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## Lake Bluff Letter

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### [Architectural Board of Review Meeting](#)

Tuesday, March 1, 2016 - 7:00pm

## Village News

### [Building Code Review Continues March 1st](#)

On March 1, 2016 the Architectural Board of Review (ABR) will continue its public consideration of the proposed 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:

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](#)

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[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](http://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 12<sup>th</sup>.

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](http://lakebluffhistory.org), call 847-482-1571, or e-mail [info@lakebluffhistory.org](mailto:info@lakebluffhistory.org).

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### [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](http://ComEd.com) for additional information.

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### [Lake Bluff Amends Landscape Maintenance Regulations: Questions Residents Should Ask Every Landscape Contractor](#)

Residents, businesses and visitors choose Lake Bluff for its beautiful lakefront, plentiful natural areas, fine residential neighborhoods, and small town charm. To provide reasonable time to residents and landscaping companies to beautify properties and to preserve the aural tranquility of the Village, the Village Board adopted the following amendments to the Landscape Maintenance Regulations:

- **Hours of operation:** any powered lawn maintenance equipment (leaf blowers, lawn mowers, trimmers, etc.) is permitted throughout the year Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and on Saturdays/Sundays/Holidays from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (“permitted hours of operation”);
- **Maintenance performed by property owners:** property owners performing landscape maintenance activities themselves on their own property may operate between 6:00 p.m. and dusk.

Additionally, the Village offers the following tips for residents when hiring landscape contractors:

- Ensure your landscape contractor carries adequate general liability, automobile liability, and workman’s compensation insurance for job related injuries or health risks;
- Consider requiring a bond which will protect homeowners in the event the terms of the contract are not met by the landscape contractor. Ensure the bond is valid and the bond limit will cover the cost of completing or re-doing the work;
- Request the landscape contractor conduct a hazards assessment of your property prior to starting any work. A hazards assessment should include identifying uneven terrain, fall hazards, overhead wires and legal and appropriate places to park trucks and related equipment, among other opportunities to promote safety;
- Understand the methods of training that landscape contractors require of their employees, as well as the company’s drug and alcohol policy;
- Avoid having work performed when it’s raining or wet outside; and
- Consider the reputation of the landscape contractor and speak to friends and neighbors or search the internet for references on past performance, as well as ask if the landscape contractor belongs to any professional organization for landscape companies.

For more information regarding the Village’s new Landscape Maintenance Regulations, which become effective on April 2, 2016, concerning landscape activities, please contact Brandon Stanick, Assistant to the Village Administrator, at 847-283-6889.

To report a complaint regarding work conducted outside of the permissible hours, please contact the Lake Bluff Police Department at 847-234-8760, x2.

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