

DIALOGUE

MAYOR'S MESSAGE



On February 4, I resigned my post as Alderman to serve as Acting Mayor (to fill the unexpired term of Mayor James J. Cowhey, Jr.). We wish Jim the best of luck with his new position in Texas and owe him a great debt of gratitude for leading the City with grace and competence through difficult economic times. Thanks to Jim's oversight, we have successfully retained our AAA bond rating status, several environmental stewardship programs are in place and we are planning for improved railroad safety (to name only a few of his accomplishments).

It is my intention to continue Mayor Cowhey's initiatives going forward. The City's recently-adopted Strategic Plan, available on our website, will serve as a blueprint for the City Council through 2018. Some of these topics included for implementation in 2013-2014 are: enhancing community engagement in civic issues, increasing retail vitality in our business districts, promoting the cornerstones of our community: Family, Education, Tradition and Philanthropy, developing a sustainability proposal, a bike master plan, a strategy for emerald ash borer maintenance and more.

The City Council and I look forward to sharing these endeavors and others with you at the ward meetings this spring. We have also introduced a new informal opportunity for you to dialogue year-round with your Aldermen and City staff about topics of particular interest. These Community Forums will be held at Gorton on the third Thursday of the month (except for the February meeting).

One occasion that will bring many of us together will likely be the WGA's BMW Golf Championship coming to Lake Forest this September. The City adopted a resolution in January to host this prestigious Championship, which not only will bring the world's best golfers to Conway Farms Golf Club, but provides millions of dollars annually to the Evans Scholars Foundation, which it supports. We are excited and proud to be a part of this landmark event in Lake Forest.

I am looking forward to expanding my Aldermanic role as your Acting Mayor and encourage you to contact me, your Aldermen or City staff with any input regarding this beautiful place we call home.

Donald P. Schoenheider

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RECENT BOARD AND CITY COUNCIL ACTION

- The City Council approved a Resolution of Intent to Establish a Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force on Fire & Emergency Medical Shared Services.
- The Plan Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of the Bicycle Master Plan to the City Council as part of an update to the Comprehensive Plan. The Bike Plan is tentatively scheduled for consideration by the City Council on March 4 .
- The City Council approved an ordinance terminating the West Lake Forest Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District. The TIF District Redevelopment Plan was created in 1988 to:
 - 1) provide a land use and economic plan for the area; 2) encourage redevelopment of vacant and under-utilized sites; and 3) diversify and strengthen the City's residential and commercial property tax base.



By implementing the TIF District, the 180 acres identified as under-used land now serves as the setting for the Telegraph Road Train Station, Fire Station II, a new Everett School, Everett Park improvements, streetscape improvements, and the Settlers Square business district including Sunset Corners, Lovell's Restaurant, and new townhouses. Thank you, Lake Foresters!

TIDBITS...

ELECTRIC AGGREGATION On average, residents should see a savings of \$564 on their electric bills through May of 2013, according to the City's electricity supplier, mc2. The estimated total savings for June 2012-May 2013 is \$3.5 million, up \$200,000 from this report in the last *Dialogue*.

BMW GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP will take place at Conway Farms Golf Club from September 9-15, 2013 and will be televised on the Golf Channel and NBC Sports. The PGA expects 125,000 people to attend over the several days of the event, which sponsors the Evans Scholars Foundation. Volunteers are needed and tickets are currently available. Please visit www.pgatour.com for details.

FOREST PARK: REHABILITATE, ENHANCE, PRESERVE

The Forest Park Project, begun in 2008, is designed to provide an overarching plan for Lake Forest's first park, designed by Almerin Hotchkiss in 1857 and platted as a park in 1896 by O.C. Simonds. In 2012, the Forest Park Master Plan by Stephen Stimson Associates was approved by the Lake Forest City Council as a public-private stewardship for future generations. Please visit www.forestparkproject.com for further information or to make a contribution.



LANDSCAPING LICENSES

Please remember that all landscapers must be licensed annually by the City by March 1. The registration fee is \$100. Landscapers will receive important information, including copies of the landscape maintenance, tree preservation and noise ordinances, a brochure on safe practices to help protect ravines, and a map indicating the City's "No Truck" routes. Please call 847.810.3676 for further information.



DEERPATH GOLF COURSE 500 W. DEERPATH

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Deerpath Golf Course is gearing up for another great year. Highlights of the 2013 golf season:

- **Purchasing an Annual Membership** includes unlimited golfing privileges. Members receive special benefits throughout the summer, such as “Membership Appreciation” events, golf shop discounts, food and beverage specials and other value-added promotions. Memberships are available in the golf shop or online.
- **Welcome the Golf Season by Securing Your Permanent Tee Time Lottery Schedule on March 16** at 9 a.m. in the club house. Permanent tee times are available for \$300 per foursome, and provide a permanent reservation each week of the golf season.
- **The Deerpath Golf Academy Performance Lab** offers a state-of-the-art setting, ideal for golfers of all abilities looking to improve their game. During the winter, Richard Franklin will continue to hold winter instruction featuring the finest in game analyzing technologies. Richard utilizes Flightscope X2 technology, the industry’s most accurate tool, to measure the golf swing and entire flight of the ball from impact to landing, while displaying its 3-D trajectory in real time. The K-VEST system is also used, the industry’s only all-in-one wireless system, that captures a player’s “power signature.” For questions or lesson reservations, contact Richard at 847.219.0200 or Richardmfranklin@circlesystemgolf.com.
- **Deerpath Golf Academy** is a great way to introduce children to the game of golf. The Deerpath Golf Academy is a community-focused golf center that offers a wide variety of programs for beginners through advanced players of all ages. The Academy offers three 3-week Junior Camp Sessions as well as the new PGA Jr. Sports Academy. To learn more, please visit the website.
- **The Sandwedge Grill** will be under new management this season, featuring expanded hours (staying open through early evening), a high-quality menu and added attention to consistent beverage cart availability on the course. The Grill is open to the public, not only Deerpath Golfers, to enjoy the view from the Kennedy patio and have lunch, an after-work adult beverage or an early dinner.
- **Booking a tee time** at the best available rate is easy online. Daily rates and availability are continuously updated.
- **Opening day** is weather-dependent—please call the golf shop or visit the website for more information.



MAKE DEERPATH GOLF CLUB YOUR HOME COURSE IN 2013



COMMUNITY FORUMS: “GRANNY FLATS”

Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, February 20**

when Alderman David Moore will lead discussion on “Granny Flats,” which are small second living units on single family properties (often coach houses or



second floor garage apartments). Held monthly from 7-8:30 p.m. at Gorton Community Center, 400 E. Illinois Road, the Forums are designed to give residents an **informal** opportunity to:

- get involved in complex community issues
- stimulate intellect, curiosity and civil debate
- gather a greater awareness of challenges and opportunities facing Lake Forest

Each month, a new topic will be thoroughly explored. These untelevised meetings will be chaired by an Alderman, with topics selected from the Strategic Plan. No decisions will be made. The purpose of the Forums is to collectively develop an enhanced clarity of the issue, its intricacies, and a consensus on how to proceed. No reservations are necessary.

EAST SIDE TRAIN RENOVATION CONTINUES

On February 1, the City received notice that it had been awarded \$1,236,520 in grant funding from the Illinois Transportation Highway Authority Enhancement Program (ITEP) to complete the remainder of the East Side Train Station Renovation, a \$3 million project. The 1899 train station in historic Market Square requires rehabilitation to better serve nearly 1,000 daily Metra commuters as well as ensure the Station’s integrity. In the late 1970s, the Station was

scheduled for demolition but was saved by private donations. The grant will fund upgrading and replacing mechanical, electrical, plumbing, fire suppression systems



and carpentry. The building’s woodwork, plaster and foundation have suffered significant water damage and the restrooms do not satisfy ADA standards and commuter traffic volume. In addition to functioning as an active Metra station, the building, site and adjacent regional bicycle trail are also the focal point and gathering place for many community events.

EARLY VOTING

Early Voting for the Tuesday, April 9, 2013 Consolidated Election will take place at City Hall from Monday, March 25-Saturday, April 6. Hours: Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Please bring a driver’s license. For further Election Day information, contact the Lake County Clerk’s office at 847.377.2400 or visit www.lakecountylvil.gov.

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

All residents should make sure they are registered with Global Connect, the City’s emergency notification system. Please visit the City’s website and click on the “Global Connect” blue icon to make sure you are registered, with your preferences listed, such as notifications to cell phones, land lines or email addresses. If you would like to opt out of receiving any emergency notifications, please contact Mike Goy in the Police Department at 847.810.3833.

RENEW VEHICLE STICKERS

Renewal notices for the 2013-2014 vehicle stickers and pet licenses will be sent to residents in late March. The cost of the vehicle sticker is \$85. Residents who purchase them online will receive a \$5 discount per vehicle. The City offers one discounted vehicle per resident enrolled in the State of Illinois Circuit Breaker program (proof of enrollment provided by the State for the 2011 or 2012 tax year is required). Applications will not be accepted as legal proof). New vehicle stickers must be purchased no later than April 30 and displayed by May 1 to avoid a late fee and parking citation. Questions? Please call 847.810.3622.





LET THE CITY HELP PROTECT YOUR ASH TREES

Discovered in Lake Forest in 2009, the Emer-

ald Ash Borer (EAB) has killed tens of millions of ash trees in urban, rural and forested settings around the Midwest. With an Ash tree population of nearly 16%, tens of thousands of trees within Lake Forest are at high risk. However, you can mitigate this threat by the use of insecticidal treatments. The economics of treating ash trees with insecticides for EAB protection are complicated. Factors that should be considered include: the cost of the insecticide and expense of the application, the size of the trees, the likelihood of success, and potential costs of removing and replacing the trees. If a tree has lost more than 50% of its canopy, it is probably too late to save. Studies have shown that it is best to begin using insecticides while ash trees are still relatively healthy. If you elect to treat your ash trees, there are several commercial products available to combat EAB. One such product, Optrol, has been clinically shown to reduce the threat of EAB.

As a result, The City of Lake Forest has obtained a limited quantity of Optrol, and through a pilot program, is making it available to residents at the wholesale cost.

You may purchase this product at the Municipal Services Building, 800 North Field Drive. This systematic insecticide comes in an 8-ounce bottle and when properly mixed, can treat up to 64 diameter inches. Applied annually to the base of the tree, systematic insecticides are usually the most cost-effective and easiest to use. By mixing the product with water, then pouring the solution directly on the soil, the insecticide is absorbed by the roots and translocated throughout the tree. In addition, residents wishing to protect trees larger than 15 inches in diameter should consider having them professionally treated with a systematic insecticide applied as a trunk injection. These products

have shown to provide excellent control for two years. Treatment programs must comply with label restrictions and all other state and federal laws. *Please be aware that The City cannot make any guarantees regarding the effectiveness and safety of this product due to the number of physiological and environmental circumstances that exist, and will require residents to acknowledge this statement at the time of purchase.* For additional information, please contact City Forester Peter Gordon at 847.810.3563.

COMPOST/RECYCLING CENTER

Beginning March 16, 2013, spring/summer operating hours will be in effect:

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: appliances with CFCs, asbestos, batteries, paints/chemicals, tires and food waste. Please display a current Lake Forest vehicle sticker or a Lake Forest resident beach permit on the vehicle's windshield. Driver's licenses cannot be accepted as proof of residency. No commercial contractor use of the facility is allowed. Questions? Please call Sanitation at 847.615.4264.

Memorial Day Holiday Collection Schedule

There will be no refuse, recycling or yard waste collection on Monday, May 27.

- Monday collection will be on Tuesday
- Tuesday collection will be on Wednesday
- Thursday collection will remain on Thursday
- Friday collection will remain on Friday



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

The City's 2013-2018 Strategic Plan promotes Economic Vitality as one of the priorities over the next five years with a focus on:

- Identifying gaps in products and services in the local business districts
- Working with local businesses on mobile and e-commerce technology
- Promoting "Shop and Buy Local"
- Promoting local Farmers Market: June 22-Oct. 12
- Instituting a new business outreach program to local corporations
- Working with property owners to market vacant spaces
- Strengthening internship programs
- Managing the Lake Forest Business & Technology Incubator

Resident input is encouraged. Please contact Susan Kelsey at 847.810.3681 or kelseys@cityoflakeforest.com.



SPRING INFORMATION SNIPPETS

Block Parties - Please contact the Police Department at 847.810.3801 or stop by the Public Safety Building (255 W. Deerpath) to complete a request form at least one month prior to the date of the party. Questions? Please call 847.810.3801.

Garage Sale Permits - Applications can be found on the website, at the Public Safety Building or the Municipal Services Building (800 N. Field Drive). A garage sale is allowed by permit for a maximum of two consecutive days per resident per calendar year. Sale hours are established at 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Please call 847.810.3801 with questions.

Spring Storm & Tornado Information - If a tornado warning is issued by the National Weather Service,

tornado sirens will be sounded by a large outdoor speaker system around the community, followed by an verbal announcement.

Tornado Watch: Weather conditions are right for tornados to develop.

Tornado Warning: A tornado has been sighted and is dangerous. Residents should take shelter in a basement or the middle section of the building on the lowest level. Stay away from windows.

For detailed information, please visit the National Weather Service website: www.nssl.noaa.gov.

EXPLORE DICKINSON HALL

100 East Old Mill Road; 847.234.2209.

Dickinson Hall is a hub of activity for adults aged 50+ and is open weekdays from 8:30 a.m-4:30 p.m. The complete *Newsbrief*, the bimonthly newsletter, can be viewed on the City's website.

World Leaders I Have Known and Loved: Friday, March 8, Noon Lunch; \$15/\$20 non-members. During her 20-year tenure with the International Chamber of Commerce and the International Cultural Foundation, Roberta Lipman has rubbed elbows with Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, Margaret Thatcher, Moshe Dayan, Henry Kissinger and more.

Lunch with the Divas: Friday, April 5, Noon Lunch; \$15/\$20 non-members. What do Ethel Merman, Mary Martin, Judy Garland and Barbara Streisand all have in common? After lunch, attendees will learn about how they became famous and enjoy the music that will forever will be associated with them.

Meet the Author: Thursday, April 18, 1:30 p.m.; no charge, reservations requested. Tom Dyja, who wrote the *Third Coast: When Chicago Built the American Dream*, will discuss his highly-acclaimed page-turner.

Trade Secrets with Holly Rozner, recently featured

in Crain's Chicago Business:

Tuesday, April 30, 10 a.m. (Noon Lunch to follow); \$15. As one of the few women who traded at the Chicago Mercan-



tile Exchange during the 1987 crash and subsequent FBI investigation, Holly Rozner has written a fictional expose of unforgettable events in financial history.



REC CENTER NEWS

Wildlife Discovery Center: Reptile Rampage Celebrates “Year of the Serpent”; Sunday, March 10, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Rec Center, 400 Hastings Road. \$8/adult; \$5/child.

Get up close and personal with snakes and other

reptiles from all over the world at the Wildlife Discovery Center’s 15th Annual Reptile Rampage. Visitors can meet over 150 animals including “Bubba,” the famous American Alligator, rattlesnakes, lizards, turtles, crocodilians, tortoises, frogs and much more. Some of the Midwest’s most knowledgeable reptile enthusiasts from local zoos, universities, museums, nature centers and private collections will be on hand to answer questions. Food, a silent auction and kids’ activities are also part of the event.

- **Easter Egg Hunt:** Saturday, March 23, 9:30-11 a.m. at the Rec Center. This free event includes a Magic Show. Remember to bring Easter baskets.
- **Smelt-O-Rama:** Saturday, April 27, sundown-midnight at the beach boating pavilion. Participants will learn how to catch, clean and cook tasty smelt fish. Wear warm clothes. Children must be supervised; no charge.
- **Register Now for Summer Camps:** For almost 60 years, the Parks & Recreation Department has provided opportunities for kids to be engaged during the summer, experiencing great events, discovering new friendships, and exploring the outdoors. Camps are offered for 2 weeks as well as for the full summer to accommodate busy summer family schedules.

Please call 847.234.6700 or visit www.lfrec.com for further information on any of these programs.

CROYA HAPPENINGS

(Committee Representing Our Young Adults)

Since 1980, CROYA has been serving young adults (7th-12th graders) of Lake Forest and Lake Bluff. Together with specially-trained staff, CROYA kids run more than 300 annual programs and meetings focusing on social events, leadership, community service, music and emotional wellness. **The Activator Academy** offers a variety of music lessons, including drums, bass, guitar, voice and piano and collaborative live performances, recording studio projects and more. Please visit www.croya.com for updated information or call 847.810.3980.

LIBRARY EVENTS

The Library will be closed on Easter, Sunday, March 31 and Memorial Day, Monday, 27. It will also be closed on Sundays beginning May 26 until the Sunday after Labor Day. For complete information, please call 847.234.0636 or visit www.lakeforestlibrary.org.

SAVE THE DATES

- **Great Lakes Adaptive Sports Association (GLASA) Annual Benefit** at Knauz Classic Car Showroom; Saturday, April 13, 6:30 p.m. featuring the Dave Shelton Trio, Live & Silent Auction, Casino and more. Tickets: \$125 per person. Call 847.283.0908 for further information.
- **Kids in the Kitchen with Chef Gale Gand** at Elawa Farm; March 23, April 20, May 11 and June 1; 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; \$35 each. Call 847.234.1966 or visit www.elawafarm.org for more information.
- **Spirit of 67 Foundation 11th Annual Home Tour** featuring four fabulous homes on Thursday, May 2 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. For complete details, please visit www.spiritof67foundation.org.





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NEW WEBSITE LAUNCHING IN MAY!

KEEP INFORMED

Residents are encouraged to attend meetings of the City Council, Boards and Commissions. Meetings are held at City Hall unless otherwise noted. Dates are subject to change.

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| 3/4, 3/18, 4/1, 4/15, 5/6, 5/20 – City Council, 7:30 p.m. | 3/4, 4/1, 5/6 – Committee of the Whole, 6:30 p.m. |
| 3/18, 4/15, 5/20 – Finance Committee, 6:30 p.m. | 3/6, 4/3, 5/1 – Building Review Board, 6:30 p.m. |
| 3/18, 4/15, 5/20 – Public Works Committee, 5:15 p.m. | 3/13, 4/10, 5/8 – Plan Commission, 6:30 p.m. |
| 3/11, 4/8, 5/13 – Senior Resource Commission,
1 p.m., Dickinson Hall | 3/25, 4/22, 5/27 – Zoning Board of Appeals, 6:30 p.m. |
| 3/12, 4/9, 5/14 – Library Board, 7:30 p.m., Library | 3/26, 4/23, 5/28 – Historic Preservation Commission,
6:30 p.m. |
| 3/19, 4/16, 5/21 – Parks and Recreation Board, 6:30 p.m. | 3/11, 4/8, 5/13 – Property and Public Land Committee,
7 a.m. |

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 at the east side train station, 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

PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING

(Police and Fire Departments)
255 West Deerpath
Call 911 for all emergencies

COMPOST/RECYCLING CENTER

Located at the south side of Rte. 60 just west of Waukegan Road. Spring/summer hours are in effect: Saturdays, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sundays, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

CABLE TELEVISION

Comcast Xfinity:
City-17: City Meetings & Special Events
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 7:30 p.m. and on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month. City Council and other meetings aired on City-17 can be viewed live at www.lftv.org. Archived City meeting videos are posted online at www.youtube.com/EnjoyLakeForest. DVDs of televised City meetings are available at Lake Forest Library, 360 E. Deerpath; 847.234.0636.

