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Lake Bluff Letter

Calendar Events - [View All](#)

[Library - Friday Family Fun: Game Night](#)

Friday, April 13, 2018 - 6:30pm

[Library - Mad Hatters](#)

Saturday, April 14, 2018 - 11:00am

[Library - Afternoon Book Club](#)

Tuesday, April 17, 2018 - 2:30pm

[Library - Parent/Child Book Club](#)

Tuesday, April 17, 2018 - 6:30pm

[Library - Pajama Story-time](#)

Wednesday, April 18, 2018 - 6:30pm

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

Wednesday, April 18, 2018 - 7:00pm

[Library - DNA Testing: Cold Cases Solved](#)

Thursday, April 19, 2018 - 7:00pm

[Library - Teen Advisory Board](#)

Thursday, April 19, 2018 - 7:30pm

Village News

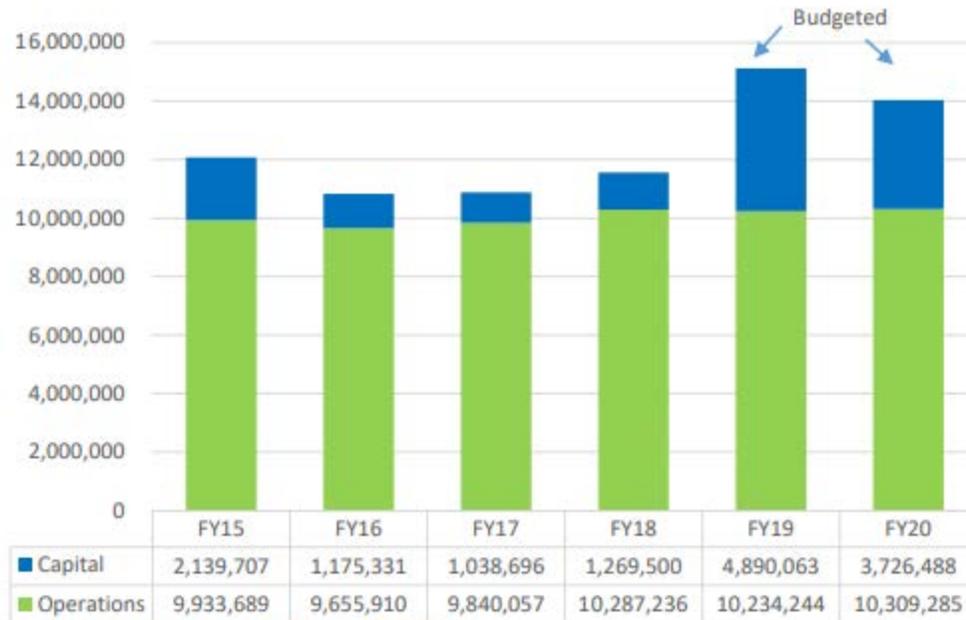
[Draft 2018-2020 Biennial Budget Available](#)

[The Village's draft Biennial Budget for fiscal years 2019 and 2020 is now available.](#) The budget will be adopted at the Board's next meeting April 23.

The operating budget (*all costs except capital and contingency*) for the Village and the Library is \$11.188 million for FY2019 and \$11.110 million for FY2020, representing a 2% and 1.3% increase (respectively)

from the previous year budget. **Capital improvements represent 30%** of the total budget (\$4.89 million) in FY2019 and is 6% higher than the prior year budget.

Capital Spending vs. Operations



* FY15-18 - Actual Capital Expenses

Vehicle Sticker Renewals



Starting May 1, new 2018 vehicle stickers must be displayed on the windshields of each vehicle registered within the Village (including leased vehicles). You should have already received a renewal notice by mail. Stickers may be purchased by mail or in person at Village Hall (40 E. Center Avenue) Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For assistance, call (847) 234-0774.

The 2018 year's sticker commemorates the 25th anniversary of Lake Bluff's [Farmers Market](#). All stickers will show the Market artwork; no additional fee or donation is required.

2018 Sticker Fees:

- Cars - \$40
- Cars driven by seniors (age 65 or better) - \$15
- Trucks - \$55
- Motorcycles - \$25

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



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 continue to strike Lake Bluff and the North Shore. 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.

[Train Station Renovations Underway](#)

UPDATE: The Scranton Ave. driveway is open again in both directions. Thank you for your patience.



**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 fenced off
April 24 - May 3 upgrades	Continued roof repairs and station platform upgrades
May 4 - May 31 upgrades, refinishing)	Lobby closed for construction (bathroom upgrades, refinishing)
June 1 - June 31 conclusion	Other miscellaneous tasks and project conclusion

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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.

There was no Committee of the Whole on April 9.

Recent Village Board Meeting (April 9):

- Proclaimed April as Fair Housing Month.
- Recognized the public service of Public Works Superintendent Jake Terlap on his 20th anniversary of Village employment.
- Granted a license agreement for a fence in the right-of-way fronting 466 Sunrise Avenue.
- Granted first reading approval to an ordinance establishing short-term rental regulations.
- Conducted a public hearing and first reading of the 2019-2020 biennial budget.
- Amended the Village's financial policies to reduce the target fund balance reserve of the Water Fund.

There was no Historic Preservation Commission meeting on April 11.

Upcoming Joint Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting (April 18):

- An application for subdivision and variations at 501 & 517 E. Center Ave.
- A Comprehensive Plan workshop.

- A RIO (Institutional Zoning) workshop.
- *The hearing for 431 Green Bay Road will be continued to May at the Applicant's request.*

The Police Pension Board will meet April 19.

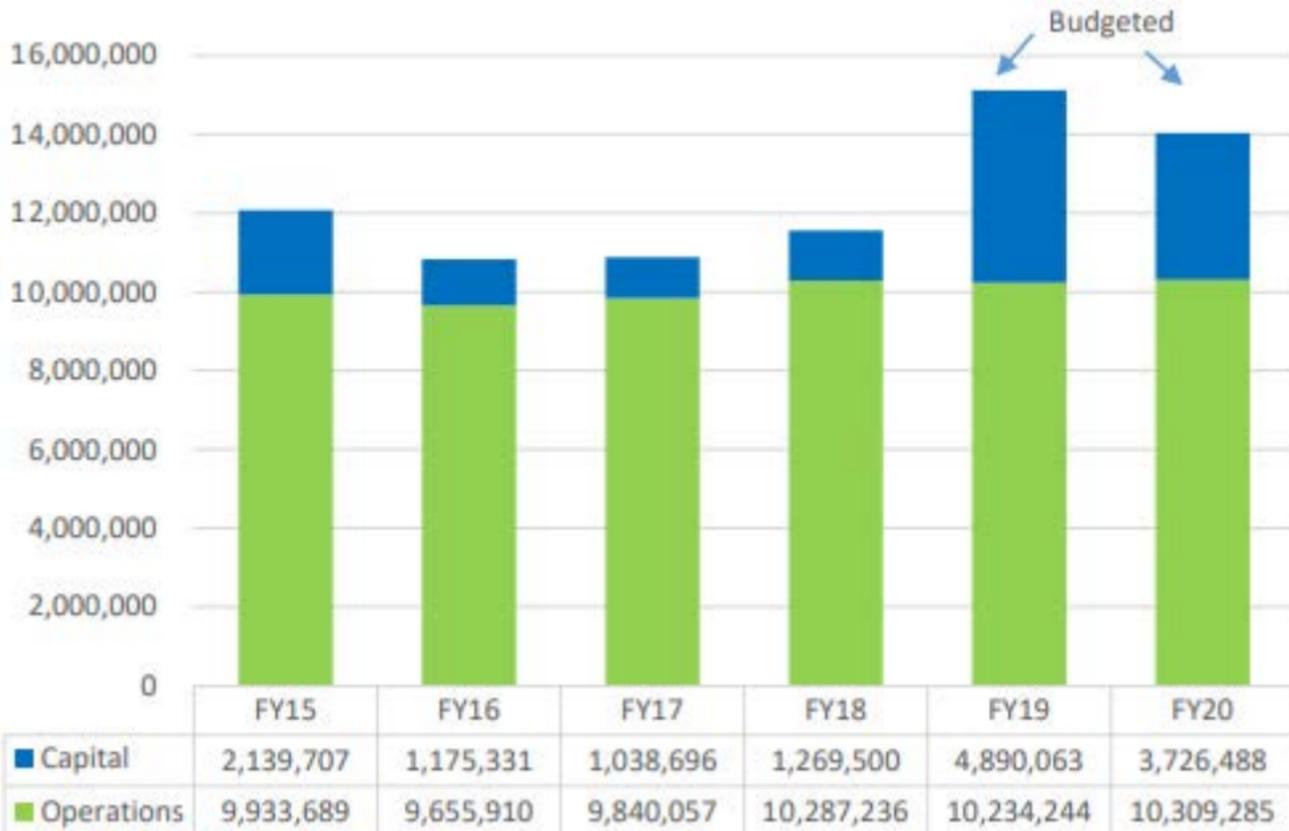
In the event that Meeting Agenda links do not properly function, subscribers may find agendas posted on the Home Page at www.lakebluff.org. All Board and Commission [Meeting Minutes](#) are generally approved at the next regular meeting and posted on the website the following day.

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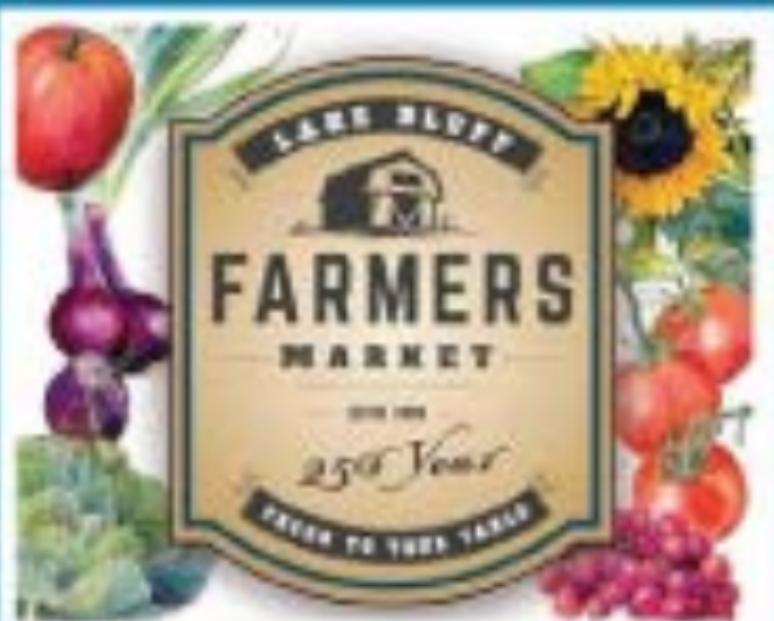
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