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Lake Bluff Letter

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Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Cancelled

Wednesday, March 9, 2016 - 7:00pm

Village News

[Tentative Biennial Budget Now Available; Public Hearing Scheduled 3/14/16](#)

On March 14, 2016 the Village Board will conduct a public hearing on the Tentative Biennial Budget for the fiscal years commencing May 1, 2016 and ending April 30, 2018. Following the public hearing the Village Board will consider first reading of the Budget Ordinance; second reading will be considered on March 28, 2016.

This budget, in the amount of \$14,043,941 plus \$1,192,218 in inter-fund transfers for FY2017 and \$13,934,293 plus \$1,241,853 in inter-fund transfers for FY2018, includes the Village of Lake Bluff funds and the Lake Bluff Public Library funds. For the first time ever the Village is submitting a two-year fiscal plan; this multi-year budget process emphasizes long-range planning, budgeting for results, effective program management, and fiscal responsibility. Specifically, the primary objectives of this budget are to: (i) maintain current fund balances at or above Village minimum reserve levels, (ii) control operational costs, (iii) continue reinvestment in Village infrastructure, and (iv) continue to deliver quality and efficient services residents expect from the Village of Lake Bluff. Additionally, this budget has been assembled with the intention to allocate resources consistent with the developed 2016 Village Strategic Plan. Because this is a two-year fiscal plan, two fiscal years will be noted throughout this

transmittal.

Copies of the Biennial Budget are available for public inspection at Village Hall, the Public Safety Building, the Lake Bluff Library, and by clicking on the links below. Following the Public Hearing the Biennial Budget may be further revised and passed without any further inspection, notice or hearing.

Fiscal Years May 1, 2016 through April 30, 2018 Tentative Biennial Budget: [Part I](#) [Part II](#)

[ABR Recommends Village Board Approve Building Code Amendments](#)

Over the past several months the Architectural Board of Review (ABR) has held a public hearing to consider 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).

On March 1, 2016 the ABR concluded the public hearing and recommended the Village Board approve the following amendments:

- 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.

The Village Board is scheduled to consider first reading of the comprehensive amendments on March 14th (7:00 p.m.); second and final consideration is scheduled for the March 28th Village Board meeting. 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](#)

[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.

[Recycling Center Holiday Hours](#)

The Public Works Recycling Center will be closed on Sunday, March 27th in observance of Easter. The Recycling Center will commence with regular hours of operation (Monday - Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.) on Monday, March 28th.

[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.

[Park District Hosts Easter Egg Hunt, March 18 & 19, 2016](#)

On Friday, March 18, 2016 the Lake Bluff Park District will host the Flashlight Egg Hunt for children 9 to 12 years of age (bring your basket and flashlight!) at the Blair Park Recreation Center (355 W. Washington Avenue) at 8:00 p.m. On Saturday, March 19, 2016 the annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held at 9:00 a.m. Bring all children eight and younger with their Easter baskets to the Blair Park Recreation Center (355 W. Washington Avenue) to enjoy some family fun and visit with the Easter Bunny. In the event of inclement weather activities will be moved indoors. Please contact the [Lake Bluff Park District](#) at 847-234-4150 for additional information.

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