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Lake Bluff Letter April 5, 2013

Event Calendar -

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](#).

Final Reading on FY13-14 Budget Rescheduled for 4/8/12

On March 11, 2013 the Village Board conducted a Public Hearing on the Tentative Annual Budget for the fiscal year commencing May 1, 2013 and ending April 30, 2014 and approved first reading of the Budget Ordinance. The Village Board was to consider second and final reading at its meeting on March 25th, however, this meeting has been cancelled, and consideration of second reading will be held on April 8th (7:00 p.m.). Copies of the Tentative Annual Budget is available for public inspection at Village Hall (40 E. Center Avenue), the Public Safety Building (45 E. Center Avenue), the Lake Bluff Library (123 E. Scranton Avenue) and online at lakebluff.org. Following the Public Hearing the Tentative Annual Budget may be further revised and passed without any further inspection, notice or hearing.

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Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting

Monday, April 08, 2013

Village Board Meeting

Monday, April 08, 2013

Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

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For questions regarding the budget process or the Tentative Annual Budget document, please feel free to contact Finance Director Susan Griffin at 847-283-6890.

May Semi-Annual Collection Scheduled, May 1 & May 8, 2013

The Village would like to remind residents of the dates for the upcoming semi-annual curbside collection program, which provides residents the opportunity to dispose (free of charge) of large items not picked up as part of the normal refuse collection. The pick-up for the Monday collection route is scheduled for Wednesday, May 1st and pick-up for the Tuesday route is scheduled for Wednesday, May 8th. Items or containers can be placed at the edge of the curb on your respective collection day. If you have any questions regarding collection requirements, please visit the following link or contact Groot at 877-404-7668:

[Semi-Annual Collection Information](#)

North Shore Residents to Realize Additional Savings in Second Year of Electrical Aggregation Program

In the first successful year of a three-year contract with MC Squared Energy Services, LLC ("mc2"), residents and businesses of member communities comprising the North Shore Electricity Aggregation Consortium ("Consortium") are projected to realize savings of over \$26 million off of Commonwealth Edison ("ComEd") residential electricity rates, with individual customers saving approximately \$366 on average through the first 12 months of participation.

Beginning last June, mc2 became the Consortium's alternative electricity supplier and has supplied power to the almost 70,000 Consortium customers since that time. For the second year of the three-year contract, the Consortium has secured electricity rates of 4.990 cents per kilowatt-hour ("kWh") for the June 2013 through May 2014 billing cycles for residential and eligible small commercial customers. Last week, ComEd announced that its residential rate for the same period will be 6.047 cents per kWh*. The Consortium's rate represents a modest 3% increase over the current Consortium rate of 4.836 cents/kWh, and results in savings of more than 17% when compared to ComEd's new rates. Certain small business customers and space heat customers are expected to save even more under mc2's new rates

Modest cost increases for the electricity commodity were expected and are represented in the new rate for both the Consortium and for ComEd. ComEd's rate has decreased substantially from last year as the utility has shed some longer-term contracts. However, in addition to a still-lower rate, the Consortium is able to offer additional security to residents and businesses by negotiating with mc2 for the removal of the \$25 early termination fee and other changes to the rate structure to minimize increases to consumers. A new online customer portal is also available at www.northshoreelectricityaggregation.com where new customers (those who have moved into a Consortium community, or may want to change providers) can register. Letters will be sent to potential new customers twice per year as well to ensure that they are aware of the lower Consortium rate. As before, residents may also call mc2 directly at (888) 808-7731 or email at NorthShore@MC2energyservices.com for more information.

Under the Consortium's rate pricing in Year 2, customers will retain the opportunity to support renewable energy resources through voluntary participation in a 100% Green Power Program that purchases renewable energy certificates. To learn more about mc2, please visit www.northshoreelectricityaggregation.com.

About Electric Aggregation & the Consortium:

Illinois law allows a municipality to seek bids for the provision of aggregate electricity supply services to residential and small commercial customers, in hopes that the selected rate will be lower than the standard rate offered by ComEd. In an effort to maximize the amount of savings for customers, the communities of Deerfield, Glencoe, Highland Park, Lake Bluff, Lake Forest, Northbrook, Park Ridge and Skokie worked together through an Intergovernmental Agreement and created the North Shore Electric Aggregation Consortium.

As required by State law, the municipalities advanced to referendum and on March 20, 2012 voters in all eight Consortium municipalities approved referendums authorizing each municipality to operate an "opt-out" electricity aggregation program for residents and small businesses. mc2 was selected at the Consortium's service provider in April 2012 following a request for proposals for electricity aggregation services. As part of the agreement with mc2, Consortium communities review electricity rates annually within the 36-month time period to ensure that customers are receiving the best possible electricity rate.

*As per the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC), it is expected that the Purchased Electricity Adjustment for the period until May 2014 will be a charge of 0.5 cents per kWh. The ComEd rate quoted here includes this charge, which is applied to all customers regardless of provider, and is included in the Consortium's cost as well.

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.

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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