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Lake Bluff Letter

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Monday, March 14, 2016 - 6:00pm

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

Monday, March 14, 2016 - 6:00pm

[Village Board Meeting](#)

Monday, March 14, 2016 - 7:00pm

[Plan Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting](#)

Wednesday, March 16, 2016 - 7:00pm

Village News

[Village Board Considers Building Code Amendments, 3/14/16](#)

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](#)

[Daylight Saving Time Reminder](#)

The Village reminds its residents that on Sunday, March 13, 2016 clocks will be moved ahead one hour due to daylight saving time. At this time, it is also recommended residents change the batteries in their smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. Batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors should be changed at least twice a year, even if the detectors are hardwired into the electrical system. In the case of hardwired detectors, the battery will keep the detector functioning in the event of a power failure.

[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](#)

[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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