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## Lake Bluff Letter

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#### [Architectural Board of Review Meeting](#)

Tuesday, May 5, 2015 - 7:00pm

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#### [Village Hall Closed](#)

Monday, May 25, 2015 - 12:00am

### Village News

#### [Police Department Investigating Recent Thefts](#)

On May 11, 2015 officers responded to the Lake Bluff Middle School on E. Sheridan Place when school employees found 52 computers missing. It appears that over the weekend entry was gained by breaking a door window on the west side of the building. The value of the computers was reported at \$66,000.

On May 14, 2015, officers responded to the Union Church on E. Prospect Avenue after church officials discovered someone entered the office area and removed several gift cards and cash. The items were valued under \$800. It is believed the theft occurred between 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. The church was not locked at the time of the theft.

Police Chief David Belmonte stated officers are investigating the cases and these cases offer good reminders for all residents and businesses to remember to practice good security measures. "We are fortunate to

live and work in a relatively safe community where these events do not happen on a regular basis. However, thefts can and do occur anywhere. It becomes a matter of trying to take the best precautions you can to avoid being a victim.”

The Police Department offers the following tips:

- Lock all doors and windows. And, invest in a good, solid core door.
- Keep shrubs trimmed back. If windows are visible, it’s easier for neighbors or police to spot a broken window. Also, consider “thorny” shrubs. If it’s painful to access a window over shrubs, that’s a deterrent.
- Keep your garage door closed at all times. Not only does this prevent items from being stolen, it also takes away another sign that you’re home or away.
- Get to know your neighbors. Extra sets of eyes keeping a watch on your property, reporting suspicious activity, and helping keep you safe. Be sure and return the favor and keep an eye on their home, too.
- Consider an alarm system. Most insurance companies offer discounts for alarms, and some systems also monitor for fire.
- When away for long periods of time, use timers for lights to give the home a lived-in look. Leave a radio or TV on at a conversational volume level. Have a neighbor pick up your paper and mail, and accept packages. Ask that neighbor remove door hangers and other advertisements that pile up on the front door.
- Turn on exterior lighting after dark. Use the same schedule for lighting when your away that you do when you’re home. Consider timers for exterior lights.
- Think like a burglar. Ask yourself, “what would a burglar find when he looks at my house or business that would be inviting?”

And lastly, but just as important, anytime anyone sees ANYTHING suspicious, call 911. The information you provide can help prevent criminal activity or even catch an offender.

If anyone has any information relating to the thefts being investigated, please contact the Lake Bluff Police at 847-234-8760 or you can provide anonymous tips to Crime Stoppers at 847.662.2222 or email [crimestoppers@lakecountyil.gov](mailto:crimestoppers@lakecountyil.gov).

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### IL Rt. 176 Roadway Construction Project Update

As part of the [Target Store Development](#) (southwest corner of Rt. 176/41) there are several off site improvements moving forward, including the construction of:

- a dedicated north bound turn lane on west bound Rt. 176 at Waukegan Road;
- an enhanced four way intersection at Rt. 176 and Shagbark:
  - addition of a left turn lane onto Rt. 176 from Shagbark,

- addition of a left turn lane onto Shagbark from Rt. 176,
- addition of a right turn lane onto Rt. 176 from Shagbark, and
- addition of a right turn lane onto Shagbark from Rt. 176;
- a dedicated left turn lane onto Carriage Park Ave. from Waukegan Rd.;
- dedicated right and left turn lanes onto Waukegan Rd. from Carriage Park Ave.; and
- dedicated right and left turn lanes onto Waukegan Rd. from Albrecht Drive.

**May 15, 2015:** During the week of May 11<sup>th</sup> contractors: i) completed construction of the new right turn lane from IL Rt. 176 northbound on IL Rt. 43 (both IL Rt. 43 northbound lanes are operating normally); ii) commenced with work on IL Rt. 43 at Carriage Way Avenue with the removal of pavement and the installation of new storm sewer; iii) completed the widening of the west side of Shagbark Road; and iv) finished all curb and roadway resurfacing work on the north side of IL Rt. 176 and Shagbark Road. Contractors anticipate completing curb, sidewalks and drives on the south side of IL Rt. 176, east side of Shagbark Road and the intersection of IL Rt. 43 and Carriage Way Avenue. Also, installation of the storm sewer along both the south side of IL Rt. 176 and the east side of Shagbark Road. Additionally, construction of the bike path along the south side of IL Rt. 176 across from Shagbark Road will continue. Bicyclists should be alert and use caution while passing through the construction zone.

**May 8, 2015:** All curb and roadway resurfacing work on the north side of IL Rt. 176 and Shagbark Road was completed and traffic is now moving in two northbound lanes along IL Rt. 43 at IL Rt. 176.

**May 1, 2015:** Storm sewer installation completed and curb installation and roadway excavation work along the north side of IL Rt. 176 (west of Shagbark Rd.) commenced. Curb work, roadway widening and resurfacing of the westbound lane of IL Rt. 176 were completed. Work transitioned to the south side of IL Rt. 176, as well as the new right turn along northbound IL Rt. 43 onto Carriage Park Avenue. Northbound IL Rt. 43 was returned to two lanes.

**April 24, 2015:** Progress moved ahead with storm sewer installation, temporary traffic signal activation and grading work on south side of IL Rt. 176 for bike path relocation, and watermain-storm sewer conflict was resolved.

**April 17, 2015:** Progress was delayed due to wet ground conditions. Installation of new storm sewer along north side of Rt. 176 commenced; however, progress was delayed due to a County water main found in a location that was not anticipated. County personnel confirmed the location so that alternative plans can be developed. Temporary traffic signals at Rt. 176/Waukegan Rd. and Shagbark Rd./Rt. 176 are to be activated to allow relocation of the permanent signals at these intersections.

**April 10, 2015:** Curb removal along north side of Rt. 176 was completed and top soil removed.

**April 3, 2015:** Work commenced with the off-site improvements planned for IL Rt. 176.

Information regarding the construction work along IL Rt. 176 will be provided as it becomes available; please check back for updates. For questions concerning the roadway construction project please contact Tim Lapp, Senior Engineering Tech at Gewalt Hamilton Associates, Inc., at 847-821-6210.

Additional information regarding the Target Planned Commercial Development is available by [clicking here](#) or contacting Brandon Stanick, Asst. to the Village Administrator, at 847-283-6889.

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### Electrical Aggregation Update

Over the last three years, Lake Bluff has been in a contract agreement with MCSquared Energy Services, saving Lake Bluff residents and small businesses approximately \$1.1 million. The Village, along with the other members of the North Shore Electricity Aggregation Consortium, conducted an extensive due diligence process to determine if a new supply agreement should be considered with an alternative electricity provider and solicited bids from qualified providers in November of 2014. Currently, prices from these alternative energy suppliers are not indicative of the Consortium entering into a minimum one-year agreement price lock, as margins between ComEd and these suppliers are not advantageous over the long term.

For the time being, Lake Bluff residents and small businesses will receive electricity from ComEd unless a more viable rate from an alternative supplier is identified by the Consortium, or unless residents choose to use another supplier.

The reason the Village did not renew its agreement with MCSquared is because a rate lower than ComEd's could not be guaranteed.

Currently, the Consortium is exploring natural gas options for the future, as well as evaluating energy efficiency options. If residents wish to purchase "green" energy, the Village recommends using Constellation Energy Services, which provides this option.

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### Memorial Day Holiday Reminders

In observance of Memorial Day refuse and yard waste collections for Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> will be picked up one day later on Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. Tuesday's collections will be picked up on Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. For those households receiving a la carte collection services the second collection day (Thursday or Friday) will remain unchanged. Also, non-emergency Village Offices will be closed on Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>.

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## **Downtown Visioning: Help Us Refine Our Long Range Vision!**

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## **History Museum Sponsors east-Lake Bluff Walking Tours, 5/17/15**

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## **Memorial Day Ceremony on the Village Green**

### **Area casualties remembered on Memorial Day in Lake Bluff.**

Lake Bluff's American Legion Post 510 will conduct a 30-minute Memorial Day program at the Gazebo on the Village Green at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, May 25th to honor all its war dead. Post 510 Commander David Cimarrusti will host. Village President Kathy O'Hara and State Representative Scott Drury will read the names of local casualties. The Guest Speaker is to be announced.

Village President Kathy O'Hara will lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Minister Thomas Dickelman, The Community Church of Lake Forest-Lake Bluff will deliver the Invocation and Benediction. Boy Scout Troop 42 will conduct the flag ceremony.

Lake Forest High School's Band, directed by Janene Kessler, will provide music. LFHS senior Daniella Martino will sing the *Star Spangled Banner* and *America The Beautiful*. LFHS Buglers Helen Burkhardt and Mariel Aquino will perform Taps and Echo. Lake Bluff Middle School Student Council President Meghan Geraghty will deliver the *Gettysburg Address*.

The Rifle Squad from Marine Air Control Group #48, Great Lakes, lead by SNCOIC GySgt Dennis Jones, will perform rifle volleys. A wreath will be laid at the Veterans Memorial. Refreshments will be served in the Community Room of the Lake Bluff Public Safety Building after the program.

For additional information Contact Post Commander David Cimarrusti at 847-234-5261.

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