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## Lake Bluff Letter December 20, 2013

### Lake Bluff Selects New Police Chief

The Village of Lake Bluff President and Village Board are very pleased to announce the appointment of David D. Belmonte as Lake Bluff's next Police Chief. Mr. Belmonte is currently the Deputy Chief of Lake Bluff, Illinois where he has held that position since 2007. Mr. Belmonte holds a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Columbia College (Columbia, MO) and a Master's Degree in Management and Leadership from Webster University (St. Louis, MO). He has also completed a number of specialized training programs including the School of Police Staff and Command and Supervision of Police Personnel at the Center for Public Safety at Northwestern University (Evanston, IL), as well as the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. In addition, he is certified by the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police as a certified "eligible" Police Chief.

"We were extremely impressed with David's credentials, his local experience, his reputation within the law enforcement community, and his involvement with the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). David's wealth of knowledge and positive experiences in Lake Bluff will serve us well," said Village President Kathy O'Hara. Village Administrator Drew Irvin added, "David will be a great addition to the management team, and I believe he is prepared for the challenges that await him." Belmonte will succeed Police Chief William Gallagher, who will retire from the Village after 12 years of service as Police Chief of Lake Bluff and over 40 years of law enforcement experience.

Mr. Belmonte's 24 years of experience serving Village residents and businesses has established him as a respected and trusted law enforcement professional. His experience as a Gold Standard Assessment Team Leader with CALEA has provided him with exposure to law enforcement best practices around North America and resulted in improved departmental policies and procedures here in Lake Bluff. Mr. Belmonte has been recognized by the Illinois Police Accreditation Coalition for his service as Vice President of the state organization, honored by CALEA with the Commission of Accreditation Assessor Service Award for 20 years of service to CALEA, and he received the Lake Bluff Police Department Lifesaving Award for the rescue of a Union Pacific employee who had been struck by a train in 1995.

The Village of Lake Bluff received 123 applications for the Chief of Police position. After an initial vetting by the Village Executive Recruitment Consultant (Voorhees and Associates from Deerfield, IL), a panel of community members narrowed the number of candidates to five, who then completed an intense skill assessment center. The top two performers at the assessment center were then interviewed by the Village President, Village Board and Village Administrator. By the end of the extensive process, Mr. Belmonte was the Village's unanimous choice to serve as Lake Bluff's next Police Chief.

### Event Calendar -

#### Development & Downtown Committee Meeting Cancelled

Thursday, December 26, 2013

#### Village Hall Closed

Wednesday, December 25, 2013

#### Village Hall Closed

Wednesday, January 01, 2014

## **Holiday Reminders**

The Christmas Day holiday refuse, recycling, and yard waste collections for Monday, December 23rd and Tuesday, December 24th will remain the same. The second collection day for those households receiving a la carte collection services will occur on Friday, December 27th.

Non-emergency Village Offices will be closed on Wednesday, December 25th and will reopen on December 26th (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.).

The New Year's holiday refuse, recycling, and yard waste collections for Monday, December 30th and Tuesday, December 31st will remain the same. The second collection day for those households receiving a la carte collection services will occur on Friday, January 3, 2014.

Non-emergency Village Offices will be closed on Wednesday, January 1, 2014 and will reopen on Thursday, January 2, 2014 (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.).

## **Snow Plow Know How**

During the winter season the Village performs snow and ice removal operations on Village owned streets. The Village also provides snow plowing services of public sidewalks throughout the Village when snow is in excess of 3-inches. All residents are reminded that during and after snow and ice events roadway surfaces may not provide as much traction as would otherwise exist and driving with extra caution is recommended. The Village's Public Works Department offers the following information to help ensure snowplow operations are accomplished in a safe and effective manner:

### **When do snowplow operations begin?**

The Village's snow and ice control operations begin when the street accumulates more than one inch of snow, or as conditions demand. It is Village policy to first respond to winter weather conditions within the first 30 minutes of snow fall during normal working hours and within 60 minutes otherwise.

### **Why is salt used?**

Village snowplow trucks spread salt on roadway surfaces to deter the accumulation of snow and ice. The main roads, collector streets, school bus and emergency vehicle routes are salted more frequently, along with hills, curves, and other potentially dangerous areas. Laying salt, as opposed to plowing, is carried out when the snow depth remains below one inch during freezing weather conditions. In these cases, salting is quicker and just as effective.

### **How can residents help?**

Depositing snow on the street creates a hazard and is very dangerous after it freezes. When removing snow from private property, please avoid shoveling snow into or across Village streets. When clearing driveways, residents are asked to shovel or plow the snow onto the adjacent parkway.

### **Can cars be parked on the street?**

Parking is prohibited on any street in the Village between 1:00 and 7:00 a.m. from November 15th to April 1st, or after any snowfall of two inches or more. On-street vehicles impede the ability to clear the street of snow.

### **Will damaged parkways and mailboxes be repaired?**

The Village performs snow and ice removal operations with great care;

however, efforts to remove snow and ice may result in damage to lawns, parkways and mailboxes. When a properly installed and secure mail box is damaged during Village snow plow operations the mail box will be repaired as soon as possible. A temporary mail box will be delivered when the Village is notified that the mail box is damaged. The Village is not responsible for improperly installed or unsecured mail boxes (leaning into the street). If your property/parkway or mailbox is accidentally damaged during the snow season, or for details regarding proper mailbox installation please contact Village Hall (847-234-0774).

#### **Can residents share the road with a plow truck?**

Due to the size of the snowplow truck and poor visibility conditions, the Village recommends that vehicles avoid sharing the roads with snowplow trucks. During these activities, drivers must concentrate on plowing operations, including: spreading salt, clearing roads, and maintaining lines of communication with other drivers. In order to ensure maximum safety, please yield to all snow removal vehicles.

#### **Where do I go for more information?**

For additional information regarding snowplow operations, please contact Jake Terlap, Public Works Superintendent, at 847-735-2310.

#### **Christmas Tree Collections After Holidays**

Not sure of how to dispose of the family Christmas Tree after the holidays? The Village provides a free tree collection service for residents. Residents utilizing this service must remove all tree decorations (tinsel, lights, and other miscellaneous items) and place the tree at the curb on a regular refuse collection day. For additional information, please contact Village Hall at 847-234-0774.

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