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Lake Bluff Letter

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[Special Village Board Meeting](#)

Saturday, February 20, 2016 - 8:30am

[Village Board Meeting](#)

Monday, February 22, 2016 - 7:00pm

[GovIT Consortium Meeting](#)

Tuesday, February 23, 2016 - 3:00pm

[Sustainability and Community Enhancement Ad Hoc Committee Meeting](#)

Wednesday, February 24, 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](#)

[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.

[Tips on Reducing Foil Balloon-Related Power Outages](#)

One popular product that may have been gifted this past Valentine's Day are foil balloons (known as Mylar). ComEd warns foil balloons can interfere with service lines and lead to power outages. ComEd reports from 2011 to mid-2015, more than 240,000 customer interruptions occurred because of foil balloon contact with power lines.

When a foil balloon contacts a power line or a part of substation equipment, its metallic properties can cause a surge of electricity that can, in turn, cause the equipment to short-circuit and the spark could lead to a power outage or fire.

The Village and ComEd offer the following tips to reduce foil balloon-related power outages:

- Keep balloons tethered at all times and attached to weights;
- Properly dispose of foil balloons by puncturing the balloon to release helium that otherwise could cause the balloon to float away;
- Never touch a power line. Do not attempt to retrieve a balloon or toy that is entangled in an overhead power line. For assistance, call ComEd at 1-800-EDISON-1 (800-334-7661); and
- Always assume power lines are live and keep yourself, your belongings and anything you are carrying at least 10 feet away from power lines.

For more information, read ComEd's *Impact of Metallic Balloons on Safety and Reliability of Electric Networks* or visit ComEd.com for additional information.

[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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