

From: [Village of Lake Bluff](#)
To: [Gail Ciolok](#)
Subject: Lake Bluff Letter - March 16, 2018
Date: Friday, March 16, 2018 10:20:01 PM



Lake Bluff Letter

Special Note

The Village's sustainability group will hear a special presentation on urban sustainability strategies next Thursday, March 22 at 7 p.m., in the Village Hall Board Room. More details are in the Board and Committee summary at the bottom of this e-mail. We hope you will consider joining us.

Calendar Events - [View All](#)

[Finance Committee](#)

Saturday, March 17, 2018 - 8:30am

[Library - Jigglejam](#)

Saturday, March 17, 2018 - 11:00am

[Special PCZBA Meeting \(Short Term Rentals\)](#)

Monday, March 19, 2018 - 7:00pm

[Library - Afternoon Book Club](#)

Tuesday, March 20, 2018 - 2:30pm

[Library - Pajama Story-time](#)

Wednesday, March 21, 2018 - 6:30pm

[Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals \(PCZBA\) Meeting](#)

Wednesday, March 21, 2018 - 7:00pm

[Library - Jutta and the Hi-Dukes](#)

Thursday, March 22, 2018 - 7:00pm

[RESCHEDULED - Sustainability and Community Enhancement Ad Hoc Committee \(SEC\) Meeting](#)

Thursday, March 22, 2018 - 7:00pm

Village News

[Train Station Renovations Underway](#)



Your Metra station is undergoing renovations.



A joint project by Metra and the Village of Lake Bluff

On Friday, March 9, the Village's contractor (Structures Construction) began an approximately three-month long project to improve Lake Bluff's Metra station. Train schedules are not affected. The project will preserve the station's historic charm while adding modern amenities, including LED lights and bathrooms accessible for persons with disabilities. The project is funded mostly by Metra. Lake Bluff is administering construction, as well as providing a limited financial contribution.

Project Schedule (subject to change)

March 7 - April 2 off	Masonry repairs; some outdoor areas fenced off
April 3 - April 23 fenced off	Roof repairs; some outdoor areas remain
April 24 - May 3 upgrades	Continued roof repairs and station platform
May 4 - May 31 upgrades, refinishing)	Lobby closed for construction (bathroom
June 1 - June 31 conclusion	Other miscellaneous tasks and project

Metra Schedule Changes

Metra Logo.svg



Due to construction on a \$15.5 million multiyear bridge replacement project between Clybourn and Evanston, non-rush hour schedules on the Union Pacific North line serving Lake Bluff will change starting next Monday, March 19.

Weekday service changes:

- Inbound Train 362 will depart from Waukegan 10 minutes earlier, at 9:10 p.m.
- Inbound Train 364 will depart from Waukegan 25 minutes later, at 10:05 p.m.
- Inbound Train 368 will depart from Kenosha 10 minutes later, at 11:45 p.m.
- Inbound weekday trains arriving at Ogilvie Transportation Center after 8 p.m. will have five minutes added to their run times.

- Outbound Train 301 will be renumbered to Train 371 on the weekdays and will depart from Ogilvie eight minutes earlier, at 12:27 a.m.
- Outbound Train 369 will depart from Ogilvie 10 minutes later, at 11:45 p.m.
- Outbound trains departing from Ogilvie after 7:30 p.m. will have five minutes added to their run times.

Weekend service changes:

- Inbound Train 822 will depart from Waukegan 30 minutes later, at 5:40 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.
- Outbound Train 821 will depart from Ogilvie five minutes later, at 5:15 p.m., on Saturday only.

[Quasqui-what? Quasquicentennial! Volunteer Opportunity](#)



The Village is forming a committee to plan the celebration of the Village's 125th anniversary, which will occur on Sept. 21, 2020.

This anniversary is a unique chance to honor our past, celebrate the present, and embrace the future of Lake Bluff through civic pride and partnerships. The committee will plan events, projects, and activities

to celebrate the quasquicentennial of Lake Bluff alongside our residents, businesses, and civic organizations.

Interested residents should submit an [application](#) to Village Hall.

[Now Accepting - Water Auto Pay!](#)



You heard it here first: **You can now auto-pay your water bill!**

[Click here to download the enrollment form.](#)

Forms are also available at Village Hall, and one will be enclosed in your next water bill.

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.

See an agenda item that interests you? Attend a meeting! Or - send your thoughts to vlb@lakebluff.org.

Recent Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting (March 12):

- Referred an ordinance allowing and regulating short-term rentals to the Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals for public hearing, as required by law.

Recent Village Board Meeting (March 12):

- Received the Village's 2017 Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting
- Approved a new agreement governing the Village's participation in the Lake County Major Crimes Task Force
- Allocated funds and selected a construction engineer (Baxter & Woodman) for the Moffett Road bridge repair and resurfacing project
- Approved a proposal to complete audio / visual upgrades to the Village Hall Board Room

The March 14 meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was CANCELLED.

Upcoming Finance Committee Meeting (March 17):

- Review proposals for the FY19 pay plan, financial policies, water rates, and a stormwater capital project.

Upcoming Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals Special Meeting (March 19):

- Public hearing regarding a text amendment to the Zoning Code concerning short-term rentals.

Upcoming Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting (March 21):

- Public hearing regarding a front yard setback variation for 431 Green Bay Road.
- If necessary, continued public hearing concerning short-term rentals from March 19.
- A workshop concerning the Open Space, Parks, and Recreation section of a new Comprehensive Plan.

Upcoming Sustainability and Community Enhancement Ad Hoc Committee Rescheduled Meeting (March 22):

- Special sustainability presentation by Kris Lucius, SmithGroupJJR.
 - Kris will present on sustainable strategies that are achievable through piecemeal implementation outside of a formal masterplan, yet can still be interconnected into a smart framework that is more than the sum of its parts. The presentation will identify a range of project types and relevant examples of how these have been successfully implemented elsewhere in the region and around the United States. The talk will emphasize that it's not just about what your sustainable strategies are, but where they are, and will highlight existing social and natural systems in Lake Bluff as a guide for strategizing future projects.
- Consideration of a backyard chicken pilot program application by Nancy and George Drowne (517 Lincoln Ave.)
- Review of results from the recent sustainability survey.

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.

To ensure email from the Village of Lake Bluff is delivered to your inbox (not bulk or junk folders) please add vlb@lakebluff.org to your address book. Please DO NOT REPLY to this email. If you no longer wish to receive emails from the Village of Lake Bluff please [UNSUBSCRIBE](#).

40 E. Center Avenue, Lake Bluff, IL 60044 • Phone: (847) 234-0774 • Fax: (847) 234-7254

Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday
Email: vlb@lakebluff.org • Web: www.lakebluff.org