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Smoke Testing Rescheduled for 10/20/14, Weather Permitting

In its ongoing efforts to improve the Village of Lake Bluff's infrastructure, the Village will be conducting a program to identify locations where storm water is entering the Village sanitary sewer system. The study, being performed by the engineering firm RJN Group, Inc. of Wheaton, Illinois, includes smoke testing of the sanitary sewers in the area indicated on the [Smoke Testing Study Area Map](#).

Smoke testing is a simple means of locating openings in the sewer system that allow surface rainwater runoff to enter the sanitary sewers. Air combined with non-toxic smoke is forced into the sanitary sewer lines to disclose the location of connections and leaks. Smoke will appear where there are defects in the main sewer line or laterals (connection between the main line and a building) or where there are other connections to the sewer system such as roof drains (downspouts), patio drains, and footing drains.

Please be advised smoke **should not** enter buildings unless there is defective plumbing or dried-up drain traps. **If you have seldom used sinks or floor drains, please pour about 3 cups of water into the sink or drain to fill the trap. This should prevent smoke from entering. A drain in the basement floor is the most likely location where a dried-up drain trap may be found.** You should always feel free to call 911 in an emergency. However, if you believe smoke is entering your home from smoke testing; **please** first try to contact the RJN field crew leader at (630) 639-1914 or check to see if the smoke testing crew is still on your street. Ultimately you may have to consult with a licensed plumber if a problem exists within your residence. If a member of the RJN field crew is no longer visible on your street, you may contact Catherine Buckley, RJN Project Manager at (630) 682-4700 ext. 383. At no time will crews need to enter a residence unless specifically invited by a homeowner to do so to investigate the source of smoke within the home.

The smoke is non-toxic, creates no fire hazard, leaves no residue, dissipates quickly, and is harmless. However, if someone in your home has respiratory problems, you may wish to take extra precautions on your own, such as leaving your home until the smoke testing is completed. If you have respiratory problems you may contact Catherine Buckley, RJN Project Manager at (630) 682-4700 ext. 383 of RJN so that notification of a more exact time of testing can be provided.

The smoke testing will start in your area in mid-October and is anticipated to be complete within two weeks of the start date. **The sewers on each street will only be tested on one occasion.** Additional notification identifying a more precise date when smoke testing will be conducted on your street, will be provided by door hanger cards 24 - 72 hours before the smoke testing is to start in your area and signs will be posted at highly visible intersections when the crews are testing. It is anticipated that smoke testing will begin

Event Calendar -

Finance Committee Meeting

Monday, October 20, 2014 - 6:00 pm

Development & Downtown Committee Meeting Cancelled

Thursday, October 23, 2014 - 5:30 pm

Community Coffee

Saturday, October 25, 2014 - 8:00 am

Monday, October 20, 2014, weather permitting.

Additional information on smoke testing can be found on the [RJN website](#). If you have questions please call Catherine Buckley at RJN at (630) 682-4700 x383, or if unable to contact Catherine, please call George Russell, Village Engineer, at (847) 283-6884.

Community Coffee Scheduled for 10/25/14

On Saturday, October 25, 2014 Lake Bluff Park District President Kevin Considine, Lake Bluff School District 65 Board President Mark Barry, and Lake Bluff Village President Kathleen O'Hara will be having coffee at Prairie Espresso (located in the Scranton Alley) from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. and discussing current community matters. All are welcome to join in the discussion, ask questions and enjoy a brisk fall morning.

Pumpkin Fest - October 17th and 18th

A scary treat is in store for everyone at the annual Pumpkin Fest and Chase hosted by the PTO on October 17th and 18th. For a schedule of activities for the festival which will take place at Artesian Park and Lake Bluff Middle School please visit lb65.org/parents/pto.

Ghost Walk - October 25 and 26

Lake Bluff History Museum presents Ghost Walk 2014 - Saturday, October 25th, and Sunday, October 26th, from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Adults: \$25
Children: \$10

Tickets are limited and sold for specific times. Tours depart every 15 minutes.

Purchase Tickets online at www.ghostwalklakebluff.com or at the Museum (cash or check only) - 127 E. Scranton Avenue.

For additional information visit www.lakebluffhistory.org.

Trick-or-Treat Hours and Hot Dog Roast

The Lake Bluff Police Department invites trick-or-treaters to stop by the Public Safety Building (45 E. Center Avenue) for the annual hotdog roast on Friday, October 31st, during trick-or-treat hours (4:00 pm to 7:00 pm).

Police Department personnel, with help from their families, will cook hot dogs and serve potato chips and refreshments. Hot dogs are limited, so plan to come early.

Lake County Health Department Prepares for Ebola Virus

The Lake County Health Department maintains that the risk to Lake County residents for Ebola is extremely low because there are no known cases in Illinois. Local health officials are coordinating with hospitals and other partners, from the coroner to emergency management to police and fire, to assure they are practicing the guidelines developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), including looking for signs, asking appropriate questions, and responding if necessary. For additional information regarding the Ebola Virus, please visit cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/pdf/ebola-factsheet.pdf or the visit the website for the CDC at cdc.gov.

Dickinson Hall Hosts November Open House

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