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Event Calendar -

### Architectural Board of Review Meeting Cancelled

Tuesday, April 02, 2013

### Election Information

On April 9, 2013, voters across Illinois will participate in the 2013 Consolidated Election. Please know that Lake County has designated the Knollwood Fire Department, Lake Bluff Park District Facility and Union Church as polling places for the following voter precincts:

- Precincts #235 and #236 - Knollwood Fire Department Building (14 N. Skokie Hwy.);
- Precincts #237 and #240 - Lake Bluff Park District Facility (355 W. Washington Avenue); and
- Precincts #238 and #241 - Union Church (525 E. Prospect Avenue).

The polling place for all Lake Bluff residents who desire to vote early is located at Lake Forest City Hall (220 E. Deerpath, Lake Forest) during the following days and times through April 6th.

- Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and
- Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

For additional information, please contact the Lake County Clerk's Office at 847-377-2400, or visit the [Lake County Clerk's website](#).

### Stonebridge Forest Restoration Activities Ongoing

The Village would like to remind residents of the ongoing restoration of the 10.3 acre conservation area of the Stonebridge Subdivision (located along Green Bay Road). The following information provides details about the planned restoration work and a general update regarding the subdivision project.

As part of the initial approval documents for the Stonebridge Subdivision the developer is required to completely restore a 10.3 acre conservation area at the eastern end of the site, which includes all of the wooded area extending east to west between Green Bay Road and the original estate house, and from the north property line of the site to the south property line. The conservation area also includes the original pond visible from Green Bay Road.

In the spring of 2012 the current developer of the Stonebridge Project, The Roanoke Group, awarded a contract to Pizzo & Associates, an ecological restoration company from Leland, Illinois to perform the initial phase of the forest restoration work. The first phase of the work included the removal of all of the understory buckthorn and honeysuckle and other non-native plants and understory shrubs. The work will also include the removal of the majority of the fallen trees and the removal of trees from the perimeter of the conservation area determined by the Village's tree consultant, Urban Forest Management, to be hazardous or diseased.

During the week of February 18, 2013 The Roanoke Group will commence with the second phase of the conservation area forest work. Roanoke has hired Canopy Tree Specialists, a local tree company that will be working under the direction of Urban Forest Management to remove all of the diseased and undesirable tree species throughout the conservation area forest. The planned removal includes an estimated 220 existing ash trees, all of which either have or are expected to become infected with Emerald Ash Borer.

Removal of the diseased, invasive, and other undesirable species is necessary to reestablish a healthy oak/hickory forest. Currently, due to tree density and the significant number of invasive species, no oak seedlings and very few hickory seedlings have been found on the site by Urban Forest Management. Subsequent work requirements include the planting of 150 new trees of selected species, as well as forest floor native plantings, including such species as trillium, wild geranium, and may apples.

During this phase of the work the tree removal contractor will be permitted to work 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays. However, the operation of chain saws, chippers, heavy equipment, and any other type of tool or equipment, shall be limited from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays. No burning of removed material will be permitted during this phase.

The Roanoke Group continues to rework the original development proposal which was presented to the Village's Joint Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals (PCZBA) on November 28, 2012. At the current time it is estimated a revised development proposal, developed in consideration of comments received at the November 28th meeting, may be scheduled for a meeting of the PCZBA in the near future. Updates are available by [clicking here](#).

For questions, please contact Village Engineer Geroge Russell, at 847-283-6884.

## **IDOT to Develop Long Range Transportation Plan**

The mission of the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is to provide safe, cost-effective transportation for Illinois' residents and visitors in ways that enhance quality of life, promote economic prosperity and demonstrate respect for the environment. To that effect, IDOT commissioned the preparation of a Long Range Transportation Plan. In addition to the highway element, the plan also included a rail plan, freight mobility plan (both of which were completed in Dec 2012) and a forthcoming Bike Transportation Plan. IDOT has contracted Alta Planning + Design and team partners to complete this non-motorized chapter of the Long Range Transportation Plan by December 2013.

The Illinois Bike Transportation Plan will follow the Long Range Plan's theme of Transforming Transportation for Tomorrow and will provide the Department with policies, best practices and strategic direction for implementing a sustainable, multimodal vision for Illinois.

In order to gain input from as many stakeholders as possible, the Plan will set up an advisory group with other state agencies (IDNR and others) and bicycling stakeholders such as the League of Illinois Bicyclists, the Illinois Greenways and Trails Council and state Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), who can provide advice to the development of the plan. There will be several interactive opportunities, both online and in person, for public input on the plan.

Please complete this [brief survey](#) to subscribe to future updates on the Plan and ensure your input is integrated into this important non-motorized initiative:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/IllinoisBicycleTransportationPlan>

Some of the issues that will be addressed in the plan include: a statewide and regional analysis of the current accommodations, policies, and planning documents for bicycling in Illinois; an evaluation of IDOT's implementation of the state's Complete Streets policy and other bicycling-related statutes; and a review of national bicycling trends and best practices and their applicability in the Illinois transportation context. The existing conditions analysis will include an analysis of state bicycle safety data, existing roadway conditions for bicyclists at a regional and statewide scale, existing greenways and multi-use trail coverage throughout the state, and stakeholder input on bicycling and

safety conditions.

Based on the existing conditions analysis, plan recommendations will be made that include the following:

- Bicycling related planning and policy recommendations,
- Bikeway safety, design and maintenance recommendations,
- Regional-scale bikeway network recommendations,
- Bikeway network implementation and prioritization recommendations,
- State bicycling performance measures,
- Education, outreach and enforcement recommendations, and
- Funding recommendations

The final plan will serve as a bike improvements policy document as well as an action plan with specific recommendations that will help IDOT make its commitment to long-term transportation, livability and sustainability a reality.

### Recycling Center Closed on Easter, 3/31/13

The Public Works Recycling Center will be closed on Sunday, March 31, 2013 in observance of Easter. The Recycling Center will commence with regular hours of operation (Monday – Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.) on Monday, April 1st.

### Park District Hosts Easter Egg Hunt

On March 29, 2013 the [Lake Bluff Park District](#) will host the Flashlight Egg Hunt for children 9 to 12 years of age (bring your flashlight!) at the Blair Park Recreation Center (355 W. Washington Avenue) at 8:00 p.m. On March 30th the annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held at 9:00 a.m. Bring all children 8 and younger with their Easter baskets to the Blair Park Recreation Center to enjoy some family fun and visit with the Easter Bunny. In the event of inclement weather the events will be moved indoors.

Additional information is available by calling the Park District at 847-234-4150.

In the event that Meeting Agenda links do not properly function, subscribers may find agendas posted on the Home Page at [www.lakebluff.org](http://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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