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E-News

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CROYA Turns 40!

During a summer work trip to Battle Creek, Michigan for Habitat for Humanity, the kids built a ramp to provide wheelchair access to a resident’s home. Read more about the unique, nationally-recognized CROYA program on page 5.



Mayor's Message

Dear Neighbors,

I hope that in these early weeks of 2020 your year is off to a good start. This is the Spring issue of the Dialogue, but given that it is only mid-February that designation carries with it an element of hope.

Summer will come to Lake Forest, and with it, the Chicago Bears' training camp! After a major expansion to Halas Hall, more than doubling its size and adding two new football fields, the Bears announced in mid-January that they will be holding training camp in Lake Forest beginning this summer. The Bears are another of Lake Forest's many community treasures, and this renewed commitment to our City comes as most welcome news.

The three week camp is expected to bring over one thousand visitors per day to Lake Forest, offering a great opportunity to showcase our fabulous resources and quality of life. City Staff is working with the Bears on planning and execution, following the protocols that have been developed for much larger events like the BMW Championship. Go Bears!

2019 ended very well here in Lake Forest, and we hope to carry that momentum through 2020. On the financial front, the City realized the fruits of the creative and forward thinking approach taken in the past few years by the City Council. In conjunction with a December bond refinancing that will save taxpayers approximately \$1.3 million in interest costs through its 2033 maturity, Moody's reaffirmed the City's Triple A bond rating with a "Stable" outlook. That is the best rating there is. Moody's noted that Lake Forest's innovative pension funding strategy, as well as our carefully built-up reserves provide strong protection against any future "Springfield Surprises." The new bonds carry an interest rate of only 1.77%. Many of our neighboring communities have either lost their Triple A rating, or have been put on negative watch in recent years.

Lake Forest continues to have a significantly lower property tax rate than any of our nearby communities, an economic advantage that is increasing.

To put this in perspective, if homeowners with an average priced \$800,000 Lake Forest home relocated to a similarly valued home in north Deerfield they would pay approximately \$8,100 more per year in property taxes. In Winnetka and Wilmette they would pay roughly \$4,500 and \$4,300 more per year, respectively.

Those are meaningful savings, especially over ten or twenty years of ownership. Please don't be shy about explaining this to anyone who will listen.

At year end, the City Council approved an agreement under which IDOT will compensate Lake Forest for taking over snow removal on Waukegan Road, as well as Route 60, on a trial basis for the current winter. The results have been dramatic. These critical roads were rapidly cleared after recent snows, prompting many positive comments from residents who couldn't help but notice the vast service improvement. Thanks go out to our Public Works department, who willingly accepted these added responsibilities and re-worked their tight logistics plan to ensure excellent service using existing staff and equipment.

Major enhancements to Lake Forest's stormwater infrastructure are planned for 2020, made possible, in part by the City's strong financial position. The long needed IDOT project to alleviate flooding at Deerpath Road and Route 41 is expected to kick off this year.

While this will make all our lives better, the construction process will require Deerpath Road traffic to be reduced to a single lane in the area of the Skokie Ditch bridge for three to four months. We will be working very closely with IDOT to ensure that disruption is minimized, and will keep you informed as the schedule is finalized.

The City is also planning major stormwater sewer improvements in the Burr Oak neighborhood (just north of downtown Lake Forest) in order to alleviate the serious flooding issues there. This is another large project that will be somewhat disruptive to traffic in and around that area.

Finally, the 2020 Census started in January. The results of the Census will be critical to our success in receiving state and federal funding going forward, so please make sure everyone in your household is counted.

Here's to spring!

George A. Pandaleon





Environmental Sustainability Committee Established

At the January 21 City Council Meeting, Mayor Pandaleon announced the creation of a new City Council Committee, the Environmental Sustainability Committee.

Although the City of Lake Forest was environmentally aware and pro-active long before it was a wide-spread trend, it is important that the City does even more to preserve and protect the environment for future generations of Lake For-esters. The Lake Forest Sustainability Plan was adopted by the City in July of 2016 and is available on the website.

The Committee has been specifically charged with considering the City's existing policies as well as new policies as they relate to the environment, conservation and sustainability, and keeping this topic in the forefront. The Committee will identify initiatives that Lake Forest can support as a community as well as prompt conversations that help all residents become more aware of how they can each play a role in making Lake Forest a little "greener".

Alderman Melanie Rummel was appointed as Chairman, and Aldermen Jim Preschlack and Jed Morris will also serve on the Committee.

Lake Forest Garden Club Funds Recycling Education

The Lake Forest Garden Club presented the City with a community grant totaling \$110,000 to fund the expansion of Lake Forest's Recycling Education campaign. This effort aims to reduce local recycling contamination by changing behavior of local residents.

The Lake Forest Garden Club, established 1912, is a long-time partner and collaborator with the City of Lake Forest and a leader in advocating for environmental conservation, beautification and educational efforts that benefit residents, visitors and businesses in Lake Forest and beyond. "This impactful project has high profile partners, and represents a community-wide collaboration to activate residents and spark behavioral change," says Sophie Twichell, Chair of the Club's Grants Committee.

Stay tuned for the campaign launch in May!



Think Outside™

"Go Native! Plant & Tree Sale"



Saturday, May 16, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.
Melody Farm Nature Preserve
350 N. Waukegan Road

One of the best ways to establish and maintain a healthy landscape for your home or business is to use a diversity of native plants. Native trees and shrubs have evolved to withstand weather-related stressors more efficiently than non-native species. It is also important to select a variety of species to avoid widespread tree and plant loss caused by pathogens and insects, like the enormous loss of local ash trees experienced in recent years due to the invasive Emerald Ash Borer.

Native plants and trees:

- Promote biodiversity and support native wildlife which is important for ecological balance
- Require little maintenance, because they are already adapted to our soils and climate
- Are less dependent on fertilizers, pesticides and supplemental watering
- Have adopted natural defenses against many regional pests and diseases

Join The City of Lake Forest and Lake Forest Open Lands for this fun annual event! Native plant material will be made available at reduced costs with a portion of the proceeds going toward re-greening Lake Forest's open space.

Online pre-orders are encouraged as day of sale quantities are limited. Please visit lfol.org/GoNative from mid-March through Tuesday, May 12.



Think Local

Early Voting

Early Voting for the March 17, 2020 General Primary Election will be held at City Hall, 220 E. Deerpath, beginning on Monday, March 2 and will run through Saturday, March 14.



Monday-Friday:
9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Saturdays: 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

For information, please visit lakecountyl.gov.

U.S. Census 2020

The 2020 Census will take place this spring. Completing the Census questionnaire is easy, secure and important. Watch for the first mailing from the Census in mid-March and respond promptly. You can respond to the Census online, by phone or on paper. It is important to our community that everyone be counted!

According to the U.S. Census, those with multiple homes should respond as residents of the place where they live the majority of the year. College students who reside on or near campus should respond as residents of the community where the school is located.

An accurate Census count ensures proper representation and distribution of funds. Census data will also be important as the City re-evaluates Ward boundaries to balance representation more equally among the different areas of the City. Please visit the "News" section of the City's website for more information and future updates.

Annual Ward Meetings

Come from 7-8:30 p.m. for conversation and community!

Ward 3: Tuesday, April 7 at Gorton

Ward 4: Wednesday, April 15 at Dickinson Hall

Ward 1: Wednesday, April 29 at Gorton

Ward 2: Thursday, April 30 at Gorton

Ward Meetings give residents a chance to join their Aldermen to learn about issues in their neighborhoods and those important to all Lake Foresters in an untelevised, casual format. To identify your ward, visit cityoflakeforest.com and click on or search for Maps and Parking. Enter your address in the green box and click on the Aldermen tab at the top of the page. We look forward to seeing you there! Please call 847.810.3672 with any questions.

High School Students Wanted

The City of Lake Forest invites high school students who are residents of Lake Forest to experience a unique opportunity serving on the Parks & Recreation Board. Civic-minded students who will be high school seniors during their year of service will be appointed by the Mayor in May of 2020 and will work alongside other community adult volunteers. This involvement with their local government will help students develop lifelong leadership and business skills.

Interested students should complete a Volunteer Profile Sheet (available at cityoflakeforest.com). To accompany the Profile Sheet, students are required to submit a one-page essay explaining why they would like to serve and what benefits they and the City will derive from the experience. Two letters of reference should also be provided. Applications are due by 4:30 p.m. at City Hall on Friday, March 16, 2020.

The Parks and Recreation Board serves as an advisory body on development and operation of recreational programs, the Recreation Center, the Deerpath Golf course, Forest Park Beach, and all other City-owned parks and recreational facilities. The Board meets the third Tuesday of the month, 6:30 p.m., at the Municipal Services Building, 800 N. Field Drive.

Please call 847.810.3672 with any questions.





CROYA'S 40th Anniversary

Saturday, May 30, 5-9 p.m.
at CROYA, 400 Hastings Road.

The party will feature a music festival starring live bands from over the years as well as local food offerings. There will be tributes and acknowledgements as well as a time capsule for the ages. This is a family event open to all past, present, and future CROYA members and supporters. Please join us in honoring the Lake Forest and Lake Bluff communities and their tremendous support in making CROYA the amazing place it is today!



Enjoy this grand opportunity for all those who helped start CROYA, led CROYA, participated in CROYA, or partnered with CROYA to come celebrate the many successes over 40 years. Many youth over the years have called CROYA "A home away from home."

For 4 decades, CROYA has been the "go-to place" for high school and middle school students to create and participate in youth programs. These activities build self-esteem and provide opportunities for youth to make new friends. From communi-

ty service projects to leadership training, from musical band jams to work trips, from retreats to weekly youth meetings, CROYA has served thousands of youth in Lake Forest and Lake Bluff.

CROYA is open to all 7–12th grade students who either live or go to school in Lake Forest or Lake Bluff.

Student Union Drop-In Hours: M-F, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Middle School Youth Meetings (7th-8th grades):

Tuesdays, 4 p.m.

High School Youth Meetings:

Wednesdays, 7 p.m.

Calendar of Events

March 10 – Middle School Donut Cup (Floor Hockey)

March 13-15 - High School Spring Retreat

April (TBD) – Battle of the Bands

April 24 – Middle School Spring Bash

May 13 - 8th Grade Welcome Party

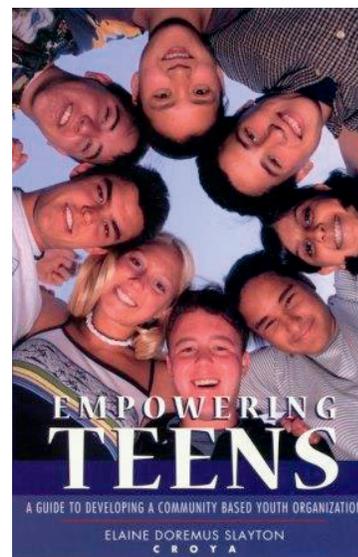
May 14 – 6th Grade Welcome Party

May 19 – Recognition Dinner

May 30 – 40th Anniversary Party

Activator Music Academy is the music school at the CROYA Student Union. Activator offers many affordable music lessons to local youth and adults, and operates the CROYA Recording Studio, CROYA Live Performance Venue, and CROYA's annual music events like Battle of the Bands, Lake Forest Day Jam and Super Jam. For more information, contact Nick Cvijovic, Music Manager through email: activatoracademy@gmail.com or call 847.810.3988 (office), 847.322.8374 (cell).

Visit CROYA.com! Sign up for the CROYA monthly E-Newsletter by sending an e-mail to CROYA@cityoflakeforest.com.



Operating Budget/ Budget Process Part 2



In the last Dialogue, an overview of the City's budget process was provided with specific information on the development of the Five Year Capital Improvement Program. This edition focuses on the development of the annual operating budget.

The City's fiscal year runs May 1 to April 30. In late summer and fall, City staff develops revenue estimates for the coming year by reviewing the annual fee schedule for revisions, developing the property tax levy for City Council discussion and forecasting revenues for the next five years. The City Council adopted the property tax levy ordinance and fee schedule for Fiscal Year 2021 at its meeting on December 2, 2019, with the exception of FY21 water rates which is discussed in January and February.

The FY21-25 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) was developed simultaneously with the revenue and fee development. The Five Year CIP was reviewed by the City Council on November 12, 2019 to allow City staff the ability to seek bids in late winter/early spring and be ready to begin construction work as soon as weather allows.

With revenue and CIP development complete, the City turns its attention to the annual operating budget. In December, the Finance Department develops targets for each operating department based upon revenue estimates, projected increases in personnel costs and estimates of non-discretionary expenses such as fleet (all City-owned vehicle) services and information technology. Operating departments develop their budget requests in January with the total request required to fit within the established target. Budget requests that do not fit within the targeted amount are submitted as Discretionary budget requests which require documentation justifying the requested expense.

In late January/early February, the City Manager and Finance Director conduct meetings with each operating department to review the budget submittal and any Discretionary budget requests. Following the department meetings, the City Manager provides direction on any changes as well as the Discretionary budget requests to be included in the recommended budget. The City Manager's Proposed FY21 Budget will be distributed to the City Council Finance Committee for review and discussion at its budget workshop on Thursday, March 12, 2020. Following the March meeting, the Finance Department makes any final changes and prepares the Comprehensive Fiscal Plan for consideration by the City Council. It is currently anticipated that the Comprehensive Fiscal Plan will be considered at the April 20, 2020 City Council meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact Finance Director Elizabeth Holleb at hollbe@cityoflakeforest.com or 847.810.3612.

Million Dollar Savings

On December 4, the City of Lake Forest approved issuance of \$17.665 million in general obligation bonds to refinance existing obligations and achieve a lower interest rate. The refinancing will result in a savings of \$1,299,861 over the bond maturities through 2032, a savings of \$1,187,869 on a net present value basis or 6.29% of refunded principal. The City Council approved a bond ordinance at its meeting on December 2 authorizing the auction on December 4 and setting forth a savings target of 5.0% or \$964k on a net present value basis, which was exceeded.



As part of the bond refinancing, Moody's Investors Service assigned a Triple A rating – Stable Outlook to the proposed issue and affirmed the Triple A rating on all existing bond obligations of the City. A Triple A rating is the highest rating possible, signaling confidence in the City's financial management and increasing the attractiveness of the City's bonds to investors. A total of 12 bidders submitted 42 bids during the 15-minute online auction confirming the level of interest

and ensuring the City received a very competitive interest rate on the new obligations.

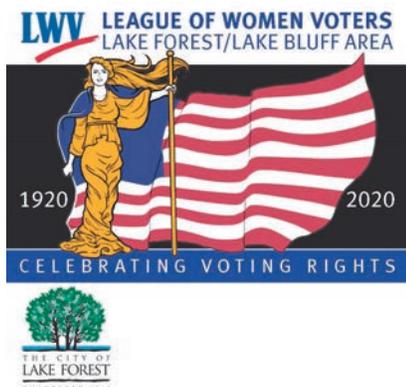
Mayor George Pandaleon noted that Moody's credit opinion and results of the bond sale "emphasize the high degree of confidence with which external objective parties view the City's management of its finances. Lake Forest taxpayers can be assured that the City's approach to funding its public safety pension obligations and its proactive measures to increase fund balance reserves in an effort to insulate the community from potential impact of actions by the State of Illinois are highly regarded in the municipal finance industry."

2020-21 Vehicle Stickers

Current stickers expire on April 30, 2020 and renewal notifications will be sent in late March. Vehicle stickers must be purchased no later than April 30 and displayed by May 1 to avoid a late fee and an ordinance violation. Once again, residents will have the option of purchasing vehicle stickers online, as well as pet licenses and parking permits. If you have opted for emailed renewal notice, and you don't receive your emailed notification, please remember to check your spam email folder.

Residents enrolled in the State of Illinois Benefit Access Program may qualify for one discounted vehicle sticker. Residents who are 65+ years of age, or disabled, and meet minimum income requirements may be eligible. To obtain a discounted vehicle sticker, you will be required to show proof of enrollment in the Benefit Access Program (eligibility notice, license plate discount program notice, seniors or persons with disabilities free transit ride card). Applications will not be accepted as proof of enrollment. To apply and for more information, please visit cbrx.il.gov.

This year's design commemorates 100 years of women's right to vote, sponsored by the League of Women Voters. If you have any questions, please contact James Scott (scottj@cityoflakeforest.com) or call 847.810.3622.



Refuse, Recycling & Compost Center

Beginning March 15, the Compost/Recycling Center (located at 1381 W. Kennedy Road or Rte. 60 on the south side, just west of the railroad viaduct) will be open:

Saturdays, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sundays, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Residents may drop off yard waste, unwanted household items, metal cans, glass, plastics (#1-7), newspapers, magazines, corrugated cardboard and office paper for recycling. Unacceptable items include appliances with CFCs, asbestos, batteries, paints/chemicals, tires and food waste.

To use the Center, please display a current Lake Forest vehicle sticker. Driver's licenses will not be accepted as proof of residency. No commercial contractor use of the facility is allowed. For further information, please call the Sanitation Section at 847.615.4264.

Fire Hydrant Flushing

Beginning in April, the Water & Sewer staff will flush the City's fire hydrants to remove accumulated sediment build-up. This will improve water flow and quality throughout the water main system.

You may experience lower than normal water pressure and a short period of water discoloration during flushing and shortly thereafter. Though the water may be discolored, it is safe to drink. However, until the water runs clear, it is advisable to avoid washing clothes, especially white fabrics. If any rust stains appear on your wet laundry, do not dry your clothes. Please call the Water & Sewer Section at 847.810.3571 and arrangements will be made to resolve the situation.

Once the hydrants in your neighborhood have been flushed, you should run cold water either from your basement's utility sink or from a hose outside. This will flush any rusty water out of your water service line. Never run warm or hot water immediately after a hydrant has been flushed, as this could lead to sediment getting into your hot water heater.

If you need additional information, please call the Public Works Department at 847.810.3542.

spring FUN guide

March

MOTHER AND SON PANCAKE BREAKFAST • MARCH 7

NEW!

Flannels & Flapjacks • 9:00 am - 10:30 am

We invite all mothers and their little lumberjack(s) to put on their flannel and join us for a pancake breakfast. Participants will take part in lumberjack themed activities, crafts, and, most importantly, a HEARTY breakfast. Registration includes both mother and son.

LOCATION:
FEES:

Lake Forest Rec Center Gym

R: \$30, NR: \$36 • Register with code 20340304 at LFParksandRec.com

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MAR 8

REPTILE RAMPAGE

LAKE FOREST REC CENTER • 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Join us for one of the area's largest reptile exhibitions! Visitors can meet, handle, and learn about many of these animals with local representatives. Children's activities, including face-painting, will also be available. Visit LFParksandRec.com for more info. Entrance is a \$10 donation per person.

MAR 14

LFDA COMPANY BENEFIT "PASSION TO DANCE"

CRESSEY CENTER FOR THE ARTS, LAKE FOREST ACADEMY • 5:00 PM SHOW

As the years have passed, Passion to Dance has evolved into a don't-miss event that pairs an evening of unforgettable dance with a post show reception. Tickets: \$30 adult • \$15 student.



April

APR 2

GO LF LAKE FOREST COLLEGE WALK & TOUR

DURAND ART INSTITUTE, NORTH CAMPUS • 8:00 AM

FREE!

Want to learn more about the college and its beautiful architecture and history? Enjoy a morning walk with a guided tour around campus. Tour will begin at Durand Art Institute on North Campus.



EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA • APRIL 4

Deer Path Middle School • 9:30 am - 11:30 am

FREE!

Enjoy a wonderful opportunity for family fun and entertainment at our annual Easter Eggstravaganza. Children will enjoy crafts, games, pictures with the Easter Bunny, and, of course, the exciting Egg Hunt. A special children's performance will precede the hunt. Please remember to bring your baskets!

NOTES:

Free, but registration required. Use code 20390102 at LFParksandRec.com. Lake Forest residents only. Ages 1M-9Y.

Sponsored by Forest Orthodontics & Pediatric Dentistry



APR 8

EASTER BUNNY BASKETS

LAKE FOREST HOUSEHOLDS • 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Imagine how delighted your child will be seeing the Easter Bunny hop up to your front door with a basket made specially for them. Registration is \$26 per child with code 20390204 at LFParksandRec.com.



APR 23

GO LF PRAIRIE WALK AT MUNICIPAL SERVICES

MUNICIPAL SERVICES, 800 N FIELD DR • 10:00 AM

FREE!

Come enjoy the hidden trails behind Municipal Services for a 45-minute nature walk guided by City of Lake Forest Parks and Forestry staff. Meet at the flagpole in front of MS.

APR 25

SMELT-O-RAMA

BOATING PAVILION, FOREST PARK BEACH • SUNDOWN - 10:00 PM

FREE!

Seasoned anglers will be on hand to demonstrate how we net the Smelt that return to our shores each spring. Learn how to catch, clean, and cook these tasty little critters! Wear warm clothes.



May

MAY 2

GO LF FAMILY BIKE RIDE

DOWNTOWN LAKE FOREST METRA STATION • 10:00 AM

FREE!

Kick off spring with a Family Bike Ride! Meet at the Downtown Lake Forest Metra Station to ride south for approximately 45 minutes on the Robert McClory bike path.



MAY 16

LFDA SPRING RECITAL

LAKE FOREST HIGH SCHOOL • 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM, 3:00 PM, & 6:00 PM

First, we'll kick off with the Preschool Recital *Wonderland*. Then, our Annual Recital explores the magical world of Alice with *Adventures of Alice*, *Diamonds & Clubs*, and *Hearts & Spades*.

MAY 16

FAMILY DRIVE-IN MOVIE NIGHT

LAKE FOREST REC CENTER GYM • 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Bring your family to the Rec Center for a night at the movies! Come decorate your car and enjoy the movie *How to Train Your Dragon* on the big screen. Snacks and beverages will be available for purchase. Registration is \$5 per person with code 20390307 at LFParksandRec.com.

MAY 31

LAKE FOREST SAILING OPEN HOUSE

BOATING PAVILION, FOREST PARK BEACH • 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

FREE!

Check out all of the offerings from the sailing program, boating center, and boating permits/storage. All our sailboats will be in the water and we will offer short rides free of charge.



COMING THIS SUMMER! 3 DAYS OF FAMILY FUN!

6 WEEKENDS AVAILABLE - ONLY \$300!

Experience the long summer weekends in Lake Forest with fun for the whole family! Our Family Fun Pass is good for one three-day summer weekend (Fri-Sat-Sun) of your choice in June or July for up to four family members. The pass includes special deals at LF Beach/Boating Center, LF Fitness Center, Wildlife Discovery Center, Deerpath Golf Course, and Stirling Hall Art Center! Valued at over \$1,100! Visit www.LFParksandRec.com for details!





Gas Light Update

The City continues to make progress on the L.E.D. conversion program. In June 2019, 34 gas lights on Old Mill/Ridge Roads/ Shawford Way were converted. In November 2019, Villa Turicum (east of Turicum Road) Phase 1 was completed, which included converting

22 lights and installing over 15,000 linear feet of poly-conduit and wire. The next steps are to convert the remaining 24 gas lights included in Villa Turicum (west of Turicum Road) Phase 2 as long as weather permits. For additional information, please call the Public Works Department at 847.810.3543. *Photo by Kerri Sherman.*

Compost at Home: Purchase an Earth Machine

The Earth Machine is available to Lake Forest residents for \$55, compared to over \$100 at most retailers. This home composter includes a handbook with assembly instructions, how to compost, what to compost, and using compost. Typical items to compost include fruit and vegetable scraps, coffee grounds and filters. To place your order, call 847.810.3542. The City will deliver the Earth Machine to your home and send you an invoice.

Deerpath/41 Update

The Deerpath/Rte. 41 IDOT (Illinois Department of Transportation) pump station's design is 99% complete. However, IDOT determined that the State does not own the property and has begun the process of acquiring the land. Until IDOT owns the property, the project cannot proceed. How quickly the property acquisition occurs will determine the bidding schedule and ultimately the project schedule. The City will provide updates as they become available.



Free Paper Shredding Event Saturday, April 18 8:30-11:30 a.m.

The City of Lake Forest Sanitation will host a FREE Shredding Event from 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. at the Municipal Services Building, 800 N. Field Drive, on Saturday, April 18. This event is open to Lake Forest residents only.

Residents may bring their private documents to be safely and securely destroyed. According to consumer.gov, tips on protecting identity theft include:

- Not using passwords that are easy to guess and incorporating numbers and signs
- Not giving out your Social Security number or personal information
- Not leaving your mail in the mailbox for a long period of time

Consumers should shred any papers that contain personal or medical information. Please note that there is a four-box (a box is considered to be about the size of a standard copier paper/office box) limit and that any plastic paper bindings should be removed. For more information, please email Jim Lockfeer or call 847.810.3542.

Memorial Day Holiday Collection Schedule

There will be no refuse, recycling, or yard waste collection on Monday, May 25.

- Monday collection will be on Tuesday
- Tuesday collection will be on Wednesday
- Thursday and Friday collection will remain the same



For further information on refuse collection services, please call the Sanitation Section automated phone system at 847.615.4264.

What is “Inflow & Infiltration”?

In January, the City Council approved a new Inflow & Infiltration (“I & I”) policy. Inflow and Infiltration occurs when stormwater enters into the City’s sanitary sewer system. Sanitary sewer systems are designed for sanitary wastewater, not stormwater. The policy outlines procedures for identifying and rehabilitating both public and private I & I issues in the community. A copy of the new policy and more information on I & I can be found on the City’s website.

From the Police Department

Prevent Auto Theft!

Most burglaries to motor vehicles and vehicle theft calls have one thing in common: the vehicles were unlocked. The Lake Forest Police Department again reminds residents to LOCK cars, REMOVE keys and fobs, and TAKE valuables out of cars. This type of incident is a crime of opportunity. By taking these simple steps, you can help reduce the ability for criminals to come into Lake Forest to commit crimes.



Junior Citizen’s Police Academy

The Lake Forest Police Department is excited to present the 3rd Annual Junior Citizen Police Academy for incoming 7th and 8th grade students. **The FREE 2020 JCPA will be held Monday, June 8 through Friday, June 12 at Lake Forest Police Department from 8:30-11 a.m.**

This course is a fabulous opportunity for middle school kids to connect with police officers from their local department and learn about topics like Evidence Collection, Self Defense, and much more.

Please contact District 67 School Resource Officer Mark Long at 847.810.3964 or by email at longm@cityoflakeforest.com for an application. But hurry - the class is limited to 15 students expected to fill up quickly!



Citizen’s Police Academy

“The CPA offers an exciting, behind-the-scenes look at how the Lake Forest Police Department operates. It is an eye-opening experience into the complexities of modern law enforcement and an excellent opportunity to interact with the wonderful officers who serve our community every day,” stated Jason Wicha, Lake Forest City Manager, Spring 2019 Class.

This 11-week course is FREE and open to anyone who lives or works in The City of Lake Forest. The Spring session begins on February 26, and class is held each Wednesday, from 7-10 p.m. at the Public Safety Building, 255 W. Deerpath.

The program is run by the Lake Forest Police Department with the goal of informing citizens about police functions and giving insight into police actions. All classes are taught by Lake Forest Police Officers and cover various topics including:

- Patrol Operations
- Traffic Crash Investigations
- DUI Enforcement
- Major Crime Investigations
- Defensive Tactics
- SWAT and Riot Control
- Visit the Lake County Jail
- And much more!

Participants will also be given the opportunity to ride with officers during daily patrols and fire patrol rifles and handguns on the LFPD shooting range. Please contact Officer Aaron Kruchko at kruchkoa@cityoflakeforest.com or 847.234.2601 to sign up as space is limited!



Keep yourself and loved ones safe with a Smart911® Safety Profile

Smart911 is a free service that allows you to share valuable information with 9-1-1 during an emergency.



ALLERGIES



HOUSEHOLD
INFO



MEDICAL
HISTORY



PETS & SERVICE
ANIMALS



EMERGENCY
CONTACTS



VULNERABLE
NEEDS

Need assistance?

For seniors, we recommend having a friend or family member assist during sign up. They can provide the assistant's name and email address, so when it is time to update their Safety Profile, Smart911 will notify them to help ensure the profile up to date and accurate.

Sign up today or download the App.





100 E. Old Mill Road; 847.234.2209

Stop in for a tour of beautiful Dickinson Hall and meet the staff and friendly members. Dickinson features great parties, interesting lectures, educational opportunities, creative outlets, fitness classes, fantastic excursions and events to suit every taste and schedule. Dickinson Hall is the go-to place for support and advice for healthy aging and is your local community center for ages 50+.

Reservations are required for all programs. Please check dickinsonhall.com for detailed information and to view the bi-monthly *NewsBrief*, containing the full schedule of activities.

In March, enjoy the **Annual St. Mary's Lunch and Bingo**. Held at the School of St. Mary Upper Grade Gym, and hosted by the Guild of St. Mary and School of St. Mary, all seniors from Lake Bluff/Lake Forest are invited for lunch, bingo, cookies, prizes and entertainment. Please call Dickinson Hall for the date, details and to reserve your spot. In April, we invite you to join us in **celebrating our volunteers and spring**. Come for brunch stay for the music of Larry Briedenbach. He'll serenade us with a selection of springtime favorites and just the right spirit to shake off those winter blues! Before the singing gets underway, we'll take a moment to acknowledge and thank the volunteers that make Dickinson Hall the smooth operation it is.

Social Services

Janet Fryer, Senior Advocate, is available Monday-Friday to support older adults in the community. There is no charge for her services. Janet can be reached directly at 847.810.4678.

If you are age 50+ and living alone, Janet offers a monthly opportunity through the "On Our Own" group to share the triumphs and challenges of life with a group of friendly fellow travelers!

No longer driving?

Eligible residents may request transportation from the Senior Car program. Friendly, professional drivers are available to drive in local area on weekdays from 8:45 a.m.-3 p.m. for appointments, errands and visits to Dickinson Hall. Please call Tara Purtell, Transportation Coordinator at 847.234.2209 for further details.

From the Fire Department

Citizen's Fire Academy

The Fire Department will host its popular FREE Citizen's Fire Academy again this spring! It will take place on **Tuesdays from 6- 9 p.m. beginning on April 7 and concluding on May 19 at the Public Safety Building, 255 W. Deerpath**. The curriculum will also offer an opportunity to become CPR certified. Contact Firefighter Chrissy Custer for more information at 847.810.3881 or stelterc@cityoflakeforest.com.

Smoke Detectors

Spring is the Fire Department's annual resident reminder to change the batteries in smoke detectors. If you have an alarm company monitoring your system, please let them know before you do this to avoid any false alarms. Also, check the dates on your detectors - the Department recommends swapping out any that are over 10 years old.



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Would you like members from the Fire Department to attend your special event? Contact Division Chief Mike Gallo at 847.810.3866 or gallom@cityoflakeforest.com.



360 E Deerpath; 847.234.0636

To see all Library programs, visit lakeforestlibrary.org.

Read Between the Ravines

Read Between the Ravines is the joint nonfiction reading program between Lake Forest and Lake Bluff libraries. This year's chosen book is "American Overdose: The Opioid Tragedy in Three Acts" by Chris McGreal. Events kick off at both libraries and throughout the Lake Forest-Lake Bluff community in February, culminating in an author visit on April 2-3.

Improved Technology Offerings

The Media Lab has new technology classes (on everything from photography to website creation) and equipment (including a vinyl cutter and green screen). We've also expanded the collection of technology available to borrow and use at home or on trips! Come check out DSLR camera kits, VR headsets, Nintendo Switch consoles beginning in March.

Polo, Parties, and Panache: Lake Forest during the Great Gatsby Era; Wednesday, March 18, 7 p.m.

Discover Lake Forest's connections to icons of the 1920s including Irene Castle, the original flapper, and F. Scott Fitzgerald, the quintessential voice of '20s youth. We'll focus on what changed—and what did not change—in the lives of local women in the Roaring Twenties. Register at lakeforestlibrary.org/events.

Free Comic Book Day and Cartooning Class; Saturday, May 2, 3 p.m.

Hey kids and teens! Come pick out a comic book to take home and keep (while supplies last). Learn to draw awesome superheroes and despicable villains during a class with cartoonist Mark Anderson. Register for the class at lakeforestlibrary.org/events.



Cemetery Spring Clean-up

Please note that those who wish to save any winter decorations should remove them prior to March 1. The Cemetery staff asks that families please limit new adornments during the clean-up

period as they may be damaged. Please call the Cemetery office at 847.615.4341 with questions. Thank you!



LF/LB Restaurant Week!

February 28-March 8

at participating

Lake Forest & Lake Bluff eateries

The LF/LB Chamber presents the inaugural Lake Forest/Lake Bluff Restaurant Week. Local restaurants will be offering deals on delicious specialties, favorite menu items and signature cocktails.

Make your plans now to visit all the fabulous dining establishments in Lake Forest and Lake Bluff.

Look who's participating - keep checking lflbchamber.com for updates. Menus and specials will posted on the Chamber website when available.

Lake Forest:

- Chief's
- Francesca's
- The Gallery
- Gerhard's
- The Left Bank
- Market House on the Square
- MH Kitchen
- Peanut Gallery

Lake Bluff:

- Be Market
- Bluffington's
- Donati's
- Forest Greens
- Hansa Coffee
- Inovasi
- Lake Bluff Brewing Company
- Lake House
- Luke's
- Maeverly
- Other Door
- The Silo



More Spring Things to Do

March

- 6:** “Death of a Gangster-Night of Murder Mystery” at Gorton, 7:30 p.m.; gortoncenter.org.
- 8:** “Gorton Center Live: Edie Carey” at Gorton, 4 p.m. concert by the Colorado-based singer songwriter; gortoncenter.org.
- 12:** “Rethinking Suffrage: Dress Reform and Political Identity” at the History Center, 7 p.m.; lflbhistory.org.
- 14:** “Mentors in Music with the Lake Forest Symphony”, at Gorton, 7:30 p.m.; lakeforestsymphony.org.
- 15:** “Mentors in Music with the Lake Forest Symphony”, at Gorton, 7:30 p.m.; lakeforestsymphony.org.
- 19:** “From Scorn to Socialization: Managing Drugs and Addiction Over Time” at the History Center, 7 p.m.; lflbhistory.org.
- 19:** “Benjamin Marshall: Architect and Bon Vivant” at Gorton, 7 p.m., presented by the Lake Forest Preservation Foundation; lfpf.org.
- 25:** Cambridge philosopher and author of *Medical Nihilism* Jacob Stegenga will discuss the state of modern medicine, 7 p.m.; Lily Reid Memorial Chapel; lakeforest.edu.

April

- 2:** “Ginevra King and the Big Four” at the History Center, 7 p.m.; lflbhistory.org
- 2:** Chris McGreal, author of *American Overdose: The Opioid Tragedy in Three Acts*, will answer questions on his research for the book, 4 p.m.; Lillard Science Center; lakeforest.edu.
- 3:** “Read Between the Ravines: *American Overdose* Author Event” at Gorton, 7 p.m.; gortoncenter.org.
- 4:** “Gorton Center Live: Birds of Chicago” at Gorton, 8 p.m.; gortoncenter.org.
- 9:** “Polo, Parties & Panache - Lake Forest During the Great Gatsby Era” at the History Center, 7 p.m.; lflbhistory.org.

- 15:** “Putting Lake Forest on the Map” at the History Center, 7 p.m.; lfpf.org.
- 17:** Lake Forest Symphony Cello Ensemble Concert at Gorton, 8 p.m.; lakeforestsymphony.org.
- 19:** The Magic Parlour starring Magician and Mentalist Dennis Watkins at Gorton, 4:30 p.m.; gortoncenter.org.
- 23:** “The Fine Art of Obituary Writing” at the History Center, 7 p.m.; lflbhistory.org.
- 25:** Truth Be Told: A Night of Personal Storytelling” at Gorton, 8 p.m.; gortoncenter.org.
- 25:** Kaiwen Kam, Assistant Professor of Cell Biology and Anatomy at Rosalind Franklin University, will discuss his research on the neural control of breathing; lakeforest.edu.
- 30:** “Preserving Lake County: Our History, Our Land, Our Stories” at the History Center, 7 p.m.; lflbhistory.org.

May

- 1-21:** Exhibit: Lake Forest Country Day School Student Art Expo at the History Center; lflbhistory.org.
- 3:** Annual Meeting and 2020 Historic Lake Forest Preservation Foundation Awards at Gorton, 2 p.m.; lfpf.org.
- 7:** Centennial Family and Business Awards at the History Center, 6 p.m.; lflbhistory.org.
- 9:** Walking Tours of Crab Tree Farm, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. (meet at the History Center); lflbhistory.org.
- 9:** “Fashion Forward: Women’s Fashion from the Roaring Twenties to the 2020s”, a program and luncheon from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at the History Center; lflbhistory.org.

Lake Forest College Classes

Registration is open! Lake Forest College’s summer classes let you catch up on a college credit, get ahead of the game, get a career-making internship, supercharge your writing, learn a second (or third, or fourth) language, earn a valuable transfer credit, or fulfill that promise you once made to yourself to be a lifelong learner.

For Visiting College Students:

Pick the time, class and financial aid package you need to keep your brain stimulated during the summer.

For High School Students:

The College offers scholarships and also hosts the Bard College-affiliated Writing and Thinking Workshop that exercises creative writing.

For more information and a list of classes, visit lakeforest.edu/summer or call 847.735.5005. Lake Forest College is located at 555 N. Sheridan Road.



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Residents are encouraged to attend all public meetings, held at City Hall unless otherwise noted. Dates, times and locations are subject to change. Please check the website for updates.

City Council Meetings, 6:30 p.m.: 3/2, 3/12 (A Thursday Operating Budget Workshop held at 5 p.m. at the Municipal Services Building), 3/16, 4/6, 4/20 (immediately following the Finance Committee meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m.), 5/4 and 5/18 .

Building Review Board Meetings, 6:30 p.m.: 3/4, 4/1 and 5/6 at the Municipal Services Building.

Plan Commission Meetings, 6:30 p.m.: 3/11, 4/8 and 5/12.

Historic Preservation Commission Meetings, 6:30 p.m.: 3/18, 4/22 and 5/27.

Call 847.234.2600 for all City Departments

Postage-free mail to all City departments and City officials can be deposited in the white drop boxes on Bank Lane north of Westminster and in the Telegraph Road Train Station parking lot.

City Hall

220 East Deerpath
Open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.,
Monday–Friday

Municipal Services Center

800 North Field Drive
Open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.,
Monday–Friday

Cemetery

1525 N. Lake Road
Open 8 a.m.–8 p.m.,
May–September; 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., October to April

Cemetery Gate House
520 Spruce Avenue
Call 847.615.4341 for appointment

Public Safety Building

(Police and Fire Departments)
255 West Deerpath
Call 911 for all emergencies
Lobby Hours:
8 a.m.–6 p.m., Monday–Saturday

Compost/Recycling Center

1381 W. Kennedy Road (located at the south side of Rte. 60, west of Waukegan Road)
Winter Hours:
Saturdays, 8 a.m.–3 p.m.

Cable Television

Comcast Xfinity:
City-17: City Meetings
TV-19: Public Access & other local programming

A T & T U-Verse:
Channel 99, Scroll to "Lake Forest"

City Council meetings are broadcast live on City-17 at 6:30 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month. City Council and other meetings aired on City-17 can be viewed live at lftv.org. Archived City meeting videos are posted online at youtube.com/EnjoyLakeForest. DVDs of televised City meetings are available at Lake Forest Library, 360 E. Deerpath; 847.234.0636.

