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Lake Bluff Letter

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Wednesday, February 17, 2016 - 7:00pm

Village News

[Building Code Review Continued to March 1st ABR Meeting](#)

On February 2, 2016 the Architectural Board of Review (ABR) opened the public hearing to consider comprehensive updates to the Village's Building Code (Title 9 of the Village's Municipal Code). Pursuant to Village policy, a review of the Building Code is conducted every three to four years. Frequent reviews of the Building Code allows the Village to stay current with the latest technology and best practices in the industry. As was the case in previous years, the model codes under consideration are published by the International Code Council (ICC), the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), or the State of Illinois (Plumbing Code & Accessibility Code).

The following are significant changes for the ABR to consider:

- Amend Section 9-1-9 of the Building Regulations concerning permit renewals;
- Adoption of the 2015 edition of the International Building Code (IBC) with the same local amendments previously approved (in

- 2012);
- Adoption of the International Energy Conservation Code (2015) changes to comply with the 2015 edition for all construction projects for which permits are submitted on or after January 1, 2016;
- Changes to the Illinois Plumbing Code;
- Adoption of requirements pursuant to the Illinois Radon Resistant Construction Act; and
- Adoption of the 2014 National Electrical Code.

Updates:

The ABR opened the public hearing to consider comprehensive updates to the Building Code, received a report from staff and continued its discussion to its next meeting on March 1, 2016 (7:00 p.m.).

Following the ABR's review and consideration of the proposed updates it will forward a recommendation to the Village Board for final consideration. Additional information is available by clicking on the link below or calling Building Codes Supervisor Mike Croak at 847-283-6885.

[Title 9 Building Regulations with 2016 Proposed Amendments](#)

[Building Regulations](#)

[Downtown Visioning Workshop Update](#)

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 February 9, 2016 the PCZBA and ABR were scheduled to further discuss the Downtown Design Guidelines and Planning Principles; however, due to the late hour, the discussion was continued to an upcoming joint workshop meeting.
- On January 20, 2016 the PCZBA and the ABR met for a workshop meeting and discussed the design guidelines for Blocks Two and Three 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.

[LB History Museum Hosts Twenties Themed Casino Night Fundraiser](#)

The Lake Bluff History Museum invites you to join them for an evening of fun when the museum's popular Cottontail Club Speakeasy & Casino returns to Lake Bluff on Saturday March 5, 2016. The fundraiser for the Museum will be held in the former PNC Bank building located at 120 E. Scranton Avenue (across from the museum). The event is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. The Cottontail Club Speakeasy and Casino will include popular blackjack, craps and roulette casino games, drinks, light eats, prizes and a visit from Al Capone and his cohorts. In keeping with the theme, guests are encouraged to come in costume.

Tickets for the event are \$50.00 per person in advance and \$65.00 at the door. Space is limited and advance purchase is advised. Tickets may be purchased online at lakebluffhistory.org or at the Lake Bluff History Museum during regular museum hours (Tuesday and Thursday from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.) beginning February 12th.

The Lake Bluff History Museum is known for making history fun and bringing it to life through museum events. This event is no exception. The speakeasy, casino and gangster theme has its origin in local lore from the 1920s, in which Al Capone and his cohorts used the beach near Crab Tree Farm to unload shipments of liquor they transported via Lake Michigan during Prohibition. In addition, according to plans for Crab Tree Farm drawn in the mid-1920s, this was the site of a proposed casino, hotel and 9-hole golf course.

Proceeds from the Cottontail Club Speakeasy & Casino will support the Lake Bluff History Museum and its mission to connect people with Lake Bluff's history through research, preservation, knowledge-sharing, exhibits, programs and events. For additional information about the museum, visit lakebluffhistory.org, call 847-482-1571, or e-mail info@lakebluffhistory.org.

[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.

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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