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Lake Bluff Letter

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[Architectural Board of Review Meeting](#)

Tuesday, February 7, 2017 - 7:00pm

[Historic Preservation Commission Meeting](#)

Wednesday, February 8, 2017 - 7:00pm

Village News

[Community Reviews Draft 2023 Strategic Plan](#)

On Thursday, January 26, 2017 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Lake Bluff Village Hall (40 E. Center Ave.) the Village of Lake Bluff ("Village") hosted a community dialogue on its [Draft 2023 Strategic Plan](#), which has been under development since August of 2016. Over 45 residents turned out for the interactive dialogue and provided feedback on the Draft Plan prior to consideration of its adoption by the Village Board. The session began with a presentation by several resident volunteers, who participated in its development, and consultant, Lynn Montei Associates, who was hired by the Village to facilitate the process.

As previously noted, the purpose of the 2023 Strategic Plan is to embody the Village's values and aspirations; indicate a clear mission, vision, focused goals, objectives and action plans that will best serve the Village for the next six years; be an important public document that has community-wide ownership; and be a highly utilized tool for planning and decision-making for the Village Board and Staff. The Village was assisted by the help of nine volunteers serving as the Plan

Guidance Team who defined the process outcomes, developed a work plan scope, and identified/refined the Village's stakeholders. Following sessions from the Plan Guidance Team, the Strategic Planning Synthesis Team (including certain members from the Plan Guidance Team), a group of nine volunteers, met numerous times to synthesize the data generated during the planning process, shape and develop the strategic plan. The Draft 2023 Strategic Plan has been reviewed by the Village Board during Committee-of-the-Whole meetings on December 12th and January 9th. Comments regarding the Draft Plan should be submitted to [Village Administrator Drew Irvin](#).

[View the Draft 2023 Strategic Plan](#)

[Voter Information](#)

Residents may register to vote by visiting the [Lake County Clerk's Office](#). In addition to the County Clerk's Office, you may also register at the [Shields Township](#) building, 906 Muir Avenue, and at the [Lake Bluff Public Library](#), 123 E. Scranton Ave., Lake Bluff, IL 60044. In order to register, you must be a U.S. citizen, be 18 years of age or older before the next election, and provide two forms of identification – at least one of the two forms must show your name and current address. Only one form of identification may be a piece of mail (e.g. water bill, utility bill).

Your voter registration does not expire unless you move or change your name. Residents must re-register to vote even if you have just moved across the street.

On Tuesday, April 4th, elections will be held for Village President (1), Village Trustee (3), Village Clerk (1) and Library Trustee (3). The following are important dates regarding the 2017 Consolidate Election:

- March 7th - Last day for voter registration;
- March 13th - Voting by mail begins in the County Clerk's office;
- March 20th - Early voting begins;
- April 3rd - Early voting ends; and
- April 4th - Election Day.

For additional information regarding voter registration, or information concerning the upcoming April 4, 2017 Consolidated Election, please visit the [Lake County Clerk's Office](#) or call 847-377-2410.

[Police Department Offers Winter Driving Safety Tips](#)

While snowfall creates picturesque scenes in our Village, driving can be a headache! The Lake Bluff Police Department encourage these steps you can take to help improve your safety while driving:

- To allow for efficient snow plow access to clear roads, residents may not park on village streets overnight or after 2" of snow;
- Make sure your car is prepared for cold temperatures and wintery conditions like snow and ice. Keep your equipment properly maintained and include a winter survival kit in your vehicle: an ice scraper, snow shovel and sand/salt;
- Clear snow and ice off your car - including windows, mirrors, lights, reflectors, hood, roof and trunk;
- Drive with your headlights on, and be sure to keep them clean to improve visibility;
- Use caution when snow banks limit your view of oncoming traffic;
- Avoid using cruise control in snowy or icy conditions. In adverse conditions, you want as much control of your car as possible;
- Know how to brake on slippery surfaces. Vehicles with anti-lock brakes operate much differently from those that do not have anti-lock brakes. You should consult your vehicle's owner's manual for instructions on how to brake properly if your vehicle should start to skid;
- Maintain at least a half tank of gas during the winter season. This helps ensure you have a source of heat if you are stuck or stranded;
- If you do venture out or are unexpectedly caught in a snowstorm and encounter problems, stay in your car and wait for help. You can run the car heater to stay warm for 10 minutes every hour, but make sure your exhaust pipe is clear of snow. There is a danger of carbon monoxide poisoning if snow blocks the pipe and enables the deadly gas to build up in your car. Open your window slightly to help prevent the buildup;
- Keep your windshield washer reservoir full, and make sure your car has wiper blades that are in good condition;
- Remember that speed limits are meant for dry roads, not roads covered in snow and ice. You should reduce your speed and increase your following distance as road conditions and visibility worsen;
- Be cautious on bridges and overpasses as they are commonly the first areas to become icy;
- Avoid passing snow plows and sand trucks. The drivers can have limited visibility, and the road in front of them could be worse than the road behind;
- Monitor road and weather conditions by checking local news stations or Internet traffic and weather sites; and
- If you must travel during a snowstorm or in blizzard conditions, be sure to let a relative, friend or coworker know where you are headed and your expected arrival time. Avoid the temptation to check or be on your phone while driving as all of your attention should be on arriving safely.

[History Museum Hosts "A Transportation Miracle" Event](#)

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