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Non-emergency Village Hall Offices (Except Public Works) will close at 12:00 p.m. on December 24th and will be closed all day on Friday, December 25th. Non-emergency Village Hall Offices 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.).

[Lake Bluff Provides Free Tree Collection Service for Residents](#)

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.

[Winter Parking Reminders](#)

The Village would like to remind residents that parking is prohibited on any street located in the Village between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. from November 15th to April 1st, or after a snowfall of two inches or more. Parking is restricted during this time to allow for snow removal operations, as well as emergency vehicles access throughout the Village.

[Village's Downtown Visioning Project Update, Workshop Continued](#)

Earlier this year the Committee-of-the-Whole (COW) met with Staff to discuss the potential redevelopment of the Central Business District (CBD), more specifically, Block Two (bounded by Scranton/Oak/North/Walnut) and Block Three (bounded by Scranton/Oak/Evanston). To best prepare for potential downtown redevelopment, the Village engaged Teska Associates, Inc., a land use planning firm, to perform a visual preference survey of both CBD Blocks Two and Three, and using input from the community, prepare Design Guidelines. The Design Guidelines are derived from the community outreach activities and best design and planning practices. They are intended to promote the vitality and economic health of Lake Bluff's downtown by providing design direction on the type, character and quality of the built environment that unify Blocks Two and Three with the surrounding CBD areas. Additionally, the purposes of the Design Guidelines are to:

- Implement the general policies and recommendations of the 1998 CBD Planning Study by providing more detailed guidelines and specifications governing building architecture and improvements to public streetscapes within Blocks Two and Three; and
- Establish a set of standards and identify elements of building streetscape design that the Village should encourage in the downtown.

In the spring the Village commenced with a public engagement process and sought feedback from a variety of community stakeholders, including elected and appointed officials and CBD neighbors. A website was created for the Downtown Visioning Project that shared information with the community, and from April 24th to May 31st, 2015, invited the community to upload photographs of their favorite destinations for use in the Visual Preference Survey. The photographs

were then used in the online survey (available from June 17 to July 31) and at the Open House held on June 24th. At its meeting on October 26th the Village Board accepted the draft Downtown Subarea Visioning Report (Report) and referred it to the PCZBA and ABR for finalization.

Update:

On December 16, 2015 the PCZBA and the ABR held a joint workshop and received a report and presentation of the findings from Jodi Mariano of Teska. Following a discussion of the results and neighborhood feedback, further consideration and discussion of the report was continued to a future workshop meeting.

[Draft Downtown Subarea Visioning Report](#)

[December 16, 2015 Joint PCZBA and ABR Meeting Packet](#)

For additional information, please contact Brandon Stanick, Asst. to the Village Administrator, at 847-283-6889.

[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 Department (847-234-2153) if you observe suspicious persons or vehicles in the area of parking lots or residential streets.

In the event that Meeting Agenda links do not properly function, subscribers may find agendas posted on the Home Page at 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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