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## Lake Bluff Letter

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### [Historic Preservation Commission Meeting](#)

Wednesday, December 9, 2015 - 7:00pm

Village News

### [Christmas Home Tour Hosted By Lake Bluff History Museum](#)

The Lake Bluff History Museum's *Historic Christmas Home Tour* returns to Lake Bluff on Saturday, December 5, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This delightful tour brings the splendor of history and the holidays - now and then - to life! Six lovely Lake Bluff houses, dating from the late 1800s to the present, and a holiday boutique, provide participants an insider's glimpse at homes decorated to reflect the owners' unique style. Tickets for the event cost \$40 and can be purchased online at [ChristmasLakeBluff.com](http://ChristmasLakeBluff.com), or at the Museum on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and on Saturdays, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

This year's event includes two charming Victorian cottages built during Lake Bluff's heyday as a summer resort; a pre-World War I Colonial Revival-style house which is among those built when the community was transitioning from summer homes to year-round residences; a 1927 English Tudor dating to an era when young families began moving into new suburban homes; and two more recent additions to Lake Bluff's streetscape including one designed to reflect the owner's vision of modern "resort" living.

In addition to providing a glimpse of homes decorated for the holidays,

this year's tour includes two holiday boutiques participants can visit to browse and purchase holiday items.

This is the fourth *Historic Christmas Home Tour* hosted by the Lake Bluff History Museum. Tours start at the Museum where participants receive a guidebook and map and start the self-guided tour. This event is a key fundraiser for the Museum, and monies raised support the Museum's mission to bring Lake Bluff history to life. For additional information visit [ChristmasLakeBluff.com](http://ChristmasLakeBluff.com), call 847-482-1571 or e-mail [events@lakebluffhistory.org](mailto:events@lakebluffhistory.org).

The Lake Bluff History Museum researches, preserves and shares area history through a variety of activities and events, including programs like these tours. The Museum displays tell stories of Lake Bluff's past and its archives provide individuals with access to documents, records, photographs and other materials preserved in the museum archives.

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### [Celebrate "It's A Wonderful Life...In Lake Bluff!" on 12/5](#)

Bring the family to enjoy Lake Bluff's "North Pole of the North Shore," on December 5, 2015, for a horse-drawn carriage ride, a bag of roasted chestnuts, carolers, a visit with Santa and his reindeer, tour historic homes and enjoy delicious treats! The following is a list of events scheduled throughout the day for everyone to enjoy:

- **Businesses open** for holiday shopping (10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)
  - **Artists on the Bluff** at the [LB](#) Train Station (10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)
  - **Story time with Santa's elf** at the Lake Bluff Library (11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.)
  - **Historic Home Tour** from [Lake Bluff History Museum](#) (11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)
  - **Live reindeer with their elves** visit on the Green (1:00 - 5:00 p.m.)
  - **Horse-drawn carriage rides** courtesy of Lake Forest Bank & Trust (1:00 - 3:00 p.m.)
  - **Visit with Santa** at the Lake Bluff History Museum (1:00 - 4:00 p.m.)
  - **Decorating party** at the Library (1:00 - 4:00 p.m.)
  - **Performance of rare, historic musical instruments** at the train station (2:00 - 3:00 p.m.)
  - **LFHS Holiday Brass Ensemble** performs through town (2:00 - 4:00 p.m.)
  - **The Buckthorns** perform seasonal favorites at Inovasi (4:00 - 5:00 p.m.)
  - **Gazebo lighting** celebration on the Green with LBMS choristers (5:00 p.m.)
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### [Attend The LB/LF Kiwanis Club Pancake Breakfast With Santa](#)

The Lake Bluff and Lake Forest Kiwanis Club, in conjunction with the Lake Bluff Park District, will hold the annual *Pancake Breakfast With Santa* on December 5<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. at Grace United Methodist Church. Tickets (available at the door) are free for children ages 2 and under, \$7.50 for children ages 3-10 and \$10 for ages 11 and over. In keeping with Kiwanis International's mission to "Serve the Children of the World," proceeds will be donated to local charities.

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### [Santa Rides Through Town With the LBFD \(12/13\)](#)

Be sure to watch for Santa as he drives through the streets of Lake Bluff on Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Santa will be riding one of Lake Bluff's fire engines. So when you hear the Village warning siren, be sure to look for Santa coming your way!

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### [Donate Toys for Tots This Holiday Season](#)

Beginning on Friday, November 20, 2015, 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) by Monday, December 14, 2015.

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### [Holiday Reminders](#)

Christmas Holiday household waste collections scheduled for Monday, December 21st, and Tuesday, December 22nd, will remain unchanged. The second collection day for all households receiving a la carte collection services will occur Thursday, December 24th.

Non-emergency Village Offices will be closed on Friday, December 25th, and will reopen on December 28th (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.). The Public Works Recycling Facility will also be closed on December 25th and will reopen on December 26th (from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.).

New Year's Holiday household waste collections scheduled for Monday, December 28th, and Tuesday, December 29th, will remain unchanged. The second collection day for all households receiving a la carte collection services will occur Thursday, December 31st.

Non-emergency Village Offices will be closed on Friday, January 1st, and will reopen on Monday, January 4th (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.). The Public Works Recycling Facility will also be closed on January 1st and

will reopen on January 2nd (from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.).

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### [Lake Bluff Police Department Cautions Residents this Holiday Season](#)

The Lake Bluff Police Department is cautioning its residents to keep their vehicles locked and valuables out of sight when parking their cars in parking lots, on the street and even in their own driveways. Most burglary to automobiles occur to unlocked cars; however, keeping purses and other valuables locked in the trunk or out of sight will help prevent people with criminal intentions from trying to force entry to locked automobiles. These types of crimes usually increase during the holiday seasons.

Contact the Lake Bluff Police (847-234-2153) if you observe suspicious persons or vehicles in the area of parking lots or residential streets.

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In the event that Meeting Agenda links do not properly function, subscribers may find agendas posted on the Home Page at [www.lakebluff.org](http://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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