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Lake Bluff Letter

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Tuesday, May 2, 2017 - 7:00pm

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Monday, May 8, 2017 - 7:00pm

Village News

[Lake Bluff Celebrates Arbor Day, Tree City USA Status this Friday, April 28](#)

LAKE BLUFF, Ill. (April 27, 2017) - The Village Board of Trustees has proclaimed Friday, April 28th as Arbor Day in Lake Bluff. This celebration will happen throughout the day in school classrooms and when local preschool students plant an American Sentry Linden tree at Blair Park (355 W. Washington Ave.) at 10:00 a.m.

"We're planting for the future every day in this job, but especially on Arbor Day," said Village Arborist Bob Hertel. "Great things take time to grow."

One reason to celebrate: For the 21st consecutive year, Lake Bluff is a Tree City USA recognized by the Arbor Day Foundation for the Village's commitment to outstanding community forestry practices.

"Being a Tree City USA is a big deal," said Public Works Superintendent

Jake Terlap. "It shows how the Village, the Park District, and the community work together to improve water quality, remove pollution and stabilize soil with our forestry program."

Each year, the Village dedicates over \$175,000 to maintaining the tree canopy. These funds care for trees on public lands and help Lake Bluff residents plant new trees in front of their homes. The Village also enforces a local tree protection ordinance that requires the replacement of trees that are damaged or removed on private property. Together, these programs promote the continued health of Lake Bluff's community forest.

The Tree City USA designation is one way that the Village works to achieve its 2023 Strategic Plan, which states that the Village should "Feature and prioritize Lake Bluff's natural beauty, setting, culture and connectivity."

[The Village's FY17 and FY18 Biennial Budget Approved](#)

On March 14, 2016, following a public hearing and presentation, the Village Board approved first reading of the Tentative Biennial Budget for the fiscal years commencing May 1, 2016 and ending April 30, 2018; second and final reading was approved on March 28th. A copy of the presentation is provided below.

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 approved 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.

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](#)

[Employee Compensation Program as of May 20, 2016](#)

[Tentative Biennial Budget Presentation](#)

[Village Vehicle Sticker Reminder](#)

The Village reminds its residents that the 2017-18 vehicle stickers must be displayed on all of your vehicles. Be sure to purchase your vehicle stickers before June 1st to avoid a \$50 citation and a late fee in the amount of 50% of the cost of the sticker. Stickers may be purchased at Village Hall Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

[May Semi-Annual Bulky Item Collection](#)

The upcoming semi-annual collection program is scheduled for Wednesday, May 3rd (for the Monday collection route) and Wednesday, May 10th (for the Tuesday collection route). This program provides residents the opportunity to dispose (free of charge) of bulky items not picked up as part of the normal refuse collection. Items or containers are to be placed at the edge of the curb on your respective collection day. Additional questions regarding collection requirements are available by calling Groot at 877-404-7668.

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