users learned how to operate a tourniquet and apply first aid.

"Our goal was to provide a safe, fun, and educational environment so they could see

what we do every day," Custer said. "They get to play firefighter, if you will."

For the first time, participants agreed to join a ride along. They stayed in the engine or met up with the command vehicle to observe the firefighters at work.

"Everyone wants to see the action. They want to see a fire," Custer said.

Breaking windows seemed to be the one item that scared



everyone, even though they were all given window punches made of plastic so their hands wouldn't get hurt.

"They were all doing some pretty crazy things," Custer said. "The biggest challenge is making sure they are all safe."

The minimum age for participants was 16, and the maximum age – well, there really isn't one, which meant 82-year-old Alice Tate was able to join. A self-described life-long learner, she only missed one activity: the vehicle rescue operation.

"The opportunity to use fire extinguishers was valuable since I may have to use one someday," Tate said. "Perhaps my favorite part of the Citizens Fire Academy was the drone demonstration; it was amazing."

"Age did not prevent me from participating in activities. I walk over a mile most days, weather permitting."

Participants invited family and friends for graduation, where a video presentation – including vivid shots of students wielding fire hoses – was shown. Fourteen people have already signed up for the 2023 CFA.

A corporate restructuring and turnaround advisor ("I have rescued organizations by putting out the proverbial fires that they faced"), Oriti enjoyed the program so much he applied to be a volunteer firefighter in Lake Bluff.

"This course and its exercises allowed for first-hand experiences into the tactical skills and operations in the life of a

firefighter," Oriti said. "The icing on this cake was the ride along, where I got to ride in the engine and experience my first fire, a Dodge Caliber fully engulfed in flames.

"I love to help people and solve problems, and that passion is a prerequisite for a career in firefighting."

Custer isn't surprised at Oriti's interest, given what she saw. "He did great on the forcible entry and on the search and rescue. Overall, he blew me away," she said.

The next Citizens Fire Academy will take place in Spring 2023. If you're interested in learning more about the seven-week session or would like to sign up, please contact Chrissy Custer at stelterc@cityoflakeforest.com.



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What's Happening

Award Season

City Receives National Recognition

This fall, the City of Lake Forest received awards and recognition from numerous national professional associations for recent initiatives implemented. Here's a recap:

ICMA COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM EXCELLENCE AWARD

The City's Rethink Recycling Campaign received the 2022 Community Sustainability Program Excellence Award from ICMA, the International City/County Management Association.

The City partnered with the Lake Forest Garden Club, Norman Design Co (a local branding and graphic design firm), and a recycling processor to launch the "Rethink Recycling with Bart the Cart" campaign in 2020. The campaign's goal was to reduce recycling contamination rates over a two-year period in order to achieve a meaningful reduction in processing costs.

The campaign leveraged a website, social media, an "Oops Tag" program, curbside recycling audits, and interactive engagement platforms with an animated spokesperson (Bart the Cart) to increase awareness of recycling contamination and change resident recycling behavior. Over the two-year

period, contamination rates fell from 25% to just below 10%. The reduction in contamination has already saved the City over \$50,000 annually in recycling processing costs, with additional savings expected to continue into the future. Learn more about Rethink Recycling at BartTheCart.com.

GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION POPULAR ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT AWARD

This award is given to units of government who successfully develop high-quality popular annual financial reports designed to be readily accessible and understandable to the public. In receiving this award, the City joins the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA)'s elite "Triple Crown" group, a designation to those units of government that have received all three GFOA awards, which also include the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award and the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. For context, out of nearly 90,000 units of government in the United States, only 293 have achieved the "Triple Crown" recognition! View the Popular Annual Financial Report at cityoflakeforest.com/PAFR.



Mayor Pandaleon and City Council recognize the Lake Forest Garden Club, Norman Design Co, and City Staff for the Rethink Recycling Campaign.

3CMA AWARD OF EXCELLENCE IN MARKETING TOOLS FOR GOVERNMENT SERVICE DELIVERY

The City received the Award of Excellence in Marketing Tools for Government Service Delivery from the national City-County Communications and Marketing Association (3CMA) for developing and using the Lake Forest Now App as a communications tool. The Lake Forest Now Mobile Application was developed to provide relevant information, transactions, and services to Lake Forest residents in one place on their smart phones. Since the App launched in 2021, there have been over 4,000 downloads and the App averages 4,400 selections (or clicks) each month. Download the App at cityoflakeforest.com/LFNow.

Saturday Market Returns

Celebrate the Holidays

The Second Annual Saturday Market: Celebrate the Holidays is right around the corner. Mark your calendar and stop by the West Lake Forest Train Station on Saturday, December 10 and Saturday, December 17 between 10:30 am to 2:30 pm to shop for unique gifts, enjoy specialty foods, and visit with friends and neighbors. We look forward to seeing you there.

Interested vendors! Please contact Michelle Friedrich at friedrim@cityoflakeforest.com or (847) 810-3511 to register. Visit cityoflakeforest.com/SaturdayMarket for details.



Pop-Up Shop to Open at New Location

New Space, Same Great Mission

The Pop-Up Shop will reopen this year at a new location (stay tuned for details). The shop will bring back an exciting vibrancy to the downtown shopping district for the holiday season and support many Lake Forest non-profits by providing a venue to raise their visibility and sell branded items.

The Pop-Up Shop will open on Friday, November 25 for the Tree Lighting Ceremony and operate Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays through December 31.

Thanks to the Lake Forest/Lake Bluff Chamber of Commerce for sponsoring the Pop-Up Shop this season.

Find more information at cityoflakeforest.com/PopUpShop.

Looking Forward

Planning for the Future of the Central Business District

Be a part of the discussion! The City of Lake Forest has a long tradition of looking forward, planning for the future. Work is underway to update the City's Comprehensive Land Use Plan with the current focus on the Central Business District (CBD).

Join the community discussion by attending a **Workshop on Thursday, December 8 at Gorton Community Center. Drop-in anytime between 4:30-7:30 pm.** Brief presentations will occur throughout the workshop, on the hour. Engage with your fellow residents, business and property owners, Working Group members, consultants, and City staff in discussions about the CBD. Comment on draft concepts, add your thoughts to maps and graphics.

To learn more and to share your thoughts before and after the workshop, visit the project website LookingForwardLakeForest.org.

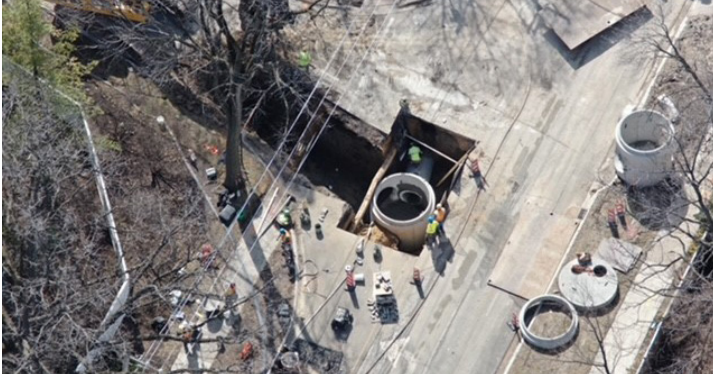
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Mission Accomplished

Capital Improvements Recap

From replacing pedestrian bridges to installing a 500-foot long underground stormwater detention vault, it's been a big year for Capital Improvement Projects! In perhaps the biggest year for capital projects, the City invested \$16 million in stormwater infrastructure, utility upgrades, road improvements, and general infrastructure maintenance. As work is wrapping up across town, here's an update on what has been accomplished and what is still ahead.



Deerpath Watermain Replacement

Completed May 2022

Replaced the watermain between Ahwahnee Lane and Golf Lane on Deerpath Road.

May

2022

May



Waveland Park Parking Lot Expansion

Completed May 2022

Improved traffic flow, increased parking capacity, and added a bioswale to help treat stormwater.



Townline Park Splash Pad

Completed June 2022

The first of its kind in Lake Forest, the splash pad officially opened in late June and is a place for children to gather, play, and cool off during the summer months.

June


August



Woodland Pedestrian Bridge

Completed August 2022

In August, the City replaced the old steel pedestrian bridge that carries the Robert McClory Bike Path over Woodland Road between Western Avenue and McKinley Road.

 Watch construction videos for any project with this icon in the Construction Project Playlist at [YouTube.com/EnjoyLakeForest](https://www.youtube.com/EnjoyLakeForest)



Forest Avenue Parking Lot Resurfacing

Completed August 2022
In addition to resurfacing the parking lot, the City added a special stormwater quality structure and installed two electric vehicle charging stations.

August

Burr Oak Area Storm Sewer Improvement Project

Completed October 2022
An underground stormwater detention vault called a StormTrap was installed underneath N. Western Avenue. The StormTrap is approximately 500 feet in length, as wide as the street, and 15 feet deep. Additionally, the City increased storm sewer capacity by installing bigger pipes along Franklin Place, Burr Oak Road, Thomas Place, N. Western Avenue, and Alden Lane.

October

Still Ahead

- **Illinois Pedestrian Bridge Replacement:** This fall, the City is replacing the pedestrian bridge over Illinois Road. Find details at cityoflakeforest.com/Bridges.
- **ComEd Bridge Replacement Project:** While this isn't a City project, it does impact residents. The bridge deck was demolished earlier this year and **Deerpath Road will be closed between Route 41 and Ahwahnee Lane from Friday, November 18 at 7 pm through Monday, November 21 at 5 am.** Find details at cityoflakeforest.com/ComEdBridge.
- **IDOT Deerpath/Route 41 Viaduct Pump Station:** IDOT resurfaced a portion of Deerpath Road this fall and will wrap up their work on the pump station by the end of the year.

August

October

Asphalt Patching and Resurfacing

Completed August 2022
Asphalt pavement patching.

Concrete Street Repairs

Completed August 2022
Removed and replaced deteriorated sections of streets throughout town.

Sanitary and Storm Sewer Lining

Completed August 2022
The process involved inserting a special liner inside the pipe, creating a new smooth-surfaced, long-lasting pipe within the old sewer.



Forest Park Beach Sand Replenishment

Completed October 2022
Over the last few years, the beach has lost sand due to high water levels and erosion. The project involved trucking in over 240 truckloads of sand that were placed on the northernmost cell of the beach.

The Investment Continues

The following are a few of the projects currently being designed:

- Deerpath Park Synthetic Turf Fields
 - Ahwahnee Lane Storm Sewer
 - Deerpath Streetscape Project Phase II
 - Ravine Improvements
 - The Route 60 Bike Path
- Stay tuned for details!

Working for You

Public Works

COMPOST & RECYCLING CENTER OPERATING HOURS CHANGE

Located on the south side of Route 60 west of Waukegan Road, Lake Forest residents can drop off yard waste and various unwanted household items for proper disposal at the Compost & Recycling Center.

How does it work?

- Residents using the site must display a current Lake Forest vehicle sticker on their vehicle windshield. Driver's licenses will not be accepted as proof of residency.
- Acceptable items: yard waste, unwanted household items, electronics (computers, printers, DVDs, etc.), metal cans, glass, newspapers, magazines, plastics (#1-5 and 7), plastic bags, corrugated cardboard, office paper for recycling.
- Unacceptable items: appliances with CFCs, asbestos, batteries, paints/chemicals, tires and food waste.
- Commercial contractor use of this facility is not allowed.

Fall Hours (through Nov. 30)

Saturday: 8 am-5 pm

Sunday: 9 am-5 pm

Winter Hours (Dec. 1-Mar. 14)

Saturday: 8 am-3 pm

For more information, please call (847) 615-4264 or visit cityoflakeforest.com/CompostCenter.



CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY COLLECTION SCHEDULE

City offices will be closed on Friday, December 23 and Monday, December 26 in observance of the Christmas Holiday. However, there will be no change to the refuse, recycling, or yard waste collection. The Compost Center will also be closed on Saturday, December 24 in observance of the holiday.

NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY COLLECTION SCHEDULE

City offices will be closed on Monday, January 2 in observance of the New Year's Holiday. However, there will be no change to the refuse, recycling, or yard waste collection.

For more information, please call the Sanitation Section at (847) 615-4264.

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

Throughout the month of January, Christmas trees will be picked up at the curb on regularly scheduled recycling days. Trees collected curbside are ground up and composted. The mulch is then available in limited quantities at the Compost & Recycling Center for residents to use in gardens, planters, etc. in the spring through fall. To be collected, trees must:

1. Have all lights and ornamentation removed
2. Be cut in six-foot lengths
3. Cannot be in plastic tree bags

CITY GIFT POLICY

The City policy prohibits its employees from accepting gifts (including cash). If you would like to thank an employee, please send a card or letter, which can be placed in the personnel file, or make a donation to charity in the name of the employee or department. Acceptable gifts, like cookies or candy, can be delivered to City buildings to share with departments. Thank you for these goodies!



Snow Operations

When Lake Forest residents wake up to find the streets dusted with snow, few are aware that the City’s Snow Operations team has been hard at work for hours. In the winter, the Lake Forest Snow Operations team often works long extended hours - even up to 16-hour shifts - plowing snow and removing ice on roads, sidewalks and parking lots. Their goal? Ensuring that all roads in Lake Forest are safe for that first morning, or evening, commute.

Led by Streets Supervisor Matt Brugioni and Forestry Supervisor Corey Wierema, the Snow Ops team boasts a roster of nearly 60 employees but typically consists of about 30 active participants per shift during any given snowfall. Overall, the snow operations team handles 105 miles of sidewalks, 240 miles of paved roadway and 37 lane miles of Illinois Routes 43 and 60.

The City’s snow removal plan is not as simple as one would think, it’s a true team effort designed to meet the needs of residents. During large weather events and back-to-back storms, snow

command uses the list to the right to prioritize manpower resources for clearing snow and ice. During smaller weather events, many of the priorities occur simultaneously.

As snow removal efforts occur, Snow Command will be sharing updates during weather events via the Public Works Facebook page (@LakeForestILPublicWorks). Thank you for your patience and understanding while our Snow Ops crew works to safely and efficiently clear roads, sidewalks, and parking lots.

A few other snow-related things to know...

Do NOT Push Snow Back into Street

When removing snow from your driveway, please do not shove or plow it onto the public roadway. It creates a slippery and hazardous surface for traffic.

Parking After It Snows

After a minimum 2-inch snowfall, parking is not permitted on City maintained roads until snow has been cleared edge to edge. Parked vehicles may be towed at the owner’s expense.

Mailbox Replacement Policy

If you believe a City snowplow caused damage to your mailbox, please report the damage by contacting the Public Works Department at (847) 810-3543 or using the “Report a Problem” feature in the Lake Forest Now App within 48 hours of damage.

Find more information at cityoflakeforest.com/snow.

SNOW REMOVAL PRIORITIES

When snow and ice removal need to be prioritized during a big weather event, here's how the City of Lake Forest prioritizes resources:

- 1 CITY STREETS**
All city streets and Rte 43 from Rte 176 to Rte 22 and Rte 60 from Rte 41 to Field Dr
- 2 CITY PARKING LOTS AND TRAIN STATION PLATFORMS**
- 3 SIDEWALKS**
1st: sidewalks along the bike path adjacent to McKinley Rd and sidewalks within .25 mile of schools, 2nd: all remaining sidewalks
- 4 PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE SIDEWALKS**
- 5 COMPOST & RECYCLING CENTER**
- 6 WEST PARK ICE RINK**
- 7 CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT HAULING**
Hauling snow piles to ensure businesses and shoppers have access



Visit cityoflakeforest.com/Snow for more information.



Streets Supervisor Matt Brugioni and Forestry Supervisor Corey Wierema



Moving Forward into 2023

Parks & Recreation

The holidays are just around the corner, and we are excited about everything we have to offer the community. Our beloved events are back in full swing, and we are working on surprise pop-ups here and there to bring us together through the winter.

Watch your mailboxes in mid-November for our **newly redesigned Winter/Spring Program Guide**. To be more environmentally and fiscally responsible, we have condensed it while keeping it fun and engaging! **Resident registration opens at 8:30 am on Tuesday, December 6** online and in person. Register early to ensure your spot.

The Lake Forest Hospital Holiday Boutique returns to the Recreation Center from November 17-19. Vendors from around the country set up shop and the atmosphere is festive and fun. For more information, please visit lfh.org. Another wonderful holiday shopping opportunity is our **Stirling Hall Art Sale** on December 2 and 3. This is a great chance to see everything Stirling

Hall offers, support the artists, and purchase beautiful local artisan-made gifts.

Lake Forest's 38th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony is set for Friday, November 25 from 2:30-8 pm in Market Square. Hosted by the **Friends of Lake Forest Parks & Recreation Foundation**, this is a community favorite with live entertainment, ice sculptors, LFHS Choristers singing carols, Lake Forest Dance Academy's Rockette-inspired kick-line, Santa visits, and more. Whether you are new in town or have been attending for many years, you do not want to miss this Lake Forest tradition! On December 10 the **Winter Dance Spectacular** features LFDA's Performance Companies highlighting different styles of dance and delivering holiday cheer to all.

Save the date for **Cocoa with the Claus's** on Wednesday, December 14! Dickinson Hall will be transformed into Santa's

Workshop for cookie decorating, teddy bear stuffing, hot cocoa sipping, and visiting with Santa!

Holiday happenings that will delight the kids include **Letters from Santa** (a unique opportunity for the kids to write Santa a letter and receive one back in return), **Santa Visits** (imagine the smiles when Santa comes knocking on your door), and our magical **Santa Drive Thru** at Stirling Hall with Santa and Mrs. Claus, mischievous elves, costumed characters, musicians, and goodie bags.

Watch our social media channels for the opening of the newly expanded ice rink at West Park!

LAKE FOREST



Register for programs and events at LFParksandRec.com
(847) 234-6700
FB & Instagram: @lfparksandrec

HOLIDAY COMMUNITY EVENTS

Mark your calendars and visit LFParksandRec.com for all the details!

- Nov. 17-19: Lake Forest Hospital Holiday Boutique – Rec Center
- Nov. 25: Lake Forest Tree Lighting Ceremony – Market Square
- Dec. 2-3: Stirling Hall Art Sale – Stirling Hall
- Dec. 10 & 24: Santa Visits
- Dec. 10: Winter Dance Spectacular – Rec Center
- Dec. 14: Cocoa with the Claus's – Dickinson Hall
- Dec. 17: Santa Drive Thru – Dickinson Hall

A Home Away from Home for Youth

CROYA

CROYA (Committee Representing Our Young Adults) is a community-based youth organization welcoming 7th-12th grade students who live or go to school in Lake Forest, Lake Bluff and Knollwood. Check out the CROYA calendar for winter break schedule and activities!

COMING UP AT CROYA

After School Drop-In Hours

Monday, 2:30-5:30 pm
Tuesday-Friday, 3:30-5:30 pm

Middle School Youth Meetings

Tuesdays, 4-4:30 pm

High School Youth Meetings

Wednesdays, 7-8 pm

High School Fall Retreat

Nov. 18-20

Poinsettia Sale

Happening through Nov. 17
Poinsettia Pick-up and Delivery:
Dec. 2 and 3
Order at (847) 810-3980 or visit
CROYA.com to download an
order form.

CROYA's Annual Donut Bowl Flag Football Game

Wednesday, Nov. 9, 5:30-8 pm
High school students team up with local police officers for a fun filled night of football, pizza, donuts, and lively discussion.

Friendsgiving Alumni Reunion Lunch

Wednesday, Nov. 23, 12-3 pm

Service Project

Wednesday, Dec. 7
Kid's Only Holiday Shop at
Gorton Community Center

Be on the lookout for the biennial CROYA Foundation Fundraiser happening in January!

Activator Music Academy is the music school at the CROYA Student Union. Activator offers many affordable music lessons to local youth and adults. Activator also supports the CROYA Recording Studio, CROYA Live Performance Venue, and CROYA's annual music events like Battle of the Bands, Lake Forest Day Jam and Super Jam. For more information, contact Music Manager Nick Christofalos at activatoracademy@gmail.com or call (847) 477-7967.

CROYA.com
(847) 810-3980
Sign up for the monthly e-Newsletter at CROYA.com.
Instagram: @CROYALFLB
Facebook: @CROYALFLB1980

More Than Card Games

Dickinson Hall

100 E. Old Mill Rd.
847.234.2209
DickinsonHall.com

Sure, cards are available (and fun and challenging). But we offer far more than that for seniors — everything from trips and special events to fine arts and crafts, music, lifelong learning, and fitness and health programs. Just check out these examples:

- **Special Events.** There is always something happening at Dickinson Hall, monthly parties coming up include Veteran's Luncheon, Tree Trimming Party, Holiday Party & "Noon" Year's Eve Brunch.
- **Trips.** Let our bus do the driving. Our trips coming up include holiday shopping, Wicked, a Christmas Carol and Holiday Tea at the Drake. And let's not forget our Gourmet Trotters and Girls' Night Out!
- **Programs.** Dickinson Hall also offers amazing lectures, music appreciation, fitness and health programs.
- **Transportation.** There is transportation available for Lake Forest and Lake Bluff residents who need assistance getting to appointments, grocery shopping, and much more within the area.
- **Social Services.** Dickinson Hall has resources to assist you and your aging parents. Connecting with our Senior Advocate, Jennifer Raines, gives you the opportunity to tap into her vast resources to help you maneuver effortlessly through life's many changes.
Stop by and get to know everyone at Dickinson Hall!



Vacation House Watch

Police Department

As you head out of town this holiday season, please consider placing your house on the Lake Forest Police Department's Vacation House Watch List. As call volume allows, officers visit properties on the list and check for signs of disturbance. If areas of concern are noticed, officers will notify your emergency contact or keyholder. Submit the Vacation House Watch Request Form at cityoflakeforest.com/VacationHouseWatch or call Police Records at (847) 810-3845.

Go Green

Environmental Sustainability

PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT IN WINTER WEATHER

Winter weather welcomes a whole new set of environmental challenges as soon as the snow starts to fall in Lake Forest. For instance, an accumulation of snow and ice can become contaminated with pollutants like litter and dirt.

This holiday season, we encourage you to continue living sustainably by saving energy, finding environmentally-friendly alternatives, and more!

1. Have a water-efficient holiday!

Prepping for a big holiday party or meal and cleaning up afterwards can require excess water use. Instead of running

your kitchen tap for minutes on end, scrape those dirty dishes clean before you put them in the dishwasher or fill the sink with a few gallons of soapy wash water to reduce your water use.

2. Save money, lower that thermostat! Did you know that each one-degree reduction in your thermostat (maintained for eight hours) has the power to reduce your home's energy bill by 1%? This holiday season, consider taking advantage of ComEd's Energy Assessment to learn more about how you can save energy and money this winter, visit ComEd.com for details.

3. Utilize the Compost & Recycling Center for all your holiday recycling needs!

Drop off broken holiday lights (which aren't recyclable curbside), gift wrapping, and large broken-down boxes at the Compost & Recycling Center (1381 W. Kennedy Road) this holiday season. Learn more about what's accepted on page 10 and at cityoflakeforest.com/CompostCenter.

BE MINDFUL OF PLASTICS

Some plastics, including #6, are not recyclable in Lake Forest and should not be placed in your recycling cart. One example of non-recyclable plastics are single-use plastic bags. Some great ways to keep these plastics out of your recycling cart are to:

- Bring your own bag to the grocery store.
- If you have a lot of single-use plastic bags, bring them to your local Jewel to drop off or to the Compost & Recycling Center. For more recycling tips, visit BartTheCart.com

#SUSTAINABILITYSUNDAY

Looking for more environmental sustainability tips? Follow @CityofLakeForestIL on Facebook and Instagram for a weekly #SustainabilitySunday post highlighting ways you can incorporate sustainable practices into your daily life. Email cityhall@cityoflakeforest.com if you have any thoughts on what we could be posting to increase sustainability awareness!



Grace and a Final Resting Place

Lake Forest Cemetery

1525 Lake Rd.
(847) 615-4341
lakeforestcemetery@
cityoflakeforest.com
cityoflakeforest.com/Cemetery

BEAUTIFUL AND TIMELESS

Lake Forest Cemetery, located on Lake Road, has a variety of interment options available for Lake Forest residents. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Lake Forest Cemetery continues to offer a beautiful and dignified resting place for the residents of Lake Forest. Residents are encouraged to visit the cemetery to experience its beauty first-hand. To learn about the various interment options available please contact the cemetery office at (847) 615-4341 to schedule an appointment.

WINTER DECORATIONS

In November, we will begin taking orders for evergreen grave blankets and wreaths to be placed at loved ones' gravesites. Wreath prices start at \$70 and include the stand. These seasonal grave decorations are placed by the Cemetery staff around the second week of December and then removed in the spring. Order forms can be found at cityoflakeforest.com/cemetery.

Check Out Special Collections

Lake Forest Library

360 E. Deerpath
(847) 234-0636
LakeForestLibrary.com

Winter break and reading programs are the perfect reason to borrow something new and unexpected from your Library's Special Collections! Items include:

- Beloved local Lake Forest authors
- Takeout Tech like DSLR cameras, Roku Sticks, and Nintendo Switch consoles
- Accessibility collections with kits and items to support different abilities and learning needs
- Exploration Kits full of STEAM literacy, tech, and math activities
- Launchpads and kid-friendly tablets preloaded with apps and more
- Wonderbooks and print books with ready-to-play audiobooks inside
- Graphic Novels and Manga
- Video Games
- Board books for babies and early literacy
- DVD2GO movies (available for pick-up from the West Lake Forest Train Station kiosk)

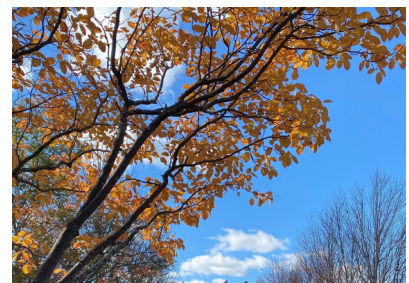
Join the Lake Forest Library and read this winter! Cozy Up with a Good Book runs December 15-January 31 and Blind Date with a Book returns January 14-February 14. Stay tuned for details at LakeForestLibrary.org/read.



Shout Out

Contest Winner

Congratulations to Evan Teske for correctly guessing the species of all three trees shown on the back of the Fall Dialogue and winning the "How Well Do You Know Lake Forest Trees" contest! The trees (pictured below) from top to bottom are: Serviceberry (in Market Square), Norway Spruce (at the Lake Forest Cemetery), and Freeman Maple (at City Hall). Flip to the back page to enter this edition's contest!



Calendar

NOVEMBER

12
From Chicago to Vietnam with Michael Duffy
Lake Forest Library, lakeforestlibrary.org
10 am

26
Cocoa Crawl
Downtown Lake Forest, LFLBchamber.com
12-3 pm

25
Lake Forest Tree Lighting Ceremony
Market Square, lfparksandrec.com
2:30-8 pm

29
**LF/LB Community Safety Series:
Run, Hide, Fight: Active Shooter Preparation**
Lake Forest Schools, lakeforestschools.org
7-8:30 pm

DECEMBER

4-5
Stirling Hall Art Sale
Stirling Hall, lfparksandrec.com
Fri: 6 pm-9 pm, Sat: 10 am-4 pm

8
Looking Forward Lake Forest Workshop
Gorton Center, LookingForwardLakeForest.org
4:30-7:30 pm

2-4
Elawa Farm Holiday Market
Elawa Farm, elawafarm.org
10 am - 4 pm

10 & 17
Saturday Market – Celebrate the Holidays
West Lake Forest Train Station, cityoflakeforest.com
10:30 am-2:30 pm

4
**LFHS Applause Spaghetti Dinner
and Holiday Concerts**
Lake Forest High School, lakeforestschools.org
3 pm

10
Winter Dance Spectacular
Recreation Center, lfparksandrec.com
4 pm

6
**Parks and Recreation Winter/Spring Programs
Resident Registration Opens**
Recreation Center, lfparksandrec.com
8:30 am

17
Santa Drive Thru
Dickinson Hall, lfparksandrec.com
10 am-12 pm

There's a lot happening in Lake Forest this winter!

VISIT CITYOFLAKEFOREST.COM/CALENDAR FOR A WHOLE LOT MORE.

JANUARY

1-31

Lake Forest Fitness Center Member Special
Recreation Center, lakeforestfitnesscenter.com
All month

17

**LF/LB Community Safety Series:
Internet Safety for Parents**
Lake Forest Schools, lakeforestschools.org
7-8:30 pm

13

Conservation Cocktails
Lake Forest Open Lands Association, lfola.org
6-7:30 pm

21

**Youth Book Group Discussion of "Code Talker" by
Joseph Bruchac**
Lake Forest Library, lakeforestlibrary.org
4 pm

14

Kinderhaven Preschool Academy Open House
Recreation Center, lparksandrec.com
4 pm

26

Business & Government Breakfast
Deer Path Inn, LFLBchamber.com
7:30-9 am

17, 24 & 31

Tuesdays on the Trail
Lake Forest Open Lands Association, lfola.org
9 am & 11 am

31

Chicago's Sweet Candy History
Lake Forest Library, lakeforestlibrary.org
7 pm

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHTS

Lake Forest/ Lake Bluff Chamber of Commerce

207 E. Westminster, Lower Level
(847) 234-4282
LFLBchamber.com

In 2023, the Lake Forest/Lake Bluff Chamber of Commerce will commemorate its 70th anniversary, a celebration of a seven-decade journey alongside the wonderful businesses that have been, and continue to be, such a beloved part of this extraordinary community we call home.

Started by a handful of independent local business owners back in 1953, the Chamber is a non-profit business association that has grown to a current membership of more than 400 businesses ranging in size from 1 employee to more than 1,800 employees. The current roster of members is comprised of everything from solo entrepreneurs to corporate headquarters, and includes the representation of retailers and



restaurants, legal and financial entities, health and educational professionals and institutions, and both cultural and nonprofit organizations.

An active and vital community partner, the Chamber has received national recognition as a champion and valued resource for business, but its role doesn't stop there – it is also a great first stop for information about Lake Forest and Lake Bluff for both residents and area visitors and is a leader in celebrating all things local with its annual publications, community-wide special events, and role as a connector and resource for both businesses and the public.

Have a business or thinking of launching one? Participate in the Chamber! Annually, the very busy schedule of Chamber activities includes 60+ member events ranging from networking get-togethers for business referral building to educational presentations covering trends and best practices – and,



very importantly, promotional initiatives to showcase its members, including a national award-winning “Shop Local First” program. A partner in regional economic development and innovation, the Chamber also collaborates with local schools’ business incubators to offer real-time participation for budding student entrepreneurs.

Looking for something to do around town? Visit the Chamber website and follow its very active social media! Check out the weekly “Eat-Shop-Play” overview of what’s happening in both Lake Forest and Lake Bluff and visit the Chamber’s comprehensive website featuring a community calendar, business directory, and links to pretty much everything in both towns – a terrific first stop for both residents and visitors.

Native Voices

Beginning in November 2022 and continuing through 2023, several institutions throughout Lake Forest are presenting a variety of activities, performances, lectures and events that celebrate the culture and contributions of Native Americans, past and present, to the community. Entitled Native Voices, the

yearlong programming illuminates the legacy and current life of Native communities as we traverse thousands of years of history, covering their rich fabric of art, environment, culture, and communication.

Led by Lake Forest Open Lands Association, participating institutions include the Ragdale

Foundation, The Lake Forest Library, The History Center of Lake Forest-Lake Bluff, Elawa Farm Foundation, Lake Forest-Lake Bluff Chamber of Commerce, and Gorton Community Center. In addition, Districts 67/115, private schools, and Lake Forest College are involved.

Learn more and find the event schedule at lfola.org/native-voices.

City Information



City Meetings

CITY COUNCIL

Mondays, 6:30 pm: 11/7, 11/14 (Workshop), 11/21, 12/5, 1/17, 2/6, 2/21

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Mondays, 6:30 pm: 11/28

BUILDING REVIEW BOARD

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm: 12/7

PLAN COMMISSION

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm: 11/9, 12/14

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm: 11/16

Meeting dates subject to change. Find agendas and minutes for all Boards and Commissions at: cityoflakeforest.com/PublicMeetings

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City Hall

220 E. Deerpath
Monday - Friday, 8 am - 4:30 pm

Municipal Services Center

800 N. Field Dr.
Monday - Friday, 8 am - 4:30 pm

Public Safety Building

(Police and Fire Departments)
255 W. Deerpath
Call 911 for all emergencies
Non-emergency: (847) 234-2601
Lobby Hours:
Monday - Saturday, 8 am - 6 pm

Recreation Center

400 Hastings Rd.
(847) 234-6700
Front Desk Hours:
Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 5 pm
Saturday, 8:30 am - 2 pm

CROYA

400 Hastings Rd.
(847) 810-3980
Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 5:30 pm

Stirling Hall Art Center

60 E. Old Mill Rd.
(847) 810-4688
Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Dickinson Hall

100 E. Old Mill Rd.
(847) 234-2209
Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 4 pm

Compost & Recycling Center

1381 W. Kennedy Rd.
Winter Hours (Dec. 1-Mar. 14)
Closed Sun.-Fri.
Saturday: 8 am - 3 pm

Lake Forest Cemetery

1525 N. Lake Rd.
May - September, 8 am - 8 pm
October - April, 8 am - 4:30 pm

Cemetery Gatehouse

520 Spruce Ave.
Call (847) 615-4341 for appointment

Postage-Free Mail

Postage-free mail to all City departments and City officials can be deposited in the white drop boxes on Bank Lane north of Westminster and in the Telegraph Road Train Station parking lot.



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How well do you know Lake Forest entryways?

It's hard to miss the many entryways in Lake Forest! Recognize any of the entryways pictured above? If not, this is a great excuse to explore town this holiday season!

Identify the specific location of each entryway and qualify to win Lake Forest swag (and bragging rights!). We will draw from all correct entries to select one lucky winner! Send entries to cityhall@cityoflakeforest.com by December 7. The winner will be announced at a City Council Meeting this winter.

Let's continue the conversation.

We've opened up *The Dialogue*. Now let's keep the conversation going. Tell us what you think about this newsletter at cityoflakeforest.com/DialogueSurvey. **Here are some places you can connect with us to keep the dialogue going:**



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LakeForestLove.com



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