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Construction of North Shore Dr/Waukegan Rd Traffic Signal Update

The Village has awarded a contract to Peter Baker and Son (Contractor) for the construction of a signalized intersection at North Shore Drive and Waukegan Road (Project). In addition to a new traffic signal, the Project also includes the addition of left hand turn lanes on all four legs of the intersection and the realignment of Knollwood Road on the west with North Shore Drive on the east. There will be periods of time throughout the Project where no access will be possible at the west end of North Shore Drive. During these closure periods access to businesses along North Shore Drive, Sherwood Terrace and Sherwood Drive will be maintained at the Waukegan Road/Sherwood Drive intersection. Work on this project is expected to extend to the end of November, 2012.

Update: December 7, 2012

During the week of December 3rd Peter Baker and Son (Contractor) worked primarily on parkway restoration activities associated with the construction of the North Shore Dr./Waukegan Rd. Signalized Intersection Project. Commonwealth Edison completed the electrical power connection work required for the new signal. Traffic signal activation has been scheduled for Wednesday, December 19th.

Fire-EMS-Emergency Shared Services Meeting, 12/11/2012

Declining revenues coupled with steadily escalating costs have created fiscal challenges that are consuming an ever-increasing portion of municipal budgets. In order to address these challenges, the Village of Lake Bluff has been working to attain one of its 2016 Strategic Plan Vision Statements to provide high-quality, cost-effective municipal services that meet community needs and position the Village for future success. More specifically, the Village has

- Collaborated with other municipalities, taxing bodies and private sector partners to identify and advance shared services opportunities,
- Continued to identify and implement reductions in operating expenses, and
- Sought and utilized cost effective service delivery alternatives.

As one of the Village's largest cost centers, public safety services is one area where the Village is looking for opportunities to maintain or improve service levels, provide greater efficiencies, eliminate redundancy, enhance service delivery methods, and build on existing partnerships.

Event Calendar -

Santa Comes to Town!

Sunday, December 09, 2012

Senior Resources Commission Meeting

Monday, December 10, 2012

Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting Cancelled

Monday, December 10, 2012

Village Board Meeting

Monday, December 10, 2012

Intergovernmental Advisory Committee Meeting

Tuesday, December 11, 2012

Village Board Special Meeting

Tuesday, December 11, 2012

Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Cancelled

Wednesday, December 12, 2012

The public safety departments and professionals of Lake Bluff and nearby communities assist each other in a variety of ways. In keeping with this collaborative spirit, the Village has partnered with the cities of Lake Forest, Highland Park and Highwood in a study, performed by the International City/County Management Association (ICMA), involving an analysis of the fire department operations within each community. The ICMA study sought to identify ways the departments can improve efficiency, effectiveness, and safety for both the communities they serve and the firefighters and officers on the front line, and to examine the feasibility of consolidation. It is anticipated that this study will also establish benchmarks for Highland Park, Highwood, Lake Bluff, and Lake Forest in their delivery of fire and EMS services. Information gathering, observations, and analysis were conducted in separate phases. The initial phase of the study focused on five key areas within each department:

1. **Administration** – What is the organizational structure and staffing, and what internal and external communication occurs and how?
2. **Communications** – How are the dispatch and other data processes provided, and are the department's systems interoperable with other jurisdictions?
3. **Prevention** – What efforts and process are in place to utilize fire prevention activities to meet the goals of the department?
4. **Strategic planning** – Does the department deploy and utilize resources based on strategy or tactics? How are plans developed?
5. **Working relationships** – How does the department work with other agencies within its jurisdiction, elected officials, and local hospitals?

The second phase included a site visit to each city in August, 2011 by project staff members. During this visit ICMA observed fire department and agency-connected supportive operations; interviewed key municipal and fire department staff; made visits to each jurisdiction's fire facilities for tours and apparatus/equipment evaluations; and toured each locality for a visual observation of community risk.

ICMA's mission is to create excellence in local governance by developing and fostering professional local government management worldwide. ICMA also provides member support; publications; data and information; peer and results-oriented assistance; and training and professional development to nearly 9,000 city, town, and county experts and other individuals and organizations throughout the world.

A draft report has been prepared and will be reviewed with elected officials and other municipal leaders from each municipality on [December 11, 2012 \(at 7:00 p.m.\) at the Highland Park Country Club, 1201 Park Avenue West in Highland Park.](#)

Building Code Public Hearing Rescheduled, 01/02/13

Public Notice is hereby given that the Architectural Board of Review of the Village of Lake Bluff has rescheduled its public hearing to consider proposed comprehensive amendments to the Lake Bluff Building Code to January 2, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at Village Hall (40 E. Center Avenue, Lake Bluff, Illinois) in the Board Room.

The proposed amendments include, without limitation, adoption of and amendments to the following standards:

- Illinois Environmental Barriers Act;·
- 2012 International Energy Conservation Code and ANSI/ASRAE/IESNA Standard 90.1-2010;·
- 2012 International Code Council ("ICC") International Fuel Gas Code;·
- 2012 ICC International Mechanical Code;·
- 2012 ICC Property Maintenance Code;·
- 2011 National Electrical Code;·
- 2004 Illinois Plumbing Code;·
- 2012 ICC International Building Code;·

- 2012 ICC International Residential Code;-
- 2012 ICC International Fire Code with the most recent National Fire Protection Association Standards ("NFPA");-
- 2012 International Green Construction Code;
- 2012 International Existing Building Code; and-
- 2012 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code.

Any person desiring to be heard or desiring to present any evidence or testimony relating to said matter should appear at the time and place specified above. Materials for this matter are available for inspection at Village Hall or by clicking on the link posted below. Additional information is available by calling Jerry Nellessen, Building Codes Supervisor, at 847-283-6885.

[Public Hearing Discussion Draft](#)

Christmas & New Year Holiday Reminders

Christmas Holiday household waste collections scheduled for Monday, December 24th will remain unchanged. Tuesday, December 25th will be picked up one day later on Wednesday, December 26th. The second collection day (Thursday or Friday) for those households receiving a la carte collection services will remain the same.

Non-emergency Village Offices will be closed on Tuesday, December 25th and will reopen on December 26th (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.); however, Village Hall will remain open until 5:00 p.m. on December 26th only to accept candidate nominating petitions.

New Year's Holiday household waste collections scheduled for Monday, December 31st will remain unchanged. Tuesday, January 1st collections will occur on Wednesday, January 2nd. The second collection day (Thursday or Friday) for those households receiving a la carte service will remain the same.

Non-emergency Village Offices will be closed on Tuesday, January 1st and will reopen on Wednesday, January 2, 2013 (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.).

Candidate Petition Filing Deadline Extended to December 26, 2012

Please be advised that candidates running for office in the April 9, 2013 Consolidated Election may pick up courtesy petition packets for the offices of Village President (1), Village Trustee (3), Village Clerk (1) and Library Trustee (6 Trustees, 2 of which are for unexpired terms) at Village Hall, 40 E. Center Avenue.

On December 2, 2012, Senate Bill 3338 was signed into law making a change to election law that gives candidates more time to file petitions for the 2013 consolidated election and provides local governments more flexibility to accept petitions. Previously, the final date to submit petitions fell on December 24, 2012. While Christmas Eve is not a state holiday, some local election authorities are traditionally closed, potentially hindering timely petition filing or resulting in additional unplanned expenses to local authorities. The new law increases efficiency and reduces costs by extending the final date to file petitions to December 26, 2012.

Candidates must file their petitions at the Lake Bluff Village Hall from December 17 through December 26, 2012. Village Hall will be open during normal business hours from December 17th to December 24th (closed on Saturdays & Sundays) between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Pursuant to State Statutes, Village Hall will remain open until 5:00 p.m. on December 26th. For questions concerning the candidate filing process, please contact Assistant to the Village Administrator Brandon Stanick at 847-283-6889.

Toys for Tots Toy Drive

The Police Department is requesting your assistance with continuing the community's successful participation in the U.S. Marine Corp Reserves annual Toys for Tots toy drive. To participate residents are encouraged to drop off new and unwrapped toys at the collection stations in the lobby of the Public Safety Building (45 E. Center Avenue) through December 10th.

In the event that Meeting Agenda links do not properly function, subscribers may find agendas posted on the Home Page at www.lakebluff.org. All Board and Commission [Meeting Minutes](#) are generally approved at the next regular meeting and posted on the website the following day.

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