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Lake Bluff Letter December 5, 2014

It's A Wonderful Life...in Lake Bluff, 12/6/14

For the 6th year, Lake Bluff, the "North Pole of the North Shore", will kick off its holiday season on December 6th with a full day of festive activities sponsored by the Lake Bluff Downtown Merchants, the Lake Forest/Lake Bluff Chamber of Commerce, and the Village of Lake Bluff.

Entitled "It's a Wonderful Life ... in Lake Bluff", the day-long celebration in the holiday spirit will start at 10:00 am when the downtown comes alive with the sights, sounds and tastes of the season along with in-store promotions, exhibits drawings and gift ideas for all ages. Santa and his live reindeer, horse and carriage rides, seasonal music and old fashioned fun will bring a Norman Rockwell holiday scene to life throughout the bustling downtown. The culmination of the day's events will be the ceremonial lighting of the town's gazebo on the Village Green sponsored by Kinnucan Company with a traditional community sing-along led by the Lake Bluff Middle School Chorus.

The day's schedule includes the following...

- 10-5:00 Holiday shopping fun thru town (\$50 gift certificate drawing at Peg Ann Kompany & more!)
- 10-5:00 Artists on the Bluff at LB Train Station with unique gifts and live holiday music
- 10-12:00 Story time with the LB Library Elf along with drop-in craft fun and treats
- 12-2:00 Horse-drawn carriage rides courtesy of Lake Forest Bank & Trust
- 12-2:00 Santa visiting the Lake Bluff History Museum
- 2:30-3:30 Holiday music played on rare, historic instruments at the train station art gallery
- 3-5:00 Santa's live reindeer and elves on the Village Green
- 5:00 Gazebo lighting celebration on the Village Green sponsored by Kinnucan Co.

Two of the special events include the Lake Bluff Library offering holiday story time with the Library Elf along with crafts and treats for kids, and the Artists on the Bluff celebrating the season in arts and music at their gallery in the Lake Bluff Train Station. The Artists on the Bluff will be serving hot spiced cider and cookies while showcasing fine art from local artists including holiday cards, jewelry and hand-crafted gifts. Musician Jim Kendros will be performing holiday favorites on rare historic stringed instruments, including a French Hurdy-Gurdy, from 2:30-3:30.

Event Calendar -

It's A Wonderful Life

Saturday, December 6, 2014 -
10:00 am

Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting

Monday, December 8, 2014 -
6:00 pm

Village Board Meeting

Monday, December 8, 2014 -
7:00 pm

Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Cancelled

Wednesday, December 10, 2014
- 7:00 pm

Lake Forest Bank & Trust will be offering horse and carriage rides starting in front of the bank, at the corner of Scranton and Sheridan Road from 12-2:00 pm.

Santa will be at the Lake Bluff History Museum to chat with visitors from 12-2:00 pm, and his live reindeer will stay at the Village Green from 3-5:00 pm.

Eateries will also be joining in on the fun -- and the Chamber would like to remind everyone that the holidays are the perfect opportunity to "Think Local First" and patronize the wonderful businesses that contribute so greatly to the spirit of Lake Bluff and Lake Forest.

Shoppers are also reminded to save their shopping receipts during the month of December to enter the Chamber's drawing to win \$1,000 in ChamberChecks redeemable at stores in Lake Forest and Lake Bluff! The annual Chamber contest will run for the month of December and the drawing for a single winner will take place on Monday, January 5th. Simply show \$250 in receipts for retail purchases in 60044 and 60045 and you will be entered to win.

Additional information is available by visiting: [Lake Forest/Lake Bluff Chamber of Commerce](#)

Santa Rids Through Town on December 14, 2014

Mark your calendars! On Sunday, December 14th at 10:00 a.m. everyone is invited to step out and see Santa as he travels through the Village spreading holiday cheer!

Toys for Tots Toy Drive Now Through December 15, 2014

The Police Department is requesting your assistance with continuing Lake Bluff's successful participation in the U.S. Marine Corp Reserves Toys for Tots toy drive. To participate, residents are encouraged to drop off **new** and **unwrapped** toys in the lobby of the Public Safety Building (45 E. Center Avenue) by December 15th.

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