



On the Bluff

A joint publication
of the Village of Lake Bluff
the Lake Bluff Park District
and Lake Bluff School District 65

Welcome to the first issue of **On the Bluff**. This newsletter grew out of quarterly meetings of the Lake Bluff Tri-Board, an organization formed by administrators and elected officials of the Village of Lake Bluff, the Lake Bluff Park District, and Lake Bluff School District 65 to explore ways to cooperate, provide mutual support, and share services to increase efficiencies for our shared taxpayers. Please let us know what you think! Email or call any of the contacts listed inside.

Village News

New Police Chief selected

David D. Belmonte, who has served as the Village's Deputy Chief since 2007, has been appointed as Lake Bluff's next Police Chief.

Mr. Belmonte holds a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Columbia College (Columbia, MO) and a Master's Degree in Management and Leadership from Webster University (St. Louis, MO). He has also completed a number of specialized training programs, including the School of Police Staff and Command and Supervision of Police Personnel at the Center for Public Safety at Northwestern University, as well as the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. In addition, he is certified by the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police as an "eligible" Police Chief.

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Park District News

The Capital Plan Task Force submitted its final report, and Park District begins plans to close financing gap

In March 2013, the 20 Year Capital Task Force completed its yearlong project and submitted a final report to the Board, indicating that the District has significant capital reinvestment needs, primarily over the next ten years.

Consultant ACG, Inc. assisted with the analysis and estimated the District will require \$8.5 million in capital reinvestment within ten years.

The Task Force, Board of Commissioners and staff evaluated the estimate and outlined a plan that could be followed for much less.

In order to reduce this figure, the Board was challenged to make some difficult decisions

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School District News

Strategic Plan details presented to Board of Education

In mid-October, community members, parents, subject matter experts, teachers and staff presented to the District 65 Board of Education how they propose to implement the new **Lake Bluff Schools Strategic Plan**.

Their implementation outline is the third and final segment of the plan. It includes the *HOWS* of the plan: specific steps to carry out goals that have been set by the Board of Education. The outline includes timing, lists of needed resources, and specifics for how success toward reaching each goal will be measured.

How goals were set: In Phase I, community input was gathered through a series of 23 focus group sessions and 521 survey responses. Input was converted into data on what stakeholders

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News from the Village of Lake Bluff



Household refuse rates change

Over the last several years, the Village has successfully partnered with Groot Industries to provide cost-effective household waste collection services to residents including the collection of regular refuse, recycling and landscape waste.

The rates for the services provided by Groot are modified each year to allow for annual price adjustments as is common with many of the service contracts held by the Village and other municipalities throughout the nation.

With the price adjustments based on the changes in the Chicago Area Consumer Price Index (CPI), there will be a change of 1.5% to the current rate effective February 1, 2014.

Please note only those households receiving a la carte collections (twice a week and/or backdoor collections) will see the changes reflected on their quarterly bill from Groot.

2014 Refuse Collection service rate

Weekly curbside collection	\$21.02
Weekly backdoor	\$12.93
Twice-weekly curbside	\$12.93
Twice-weekly backdoor	\$29.65
White goods collection	\$37.74



Photo by Gunnar Soderlind

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Mr. Belmonte's 24 years of experience serving Village residents and businesses has established him as a respected and trusted law enforcement professional. His experience as a Gold Standard Assessment Team Leader with the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) has exposed him to law enforcement best practices around North America, and resulted in improved departmental policies and procedures here in Lake Bluff.

Mr. Belmonte has been recognized by the Illinois Police Accreditation Coalition for his service as Vice President of the state organization, honored by CALEA with the Commission of Accreditation Assessor Service Award for 20 years of service to CALEA, and he received the Lake Bluff Police Department Lifesaving Award for the rescue of a Union Pacific employee who was struck by a train in 1995.

The Village received 123 applications for the position. After initial vetting by the Village's executive recruitment consultant (Voorhees and Associates of Deerfield), a panel of community members narrowed the number of candidates to five. These candidates

then completed an intense skills assessment, and the top two performers were interviewed by the Village President, Village Board, and Village Administrator.

By the end of the extensive process, Mr. Belmonte was the Village's unanimous choice to serve as Lake Bluff's next Police Chief.

"We were extremely impressed with David's credentials, his local experience, his reputation within the law enforcement community, and his involvement with the CALEA. David's wealth of knowledge and positive experiences in Lake Bluff will serve us well," said Village President Kathleen O'Hara.

Village Administrator Drew Irvin added, "David will be a great addition to the Village's management team, and I believe he is prepared for the challenges that await him."

Mr. Belmonte succeeds Police Chief William Gallagher, who will retire from the Village after 12 years of service as Police Chief of Lake Bluff and over 40 years of law enforcement experience.

Village property tax levy approved

On December 9th, after a November 25th public hearing, the Village Board approved the 2013 property tax levy, which will be billed to property owners by Lake County in May 2014. The Village's levy request is \$3,072,332. The Lake Bluff Public Library submitted a property tax levy of \$851,666. Each represents a 1.91% increase over the 2012 extension amount.

As always, the Village Board deliberated the amount of the levy with sensitivity to the effect of increases on homeowners. This levy was approved after consideration of the following factors:

1. continued uncertainties in the economy;
2. projected five-year average revenue growth of 1.3%;
3. diminishing grant opportunities; and
4. increasing infrastructure maintenance costs.

The total levy of \$3,923,998 is in compliance with the Property Tax Limitation Act (PTEL). PTEL limits the amount a municipality may increase its property tax levy to either the lesser of 5% of the previous year's levy or the amount of the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

When the Village achieved home rule status in April 2005, it ceased to be legally subject to the PTEL requirements – but at that time, the Village Board approved *Resolution #2005-06* which committed the Village to abide by the PTEL in regards to the non-library portion of the property tax levy.

For additional information contact Susan Griffin at 847-234-0774.

Municipal Partnering Initiative

Since 2011 the Village has partnered with 18 municipal agencies in the region through the Municipal Partnering Initiative ("MPI"). It has done this in order to save tax dollars while preserving product quality and service levels to meet resident expectations. Since that time the MPI model has grown to 33 governmental agencies and has allowed Lake Bluff to realize cost savings through bulk purchasing and working together to achieve certain economies of scale. An example of this can be found in the Village's 2013 roadway crack sealing contract

Village President's message

Dear Neighbor,

As we begin the new year of 2014 the Village of Lake Bluff is moving ahead on several projects that it plans to complete over the coming year. Our focus continues to be on reinvesting in infrastructure, controlling operational costs and delivering quality and efficient services to residents. One operational change being considered by the Village Board is the feasibility of consolidating 911 and emergency dispatch services. The Village is working with the Cities of Highland Park and Lake Forest on this possible operational change and met jointly in mid December to hear a presentation from Matrix Consulting Group. There were several scenarios that were analyzed and, at the recommendation of the multi-agency task force, particular attention is being given to the alternative that involves contracting with the Village of Glenview to operate a Dispatch Center in the Highland Park Police Station (1677 Old Deerfield Road). Objectives of the study include:

- i. retain and improve dispatch service levels, and
- ii. ensure that public safety emergency communications are provided in a cost effective manner.

Following the meeting, the Village and the cities of Highland Park and Lake Forest determined it best to allow time to consider the information provided by Matrix Consulting Group and public safety personnel. More on this important shared service opportunity as it develops. The results of the study are online at lakebluff.org. On a related note, check out our article below on the Municipal Partnering Initiative.

You may have noticed the new 1,000 sq. ft. addition to the Public Safety Building. This will serve as a new workout facility for our public safety personnel. The \$185,000 used to construct the addition were funds provided by AT&T as a result of a renegotiated cellular antenna agreement.

As you may have read in the newspaper, or here in this newsletter, Deputy Chief David Belmonte has been selected as the Village's next Police Chief. This is exciting news as Deputy Chief Belmonte already serves as a strong asset to this community and has the knowledge and experience to lead the Police Department into the future. Please join me and the Village Board in welcoming David to his new post starting March 1st.

I hope everyone stays informed throughout 2014, and plugged into the Village as engagement and volunteerism are the essence of our community culture.

Best,

Kathleen O'Hara, Village President

(total savings of \$40,000 to \$50,000 for all participants), roadway resurfacing work (total savings of \$101,000 to \$121,000 for all participants), and most recently, the Village's participation in an ongoing study evaluating the benefit of forming a consortium to provide information technology services. Overall, the total savings realized by the MPI in 2013, which include a number of other projects, is \$552,000 to \$671,000.

In 2012 the MPI was recognized by the International City/County Management Association with the Local Government Excellence Award for Community Partnerships. This award recognizes programs or processes that demonstrate innovation, excellence and success in multi-participant involvement.

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News from Lake Bluff Park District

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about some existing facilities. Here are some examples of that has been discussed:

- ▶ When the skate park needs to be replaced in five to seven years (\$250,000), the District will instead close the park and it will not be replaced.
- ▶ The Blair Park and Artesian Park tennis courts will soon need to be resurfaced. When that time comes, the District will eliminate the Blair Park courts, and the Artesian tennis courts will be repaired.
- ▶ In an estimated eight to ten years, the golf clubhouse will essentially need to be rebuilt (estimated cost: \$600,000). Instead, the District will demolish and replace it with a temporary, modular building at a significant savings.

With these difficult decisions, the total capital shortfall over the next ten years is \$5.1 million. Over ten years, the Park District will have capital reserves of \$1.3 million and will utilize the special recreation fund, leaving a gap of \$3,127,000.

Look for communication over the winter and spring about how the Park District plans to close that financing gap.

Park District finances

The Park District mission statement begins with the following statement, “As responsible stewards of community resources.” The Board and staff have continually improved the financial state of the district and the results are below:

- ▶ The District is operating with the highest fund balance in ten years.
- ▶ The District increased revenue by \$25,000 each of the last four years.
- ▶ Demonstrated a budget net surplus in each of the last four years; the Park Board recently approved the 2014 Proposed Budget with an anticipated surplus of \$40,000.
- ▶ Reduced full-time payroll expenses by \$250,000 over the last four years.
- ▶ The District achieved a AA+ Bond Rating.



Sunrise Park and Beach update

The Sunrise Park and Beach Concept Plan was accepted by the Board in July, and the Park District applied for but did not receive a grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for a modest Phase I of that plan. We continue to work with our legislators and search for grant-type money to do some important work at the beach.

The Board will be adopting a Waterfront Master Plan, but the plan can't be implemented until funding is available. Funding may not be available for many years.

The Park District has begun Phase I of an extensive **Bluff Restoration and Maintenance Project**. This phase, which consists of removing invasive woody plant material from the entire bluff, may continue through March 2014. The project was identified as a high priority based on community, Citizen Advisory Committee, landscape architect and Board involvement.

In October, the Park Board awarded a legal bid to Native Restoration Services, Inc. for \$38,000. On behalf of the Park District, Cliff Miller is managing the project and he will work directly with the contractor to ensure scope of service is followed.

After removing the invasive woody plant material, the contractor anticipates creating burn piles on the beach, pending approval of the Lake Bluff Fire Department. After Phase I, maintenance of any native woody plant material will be evaluated.

The Advisory Committee, community, and Park Board have identified the bluff as a critical asset that must be maintained according to the Master Plan. We hope you will enjoy the improved views and healthier bluff environment.

Sign up for Park District e-news for a chance at a free membership!

On March 1, one winner will be randomly selected from our subscribed emails for **One Free Park District Fitness or Aquatic Facility Membership** of your choice. Find details on our enews signup page at www.lbparks.org. Then subscribe, and be automatically entered to win!



Thank you to Lake Forest Bank and Trust

Besides serving as the lead sponsor for the Bluffinia outdoor concert series, **Lake Forest Bank and Trust recently assisted the Park District in improving capital reserves.** The District had two non-callable bonds, one with Lake Forest Bank & Trust and one with Northern Trust.

Lake Forest Bank & Trust worked with the District to save over \$100,000 in breakage fees, allowing refinancing of the bond at a lower rate. Unfortunately, Northern Trust would not discount the breakage fee.

We thank Lake Forest Bank & Trust for their continued cooperation. With their assistance, the Park District will be able to capture \$1.3 million over the next 10 years.

Citizen Involvement

In light of the Ten-Year Capital Plan and in accordance with our focus to build a sustainable agency for the long term, **we are asking citizens to become involved in the problem-solving process.**

The first one is the joint task force with the City of Lake Forest to look at all facilities and assets and see if there are ways in which we can work together or share services to reduce expenses. That group kicked off their project in the fall.

In the coming months, a **Property and Land Use Advisory Committee** will evaluate all of the land property owned by the Park District and ensure that its current use is appropriate and in the best interests of the residents for both the short and long term. For this group, seven to nine residents are being sought who would be willing to dedicate three to five hours a month for the next twelve months. Details will be posted online at www.lakebluffparks.org.

Park Board President's message

In an effort to find alternative means to fund key improvements, we submitted an application for a state grant to help fund a modest first phase of the Sunrise Park and Beach Master Plan. Unfortunately, the Park District did not receive the grant, but we learned a lot through the process. We will continue to pursue additional grant opportunities for key assets like Sunrise Beach and the Aquatic Facility. We have begun a first phase of the Bluff Restoration Plan, and the results of that early work look terrific (see neighboring article).

Our other key focus has been capital planning. We accepted the final report from the Twenty Year Capital Plan Task Force. Suffice it to say that over the next ten years our facilities will need significant reinvestment, for which we currently have minimal capital reserves. We did restructure some existing bonds this summer (special thanks to Lake Forest Bank and Trust for really stepping up for us). That will help a little, but expect to hear more on this topic in the coming months.

There is an exciting winter planned in the gym, the classrooms, the fitness center, and on the paddle courts. Take a look at what we're up to, and come see us.

Best regards,

Kevin Considine, Board President

Friends of Lake Bluff Parks Foundation

The vision of the Park District Board was to create a citizen-based not-for-profit foundation as a permanent means of raising money. **The Friends co-sponsored and co-produced the highly successful Lake Bluff Criterium and Block Party this past July, raising over \$10,000 for Sunrise Park and Beach improvements.** They are looking forward to a successful 2014 Criterium and Block Party which has been scheduled for Saturday, July 19, 2014.

Anyone interested in taking on volunteer leadership and support roles for this event should contact Jim Lakeman at the Park District office or any of the trustees. In the meantime, the trustees will be working closely with the Park District staff and Board of Commissioners to review and select high value projects for Friends' fundraising support going forward.

Read the Foundation's *2013 Annual Report* online at friendsoflbpbparks.org. And while you're there, learn how you can do your part and help support the Lake Bluff Park District.

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Park Board Meetings

The Park Board meetings are scheduled at 6:30 p.m. the third Monday of each month at Lake Bluff Park District Recreation Center at Blair Park, 355 W. Washington Avenue in Lake Bluff.

The public is invited to attend meetings. Please visit www.lakebluffparks.org for Committee meeting agendas and to view all regular Board meetings online.

News from the Lake Bluff Schools

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care about and their beliefs regarding the future of education in Lake Bluff. In Phase II, the Board used this data to set the District Mission, Vision, Principles and Goals. For Phase III, the process was turned over to District administrators to develop specifics of how to carry out the plan.

For this third and final phase of the plan, over 80 community members, parents, staff and administrators were invited to provide input. In August, approximately 40 of them gathered and worked a full day on how to meet each of the four goals the Board had established, discussing objectives, timelines and measurements. *This was invigorating work and their contributions are much appreciated by the Board and administration.*

The Board of Education is studying the plan, and is expected to vote on its adoption in late January 2014. In the meantime, work has already begun on many of the plan's specifics.

This Strategic Plan is designed to be a **living document**. This means there will be regular reports to the Board on progress toward meeting the goals. Each year, a final year-end report will target additional objectives that may need to be added, and any other objectives or measurements that may need to be changed. All of the work of the District will stay focused on these goals.

Thanks to all who contributed to the plan in any way. Your contributions are vital to our energized, successful school district and to the future of education in Lake Bluff.



“Take a book, return a book” Birdhouse Libraries will sprout up around town, thanks to the Lake Bluff PTO. With the cooperation of the Park District, the PTO plans to put a Birdhouse Library in each of the parks to serve residents of Lake Bluff and Knollwood. The first will be at the former East School site.

The new Strategic Plan at a glance

Our Vision

Excellence in Education, Enthusiasm for Life, Every Student, Every Day.

Our Mission

To provide a premier educational foundation that enables each student to thrive.

District 65 Guiding Principles

We believe:

- The best interests of students must guide every decision.
- Education is a partnership involving parents, students, school staff, and the community.
- Social and emotional wellness is integral to the learning process.
- Fine arts are fundamental to an exceptional educational experience.
- Our facilities and technologies must enhance the educational process.
- Students learn best when they are actively engaged and individually challenged to achieve their unique potentials.
- Excellence in teaching promotes excellence in learning.
- Fiscal discipline strengthens our schools and community.
- Effective and transparent communication with all stakeholders is essential for the district's success.
- Continuous improvement requires data-driven evaluation and decision-making.

Strategic Goals:

Goal I: Maximize the academic achievement and personal growth of each student.

Goal II: Optimize the teaching and learning environment.

Goal III: Ensure long-term fiscal stability and efficiency.

Goal IV: Engage all stakeholders through effective communication and collaboration.

Find more at http://lb65.sharpschool.net/district_information/strategic_plan

School Board actions for tax savings

Cut in levy and abating of debt service payments: 2013 property tax bills in District 65 reflected a \$2 million cut in the District 65 operating funds levy¹ over the previous year's extensions,² and a one-time abatement³ of an additional \$1 million in debt services payments for the 2014-15 Fiscal Year.

Restructuring of existing school construction bonds: In order to provide property tax savings and to ensure a stable debt service tax rate over the life of the bonds, the Board of Education restructured existing school bonds. The action used \$5.75 million from the Education Fund to legally retire a portion of the debt and is expected to save the District over \$2.3 million over the remaining term of the bonds. The ongoing educational budget and expenses were not impacted by this action.

Passing of a lower levy: In December 2013, the Board of Education adopted an operating funds levy¹ that, with the exception of the 2012 levy, will result in the lowest tax extensions since 2006. The levy is not expected to add to existing fund reserves, yet is intended to be sufficient to cover projected 2015-16 Fiscal Year expenses without cutting any services. It is expected that the District 65 tax rate will be higher in 2014 than 2013, due to the one-time abatement discussed above.

¹A levy is the amount of funds which the District asks the Assessor to collect on its behalf.

²A tax extension is the number of dollars collected by the District in taxes.

³An abatement is a reduction.



**LAKE BLUFF
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New principal for Lake Bluff Elementary

When it accepted the retirement of the Lake Bluff Elementary School Principal in April, the Board of Education chose to take the time for a comprehensive, thoughtful search to find a new principal who will provide strong consistency of leadership and be committed to Lake Bluff in the long term.

In the meantime, retired teacher/principal/superintendent Dr. Barbara West was brought in to run day-to-day activities at the school through the end of the school year.

The search has been lead by the national firm Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates. After gathering input from parents, teachers, board members, and administrators to build a profile of the ideal candidate, the firm screened applications of over 70 candidates and in November, interviewed the 12 most outstanding.

In December, Lake Bluff administrators and a representative from the Lake Forest schools interviewed the top six candidates. In January, the top three interviewed with a small group of staff and parents. Dr. Sophie is expected to select one of those candidates and complete an in-person site visit and tour of the prospective candidate's current school. If all goes well she will recommend a principal for Board approval at its January 28, 2014 meeting. The new principal is expected to be introduced at a spring Board meeting and at several community events.



The "Read with Me" reading mentoring program at Lake Bluff Elementary School is sponsored by Lake County Cares and funded by the Lake Bluff Alliance For Education.

School Board President's message

The Board of Education recently worked together to restructure bonds with the goal of stabilizing the portion of the tax bill associated with debt payments.

I am proud to have been part of this solution. The Board came together in a way that was good for the community – the community asked for a change in debt structure and reserve levels, and the entire Board listened and spent many hours working as a team to make it happen. The net result is that we were able to save both taxpayers and the District money in the short and long term without cutting any services.

I am also very proud of the fact that we did this in a responsible and forward-looking way, maintaining resources to be flexible in our ability to address possible facilities concerns at the Middle School.

Let's keep in touch.

Mark Barry, Board President mbarry@lb65.org



Anti-bullying Unity Day at Lake Bluff Middle School

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School Board Meetings

Regular School Board meetings are usually held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Lake Bluff Village Hall, 40 E. Center Avenue. The Committee-of-the-Whole meetings are usually held at 7:00 pm on the Tuesday two weeks prior to the regular school board meetings. Meetings are televised live within Village boundaries on Comcast channel 19 and rebroadcast throughout the week. Videos of the meetings are made available on the District website within 10 days.

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Village of Lake Bluff meetings

Please check lakebluff.org for agendas and cancellations.

January

27 Committee-of-the-Whole 6 p.m.
27 Village Board 7 p.m.

February

4 Architectural Board of Review 7 p.m.
10 Committee-of-the-Whole 6 p.m.
10 Village Board 7 p.m.
12 Historic Preservation Commission 7 p.m.
19 Joint Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals 7 p.m.
24 Committee-of-the-Whole 6 p.m.
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Park District Board meetings

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January

27 Regular Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.*

February

10 Committee-of-the-Whole 6:30 p.m.*
24 Regular Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.**

March

3 Committee-of-the-Whole 6:30 p.m.**
17 Regular Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.*

* At Golf Clubhouse, 365 W. Washington Ave.

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School District meetings and events

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January

28 Board meeting*
30 Kindergarten Registration for 2014-15
8:30 a.m. at Lake Bluff Park District

February

11 Board meeting: Committee-of-the-Whole 7 p.m.*
17 Presidents' Day – No School
19 Superintendent Corner: "Internet Safety and Creating a Digital Culture within Our Communities – What Parents Need to Know" with a speaker from the High Tech Crimes Bureau of the Office of Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan 6:30 to 8 p.m. at LBMS
25 Board meeting 7 p.m.*

March

1 PTO Auction
11 Board meeting: Committee-of-the-Whole 7 p.m.*
12 Superintendent Corner 9:30 a.m. at LBES
12 Superintendent Corner 6:30 p.m. at LBMS
18 Board meeting 7 p.m.*
22-28 Spring Break – No School

* Unless otherwise announced, Board meetings are at 7 pm in the Lake Bluff Village Hall, 40 E. Center Avenue. See inside for details.