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Lake Bluff Letter

It's Still A Wonderful Life in Lake Bluff!



Thanks to everyone who joined us for *It's A Wonderful Life!* last Saturday!
We hope you had a wonderful time - we know we did.

Santa Claus is coming to town!



Santa will be visiting Lake Bluff next Sunday morning (12/10) starting at 10am! We will be bringing him around town to wish everyone a Merry Christmas!

The outdoor warning siren will sound as Santa is leaving the station! He will be driven past every residential address in town, so keep an eye and ear out for Santa coming down your street! We look forward to seeing everyone on Sunday!

Calendar Events - [View All](#)

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Monday, December 11, 2017 - 6:15pm

[Village Board Meeting](#)

Monday, December 11, 2017 - 7:00pm

[Journey through the Vietnam War](#)

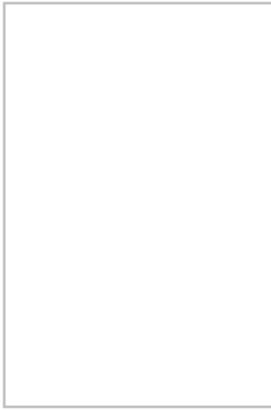
Monday, December 11, 2017 - 7:00pm

[Tea-Light Snowman Magnets](#)

Tuesday, December 12, 2017 - 1:30pm

Village News

[Upcoming Community Events](#)



Come one, come all ... to the annual Pancake Breakfast with Santa at *Grace United Methodist Church on Saturday, December 16th from 8am-11am*. Enjoy pancakes and sausage before visiting with Santa. Parents: remember to bring your camera. This event is co-hosted by the Lake Bluff Park District and Kiwanis.

[Lake Bluff Residents, lock your cars!](#)



Residents who don't lock their cars continue to be victims, and Lake Bluff Police officials again urge residents to take their keys and lock their cars. Gang-affiliated criminals have struck Lake Bluff and the North Shore throughout the summer. Often we find these auto-burglaries have one thing in common: **the car is left unlocked**. It takes less than 20 seconds to open an unlocked car, grab what is in plain view, check the usual hiding places for other items, and get away. **How long would it take you to lock your car?**

"We continue to see thieves take advantage of unlocked cars in our

community,” said Police Chief David Belmonte. “We have increased our night patrols and continue to work with other agencies to stop these criminals, but every car stolen this year had the keys left in it. We are making ourselves targets.” The members of the Lake Bluff Police Department encourage these steps to **avoid being a victim**:

- Lock ALL your vehicle’s doors and close every window.
- Do not leave valuables in your car.
- If you must leave valuable items in your car, place items out of sight.
- Call the Police Department to report ANY suspicious activities, persons, or vehicles.

Do your part by taking preventive action and spreading the word. You can make a difference.

[Watch Out for Utility Scams!](#)



When being scammed, a customer typically receives an unsolicited phone call from an individual who falsely claims to be a utility representative. The scammer warns that the customer’s service will be shut off if the customer fails to make a payment - usually within a short timeframe through a prepaid debit card.

Scammers have even duplicated the upfront Interactive Voice Response system of some utilities, so when customers call the number provided by the scammer, it sounds like a legitimate business. Some of these scammers also use caller ID “spoofing” to replicate a utility’s phone number.

Red flags for scam activity

- The scammer often becomes angry and tells a customer his or her account is past due and service will be shut off if a large payment isn't made - usually within less than an hour.
- The scammer instructs the customer to purchase a prepaid debit or credit card - widely available at most retail stores - then call him or her back to supposedly make a payment.
- The scammer asks the customer for the prepaid card's receipt number and PIN number, which grants instant access to the funds loaded to the card.

How to protect yourself

- Utility representatives will never ask or require a customer with a past due balance to purchase a prepaid debit card to avoid disconnection.
- Customers can make payments online, by phone, automatic bank withdrawal, mail or in person.
- Customers with a past due balance will receive multiple shut off notifications - never a single notification one hour before disconnection.

Don't Get Scammed: You can avoid scams by taking a few precautions:

- Never provide social security numbers or personal information to anyone initiating contact with you claiming to be a utility representative or requesting you to send money to another person or entity other than your local utility providers.
- Always ask to see a company photo ID before allowing any utility worker into your home or business.
- When in doubt, check it out. Be skeptical of individuals wearing clothing with old or defaced company logos. If you have any doubts, ask to see a company photo ID.
- Never make payment for services to anyone coming to the door.

Anyone who believes he or she has been a target of a phone scam is urged to contact the Illinois Attorney General's office toll free at 1-800-386-5438 (TTY 1-800-964-3013) or visit the Illinois Attorney General's web site at www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov and click on the link "Protecting Consumers."

If you have a concern about the status of your account, you can contact:

- ComEd 1-800-EDISON1
- North Shore Gas 866-556-6004

Recent Board and Committee Actions

For more information, visit the Village's [meeting packets and videos page](#). Agendas and meeting materials are typically available the Friday

before a meeting; videos within a week after the meeting; and minutes after they are approved at the next meeting of the public body. Not all meetings are recorded on video.

Recent Architectural Board of Review Meeting (December 5):

- Recommended the Village Board approve a site plan for 1 Sherwood Terrace and 915 Sherwood Drive (Chevy Exchange).
- Denied a sign permit application for 71 Waukegan Road (North Shore University Health System).

Upcoming Committee-of-the-Whole (December 11):

- Continue discussion of residential beekeeping and chicken keeping pilot programs.

Upcoming Village Board Meeting (December 11):

- Proclaim December as National Drugged and Drunk Driving Month.
- Receive an information report regarding Police Department e-ticketing.
- Consider final approval of:
 - Amendments to the Village's Sexual Harassment policy.
 - The 2017-2018 property tax levy.
 - A variation for 718 Sheridan Road.
 - A special use permit, site plan, and variations for 1 Sherwood Terrace and 915 Sherwood Drive (Chevy Exchange).
 - Change Order #1 for the Village's Sanitary Sewer Lining Project.
- Receive an update regarding the Village's short-term rental policy.

There are no other public meetings currently scheduled for the month of December. Have a happy holiday!

In the event that Meeting Agenda links do not properly function, subscribers may find agendas posted on the Home Page at www.lakebluff.org. All Board and Commission [Meeting Minutes](#) are generally approved at the next regular meeting and posted on the website the following day.

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