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## Lake Bluff Letter

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### [Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting Cancelled](#)

Monday, February 8, 2016 - 6:00pm

### [Village Board Meeting](#)

Monday, February 8, 2016 - 7:00pm

### [Joint PCZBA & ABR Workshop Meeting](#)

Tuesday, February 9, 2016 - 7:00pm

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

Wednesday, February 10, 2016 - 7:00pm

### [Finance Committee Meeting](#)

Friday, February 12, 2016 - 5:15pm

## Village News

### [Downtown Visioning Workshop Continued to February 9th](#)

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 24<sup>th</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup>, 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 24<sup>th</sup>. At its meeting on October 26<sup>th</sup> the Village Board accepted the draft Downtown Subarea Visioning Report (Report) and referred it to the PCZBA and ABR for finalization.

#### Update:

- The PCZBA and ABR will hold a joint workshop on February 9, 2016 (7:00 p.m.) to review the revisions to the Ten Planning Principles, as well as as the comments received from PCZBA and ABR members concerning the Design Guidelines.
- On January 20, 2016 the PCZBA and the ABR met for a workshop meeting and discussed the design guidelines for Blocks 2 and 3 presented by Teska Associates. The members drafted revisions to the 10 planning principles contained within the design guidelines and received comments from the public. The PCZBA/ABR anticipate scheduling an additional workshop meeting to finish the discussion of the design guidelines and forward a recommendation to the Village Board.

Click [here](#) to view the revised 10 planning principles.

- 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 is scheduled for January 20, 2016 (7:00 p.m.) in the Village Hall Board Room.

[February 9, 2016 Joint PCZBA and ABR Meeting Packet](#)

[January 20, 2016 Joint PCZBA and ABR Meeting Packet](#)

[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.

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### [American Legion Post 510 Seeks Candidates for Boys and Girls State Programs](#)

Lake Bluff's American Legion Post 510 is seeking candidates from Lake Bluff for the Illinois Boys State and the Illinois Girls State Program for 2016. Post 510 will sponsor ten delegates to take part in the Boys and Girls State programs to be held at Eastern Illinois University. The Boys State program is scheduled to take place from June 11 through June 17, 2016. The Girls State program is scheduled to take place from June 19 through June 25, 2016.

To qualify, Post 510 sponsorship candidates must be residents of Lake Bluff in their junior year of high school, be in the top half of their class and be recommended by their high school counselor. Candidates will be expected to present a 100-word essay from one of the following topics: Why they wish to participate in the program, or on Americanism and their definition of it.

Post 510 sponsored delegates who attend the Boys State - Girls State programs will: gain experience in national, state and local government; meet with civic leaders; attend motivational meetings; participate in leadership and team building programs; and learn to interact with new friends.

Candidate interviews will be held by Post 510 representatives for the Girls State program on February 23, 2016 (College Resource Center Director Jennifer Gleason's office at Lake Forest High School). The Boys State interview dates will be determined at a later time.

Boys State and Girls State delegates will be expected to attend an orientation meeting in June prior to the beginning of the program. Attendance at program activities and participation on the Post 510 float during the Lake Bluff 4th of July Parade, as well as deliver a summary of their program activities to the Post 510 members in September.

For additional information on delegate selection and activities, boys may contact Post 510 Coordinator William Graham at 847-295-9258, and girls may contact Post 510 Program Coordinator Dorothy Thomas at

847-970-8176, or candidates may contact their high school counselor.

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