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CITY OF LAKE FOREST QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Dear Neighbors, After a beautiful summer and fall, with the concerts, art fairs, bonfires, and new events like the very successful Lake Forest Music Festival, winter is now upon us. We've learned to live with COVID. The pandemic brought out the best in Lake Foresters, with good neighbors who have demonstrated patience, charity, and resilience. We will have to find ways to keep that

momentum going through these colder months!

There is much to do here in town during the winter. Tree lighting, skating, cross country skiing across our beautiful open spaces, paddle tennis everywhere, movies and other events at Gorton, readings at Ragdale and the Library, History Center events, and meals at our restaurants new and old are just a few options. For our many new residents, go out and explore Lake Forest with some of your veteran neighbors! As I have noted before, the City has thrived these past couple of years, in spite of COVID. Our real estate market remains strong, even now that we are entering the slow season. And the City's strong finances will allow us to accelerate some projects that have been on hold. In 2022, we will be commencing the Burr Oak Area Storm Sewer Improvement Project, which will help reduce flooding near the intersections of Burr Oak and North Western Avenue and help better manage stormwater in the surrounding neighborhood. We will also be dealing with a large ComEd project to replace the bike path bridge over Deerpath, requiring a complete shutdown of Deerpath Road for two, two-week periods sometime in 2022. We will work hard to mitigate the negative impacts of all this work going on, but patience will once again be needed. If you do run into construction issues, or you have any other service needs from the City, please take a minute to download the free Lake Forest Now App from the App Store or Google Play.

As we head into the Holiday Season, may you and your families have a happy, healthy winter!

- Mayor George Pandaleon

Welcome to *The Dialogue*. If it looks different from the old *Dialogue*, that's because it is. We've taken the City of Lake Forest newsletter that's been around for years, refreshed it, made it more engaging, more visually interesting, and more of a conversation with our community. In the spirit of a true dialogue, tell us what you think! Scan the QR code to take our survey.



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Let it Glow

Shedding light on a Lake Forest Holiday Tradition

BY DAVID A. F. SWEET

Since the Lake Forest Tree Lighting Ceremony dawned in 1987, Tim Haskett has been involved in each one.

Back then, the Lake Forest High School choral director chose holiday and Christmas songs to be belted out a cappella by the Forester Singers, and he helped print lyrics to share with the 400 or so people who attended the day-after-Thanksgiving event in Market Square.

The success of the inaugural tree lighting prompted upgrades the following year. A piano player was added. This time, Haskett brought more than 100 LFHS singers, nearly triple the original 35. After the large tree was lit, the singers belted out The Hallelujah Chorus in the cold.

Today, thousands stream into Market Square annually to enjoy the festivities put on by The Friends of Lake Forest Parks and Recreation Foundation with financial help from the City of Lake Forest and Lake Forest Bank & Trust.

The event kicks off with a movie at Gorton Community Center in the John & Nancy Hughes Theater. Fittingly, *Home Alone* is the usual choice, given that former Lake Forest resident John Hughes wrote the screenplay. In Market Square, children enjoy creating ornaments and watching ice sculpting (a live TV even sat inside the carved block of ice one year). Then, they can share their Christmas list with Santa when he arrives.

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David A. F. Sweet is the Editor at Large for the City's Lake Forest Love blog.

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This is the moment every year when our town becomes Whoville.

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Donut holes and hot chocolate are in abundance, thanks to the Lake Forest Bank & Trust Co. In past years, The Gallery restaurant has passed out s'mores, and a local insurance agent has offered

popcorn. The Chamber of Commerce picks a winning drawing from a local student and hands out buttons with the design on it.

As darkness begins to spread, the Lake Forest

High School Choristers sing Christmas carols, and Scouts' choir alumni join them on stage. A Rockette-style kickline performance from the Lake Forest Dance Academy follows. By the time the tree is lit, usually by the family of the mayor or by a member of a local non-profit, about 5,000 people have engaged in the festivities.

"It's crazy how it all happens," said Lake Forest Parks & Recreation Program Manager John Eldridge. "Maybe 100 or so come early. But at 5 pm, in the blink of an eye, there are tons of people."

"What makes the event special is that it's so magical," Eldridge added. "It's very family-oriented. Some people have been going there since they were little kids. Now they're adults."

Aside from seeing the magic on his students' faces as they caroled, Haskett always enjoyed when choral alumni showed up and sang.

"Through the years, my former students introduced me to their husbands, wives, and children," he said. "That was one of the highlights of my teaching career."

Because of the pandemic, the tree-lighting event was skipped in 2020. But to make up for it, Lake Forest lit up eight of its neighborhood parks for the whole holiday season, while decorating them with Christmas trees and wreaths.

This year, on Friday, Nov. 26, the Tree Lighting Ceremony is slated to return in full force. Alas, there will be one change: Haskett, who retired from LFHS in 2020, will not be there. He plans to spend Thanksgiving in either Colorado or California. "I will really miss attending. The tree lighting has become a part of my DNA," he said. "I'm sure I'll be looking at my watch saying, 'Well, they'll start singing at the ceremony about now.'"

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37TH ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY Friday, November 26, 2021 Market Square

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

3 pm

Ice Sculpting by Art Below Zero

Arts and crafts activity for kids courtesy of Sage Explorers

Food Trucks from Rosati's & Taste of Paris

Cider, donuts, and TALA coffee courtesy of The Oertel Group/Compass

Hot chocolate and snacks provided by Lake Forest Bank & Trust

3:15 pm - 5 pm

Visit with Santa

4:30 pm

Caroling concert by the Lake Forest High School Choristers

5 pm

Lake Forest Dance Academy performance begins, and just after, the lights will be set aglow!

The Friends of Lake Forest Parks and Recreation Foundation is accepting donations from the community to enhance this (free!) and amazing Lake Forest tradition. Visit the website to learn more and donate: lfparksandrec.com/friends-foundation-support.



What's

Happenings

Pop Up Shop

Lake Forest Station Returns

The City of Lake Forest will reopen the Pop-Up Shop, Lake Forest Station, at the East Lake Forest train station this holiday season. The shop will bring back an exciting vibrancy to the downtown shopping district for the holiday season and support many Lake Forest non-profits by providing a venue to raise their visibility and sell branded items. The Pop-Up will also offer a new collection of limited-edition Lake Forest merchandise!

Lake Forest Station will open on Wednesday, November 24 and operate on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays through Thursday, December 30 from 11 am to 5 pm. Participating organizations this holiday season are Gorton Community Center, Elawa Farm, Lake Forest Open Lands Association, Paws for Patrick, Mothers Trust, LFHS Boosters, St. Mary's School, Reading Power, CROYA, LF Sailing, Equestrian Connection, LFLB Green Minds and Friends of the LF Library. Net profit from Lake Forest Station will be distributed among participating non-profits.

Thanks to Lake Forest Bank & Trust for sponsoring the Pop-Up Shop this season.

That's Hot

Lake Forest Fire Department

SMOKE DETECTOR REMINDERS

The Lake Forest Fire Department recommends smoke detectors on every floor of your home. On levels where there are bedrooms, they should be in an area no further than 15 feet outside the room. We also encourage smoke alarms in every bedroom. Carbon monoxide (CO) detectors should also be on every floor and within 15 feet of sleeping areas, but not necessarily in every bedroom. Remember to test your detectors monthly and change the batteries twice a

year. A good time to remember to check your smoke alarm and change the batteries is when you change your clocks twice a year as daylight savings time begins and ends. Please contact your alarm company first if your home is monitored by an outside service.

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CITIZENS FIRE ACADEMY RETURNS

The Fire Department will be hosting its popular Citizen's Fire Academy in spring 2022! The Academy will be held on Tuesday evenings for six consecutive weeks. For more information, please contact Deputy Chief Kevin Cronin at 847.810.3865 or cronink@cityoflakeforest.com or Firefighter Chrissy Custer at custerc@cityoflakeforest.com.



CPR CLASSES AVAILABLE

Are you interested in learning CPR? CPR saves lives and the Fire Department offers CPR classes semi-annually for residents. The next session will be in the spring. For more information, please contact Lt. Michael Mounts at 847.810.3881 or mountsm@cityoflakeforest.com.

IN THE COMMUNITY

Would you like the Fire Department to attend your special event? We can visit your special events, give presentations to a group, or host tours. For more information, please contact Division Chief Mike Gallo at gallom@cityoflakeforest.com or 847.810.3866.

Staying Safe

Lake Forest Police Department

SIGN UP FOR SMART911

Smart911 is a free service to help you plan ahead for emergencies. If you ever need to call 9-1-1 for a medical emergency, house fire, car accident, or other incident, Smart911 will provide 9-1-1 with the information you have entered to get you help faster. Smart911 is a national service available in Lake Forest, Lake Bluff, and many other North Shore communities, as well as in Chicago. For more information, please contact Barbara Lueder-Manetti luederb@cityoflakeforest.com or at 847.810.3801.

Get the Lake Forest Now App

Where can you pay your water bill, report a City sidewalk for snow removal, and find the details for the Tree Lighting Ceremony? In the **Lake Forest Now** App! Over 2,000 people use Lake Forest Now to find information about what's happening in the City. Download the App at cityoflakeforest.com/LFNow.

Saturday Market in Settler's Square

Plans are underway for a new Saturday market in the Waukegan Road/Settler's Business District. It will be uniquely Lake Forest with local businesses and regional vendors offering seasonal produce, gifts, pet supplies, home goods, and more. And, to create a casual, celebratory atmosphere, we are inviting food and beverage vendors, artisans, artists, and performers of all ages to be part of the market.

A Winter themed market is planned inside the Telegraph Road Train Station on Saturdays between Thanksgiving and Christmas. For details visit cityoflakeforest.com/SaturdayMarket.



Working for You

Public Works

YARD WASTE REMINDERS

Effective December 1, yard waste collections will reduce to once weekly collection. A few friendly yard waste reminders:

- Yard waste is collected on the same day as your recycling.
- Yard waste must be placed in biodegradable brown paper lawn and leaf bags.
- A City of Lake Forest yard waste sticker must be affixed to each yard waste bag.
- Purchase stickers at the Municipal Services Building, City Hall, and at various local businesses.
- Please place all yard waste bags at the curb with the affixed yard waste sticker facing the street.
- Contaminants such as planter containers, dirt, sod, or refuse material cannot be mixed with the yard waste material.

- All yard waste must be placed at the curb by 7 am. Yard waste may not be placed at the curb prior to 24 hours before the scheduled pickup.

For more information, please visit cityoflakeforest.com/YardWaste.

CITY GIFT POLICY REMINDER

As a reminder, the City policy prohibits its employees from accepting gifts (including cash). If you would like to thank an employee, please send a card or letter which can be placed in the personnel file or make a donation to charity in the name of the employee or department. Acceptable gifts, such as cookies or candy, can be delivered at City buildings to share with whole departments. Thank you for these goodies, which can be shared by all who work throughout the year to provide excellent City services.

COMPOST/RECYCLING CENTER

Did you know the City operates a Compost/Recycling Center? Located on the south side of Route 60 west of Waukegan Road, Lake Forest residents can drop off yard waste and various unwanted household items for proper disposal at the Compost/Recycling Center.

How does it work?

- Residents using the site must display a current Lake Forest vehicle sticker on their vehicle windshield. Driver's licenses will not be accepted as proof of residency.
- Acceptable items: yard waste, unwanted household items, electronics (computers, printers, DVDs, VCRs, and televisions), metal cans, glass, newspapers, magazines, plastic bags, corrugated cardboard, office paper for recycling.
- Unacceptable items: appliances with CFCs, asbestos, batteries, paints/chemicals, tires and food waste.
- Commercial contractor use of this facility is not allowed.

Fall Hours (through Nov. 30)

Saturday: 8 am-5 pm

Sunday: 9 am-5 pm

Winter Hours (Dec. 1-Mar. 14)

Saturday: 8 am-3 pm

For more information, please call the Sanitation Section at 847.615.4264 or visit cityoflakeforest.com/CompostCenter.



CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY COLLECTION SCHEDULE

City offices will be closed on Friday, December 24 and Monday, December 27 in observance of the Christmas Holiday. There will be no change to the refuse, recycling, or yard waste collection.

The Compost Center will be closed on Saturday, December 25 in observance of the Christmas Holiday.

NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY COLLECTION SCHEDULE

City offices will be closed on Friday, December 31 in observance of the New Year's Holiday. There will be no change to the refuse, recycling, or yard waste collection.

The Compost Center will be closed on Saturday, January 1 in observance of New Year's Day.

For further information on refuse collection services, or to report a missed collection, please call the Sanitation Section automated phone system at 847.615.4264.

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

Throughout the month of January, Christmas trees will be picked up at the curb on regularly scheduled recycling days. Trees collected curbside are ground up and composted. The mulch is then available in limited quantities at the Compost & Recycling Center for residents to use in gardens, planters, etc. in the spring through fall. To be collected, trees **1.** must be free of all lights and ornamentation, **2.** must be cut in six-foot lengths, and **3.** cannot be in plastic tree bags.



GENERAL SNOW REMOVAL INFORMATION

- After a minimum 2-inch snowfall, parking is not permitted on City maintained roads until it has been cleared edge to edge. Parked vehicles may be towed at the owner's expense.
- When shoveling your driveway of snow, the best way to assure that the snowplows clearing the street will minimize the amount of snow left in an

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already cleared driveway is to shovel snow in the direction of traffic and also make a pocket on the opposite side of your driveway.

- By doing this, snow that has accumulated on the plow will dump into that pocket, and will reduce the possibility of snowplows inadvertently making your driveway snowbound.
- When removing snow from your driveway, do not shove, push or plow it onto the public roadway, as this will create a slippery and hazardous surface when traffic passes over it. Also, don't push it to the other side of the road, as this would create a narrower area in the roadway.
- When piling snow at your driveway entrance, make low mounds so the roadway is clearly visible in both directions so children cannot hide behind them. If they are hidden behind a pile of snow the snowplow driver may not see them.
- Clear an area in front of your mailbox so USPS can easily approach.
- If there is a fire hydrant on your property, shovel a path to and around it from the roadway.



Memories, History, and Final Rest

Lake Forest Cemetery

1525 Lake Rd
847.615.4341
lakeforestcemetery@
cityoflakeforest.com
cityoflakeforest.com/cemetery

BEAUTIFUL, TIMELESS AND AVAILABLE

Located on Lake Road, the Lake Forest Cemetery has a variety of interment options available for Lake Forest residents. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Lake

MAILBOX REPLACEMENT POLICY

If you believe a City snowplow caused damage to your mailbox, please report the damage by contacting the Public Works Department at 847.810.3543 or using the "Report a Problem" feature in the Lake Forest Now App. If the report is made within 48 hours of damage and it is determined that the City snowplow made the damage, the City's Streets Section will repair the damage. If damages are too significant for repair, the post will be replaced with a standard 4x4 treated pole and the box will be replaced with a standard-issue black box. If you make the repair yourself, the City's policy also allows reimbursement up to \$50 toward the purchase and installation of a replacement mailbox, as long as an itemized receipt is provided. A properly secured and placed mailbox should follow USPS mailbox installation standards available at USPS.com.



Forest Cemetery continues to offer a beautiful and dignified resting place for the residents of Lake Forest. Residents are encouraged to visit the cemetery to experience its beauty first-hand. To learn more please contact the Cemetery Office.

WINTER DECORATIONS

In November, we will begin taking orders for evergreen grave blankets and wreaths to be placed at loved ones' gravesites. Wreath prices start at \$70 and include the stand. These seasonal grave decorations are placed by the Cemetery staff around the second week of December and then removed in the spring. Order forms can be found online at cityoflakeforest.com/cemetery.



GATEHOUSE VISITS

The Lake Forest Cemetery Gatehouse (located at 520 E. Spruce Avenue) is open to the public by appointment. To schedule an appointment, please contact the Cemetery Office.

More Than a Senior Center

Dickinson Hall

100 E. Old Mill Rd
847.234.2209
DickinsonHall.com

What do you think of when someone says the words senior center? It's time to update your vision! Dickinson Hall is a vibrant, action-packed combination of local fitness center, job and volunteering headquarters, and transportation hub.

Dickinson Hall offers everything from trips and special events to fine arts and crafts, music, lifelong learning, and fitness and health programs. Just check out these examples:

Social Services. Dickinson Hall has resources to assist you and your aging parents. Connecting with our Senior Advocate, Janet Fryer, gives you the opportunity to tap into her vast resources to help you maneuver effortlessly through life's many changes.

Transportation. There is transportation available for Lake Forest and Lake Bluff residents who need assistance getting to appointments, grocery shopping, and much more within the area.

Stop by and get to know us!



Serving Readers and More

Lake Forest Library

360 E Deerpath
847.234.0636
lakeforestlibrary.com

Visit Lake Forest Library and enjoy multiple improvements:

- Faster and more reliable internet and WiFi
- A beautiful and refreshed Foyer, including an exhibit on the Rotunda murals
- New self check-out services available soon
- A new Read-Along Collection featuring Wonderbooks, print books with a ready-to-play audiobook inside, perfect for beginning or reluctant readers
- In-person, hybrid, and virtual programs for all ages

Sign up for Weekly eNews

Wondering what's happening with the City of Lake Forest? Sign up for our Weekly eNews for updates from City departments, upcoming events, community spotlights, and more! It's similar to this newsletter but more frequent and even more fun. Get started at cityoflakeforest.com/engage.

Keep the Forest Green

Environmental Sustainability

PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT IN WINTER WEATHER

Winter weather brings a new set of environmental challenges to The City of Lake Forest. As snow and ice accumulate, they can become contaminated

with salt, litter, dirt, and other harmful pollutants. During the spring, those pollutants wash away and can clog storm drains and impact the water quality of our waterways, ravines, and stormwater. Emissions from idling car engines, gas-fueled snow removal equipment like snow blowers, and wood-burning fires can negatively impact air quality and harm our health. We encourage you to “go green” for the holiday season by reducing waste, saving energy, and more!

1. Leaves make great mulch!

Leaves falling from trees can return important nutrients back to the soil, keep it covered, and naturally fertilized. Mulching leaves over your lawn provides a layer of protection, suppresses weeds in the spring, and returns important minerals and nutrients taken by the tree from the ground. Mulching leaves this fall will not kill your grass; it will make it stronger.



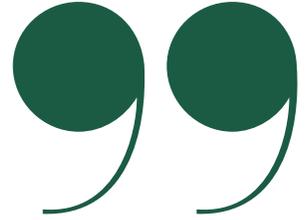
2. Use gasoline-alternative snow blowers and consider environmentally-friendly deicers and salts.

Battery, electric or hybrid-powered snow blowers help keep our air clean, use less fossil fuels, and help prevent gasoline spills and leaks. Did you know that most deicers, such as rock salt and calcium chloride, can be dangerous for children, pets, and the environment? There are environmentally-friendly options, so look for the official “Design for the Environment (DfE)” designation when shopping your local hardware store for these products.



In Lake Forest, we're really fortunate to live in a conservation community where everyone can access and participate in nature, helping in their own way.

- John Sentell, President of the Lake Forest Open Lands Association



3. Have a water-efficient

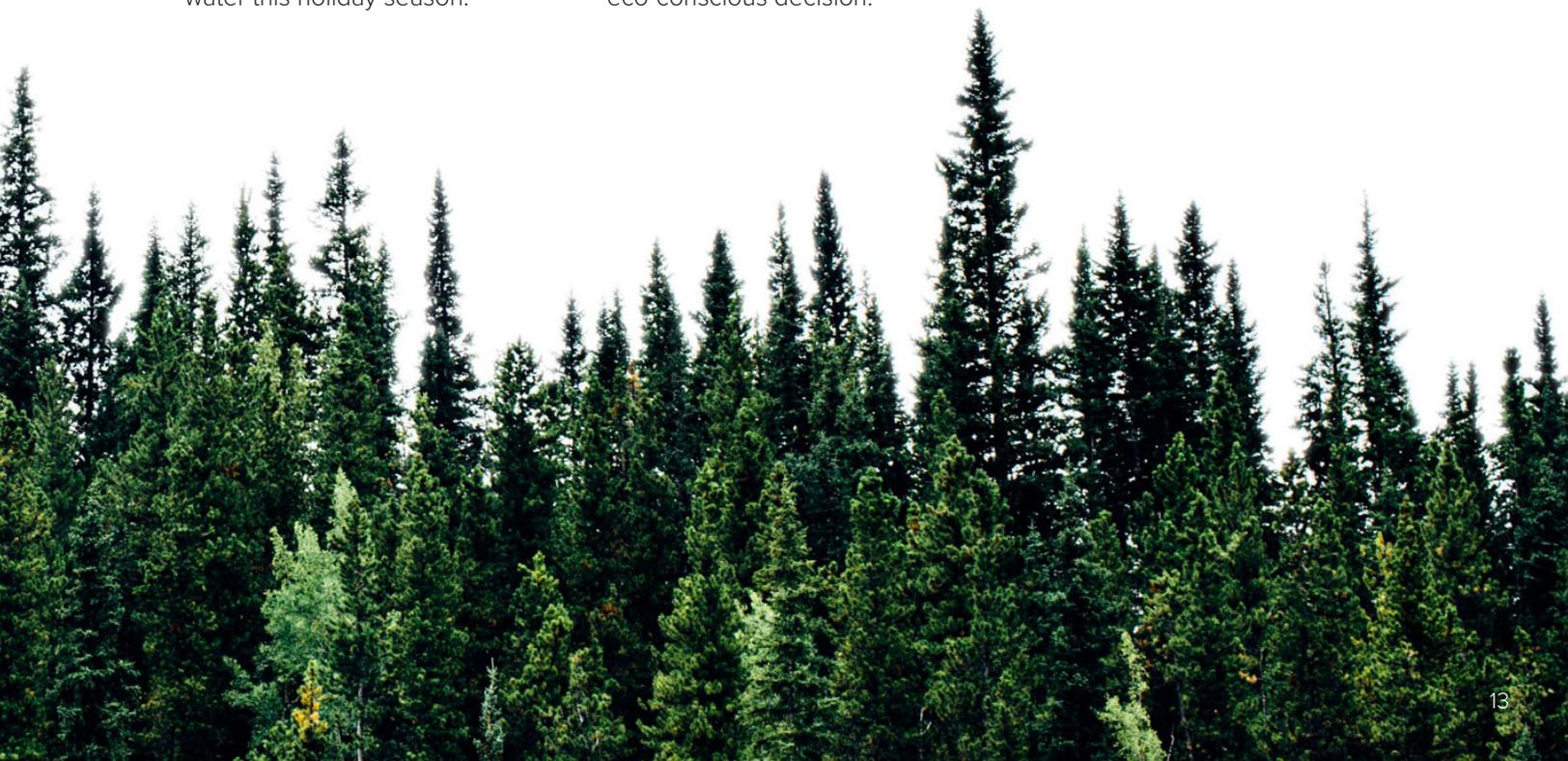
H2Oidday! Holiday meal and party preparation and cleaning can require more water than ordinary, everyday use. Did you know running your tap continuously while preparing food or washing dishes can use more than two gallons of water every minute? Scrape dirty dishes clean before you put them in the dishwasher, or fill the sink with a few gallons of soapy wash water to conserve water this holiday season.

4. Close the recycling loop.

Did you know that many articles of clothing, such as jackets, scarves, gloves, and boots are now made from recycled material? Fleece products are made from recycled plastic soda bottles, and certain clothing and shoe manufacturers use recycled cotton scraps and rubber tires. Before you toss that old clothing or plastic in your waste bin, visit bartthecart.com to learn how you can make an eco-conscious decision.

5. Lower your thermostat and

save money. Each one-degree reduction in your thermostat - maintained for eight hours - could reduce your home energy bill by 1%. For more recommendations, consider taking advantage of ComEd's Energy Assessment to learn more about how you can save energy and money this winter, visit comed.com for details.



Your First Choice for Fun!

Lake Forest Parks & Recreation

As a staple in the community for over 75 years, we are proud to be the community's first choice for fun in Lake Forest. The City of Lake Forest's Parks and Recreation Department offers a wide range of recreational programs including athletics, sailing, camps, art, dance, fitness, golf, court sports, nature, and more. Generations of families have made lifelong memories participating in programs and attending our community events; they are truly a Lake Forest tradition!

About us:

- The Recreation Center is home to The Lake Forest Fitness Center, Kinderhaven Preschool Academy, Lake Forest Dance Academy, a gymnasium, racquetball/squash courts, and administrative offices.



- Outdoor ice skating at West Park in the winter provides family fun and memories that last a lifetime.
- The Wildlife Discovery Center is a living museum and biological station at historic Elawa Farm, situated alongside the Middlefork Savanna, a 670-acre wildlife habitat in Lake Forest. Stop by with the family and enjoy all of the amazing animals that have been rescued and completely spoiled by the WDC staff.
- Forest Park Beach is the crown jewel of Lake Forest, and we invite you to visit this spectacular beach and park any time of the year!
- Deerpath Golf Course is set amid spectacular mature trees, bridges, paths, ponds, and streams. This 18-hole public course with driving range, clubhouse services, lesson program, golf shop, and dining at The Sandwedge Grill, welcomes residents and visitors to enjoy the green space.
- With almost 200 acres of developed parks along with 11 miles of bike trails and over 20 miles of nature and walking trails, our parks offer a beautiful environment for everyone to enjoy the outdoors.

Don't miss our holiday events including the 37th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony, Winter Dance Spectacular, Santa's Drive-Thru Visit, and more. Winter 2022 events include the Daddy Daughter Princess Ball, and Flannels & Flapjacks Mother & Son Pancake Breakfast. Visit our website and follow us on social media for more pop-up events this season!



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@lfparksandrec

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

CROYA

Committee
Representing
Our Young
Adults

CROYA is the youth organization for Lake Forest, Lake Bluff, and Knollwood and is currently open for all 6th-12th graders! CROYA has drop-in hours after school from 3:30-5:30 pm, where youth can play all sorts of games, hang out with friends, and sign up for service projects, social programs, and more! The CROYA Staff works closely with LFHS, DPM, and LBMS, providing support for school programs and bringing CROYA programming into the schools. The best example is Peer Training, an 11-week course that is co-taught by CROYA Staff and LFHS Staff. Students attend once per week during their study hall and learn about leadership, active listening, problem-solving, and what to do when a student or a friend is struggling with a serious issue. Peer Training is also a great way to meet new friends. Peer Trained students have the opportunity to apply for leadership positions like being a CROYA Retreat Leader, or a member of the CROYA Executive Committee.

If you are new to the Lake Forest community, please come



meet our staff and take a tour of the CROYA Student Union. We have a multi-purpose facility that includes a performance stage, recording studio, wellness studio, and great spaces to hang out with friends. CROYA is also the home of Activator Music Academy which teaches music lessons to youth. Learn to play guitar, piano, drums, bass, vocals, or stringed instruments.

A waiver and masks are required for anyone attending CROYA meetings, after-school hours, or programs.

CROYA is located on the north side of the Lake Forest Rec Center at 400 Hastings Rd.

COMING UP AT CROYA

After School Drop-In

M-F, 3:30-5:30 pm

Middle School Youth Meetings

Tuesdays 4-5 pm

High School Youth Meetings

Wednesdays 7-8 pm

High School Fall Retreat

November 19-21

Poinsettia Sale

October 20 - November 17

Poinsettia Pick-up and Delivery

December 3-4

CROYA.com

847.810.3980

E-Newsletter: Sign up at

CROYA.com

Instagram: @CROYALFLB

Facebook: @CROYALFLB1980

Calendar

NOVEMBER

1-17

CROYA Poinsettia Sales

CROYA.com

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Picture Postcards with Katherine Hamilton-Smith

History Center of Lake Forest-Lake Bluff, lfbhistory.org
7 pm

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Conservation Cocktails (Recurring Event)

Lake Forest Open Lands, lfola.org
6-7:30 pm

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Gorton Center Live: Christina Trullio

Gorton Center, gortoncenter.org
7-8:30 pm

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Milestone Travels: Leaving Home to Find Yourself

History Center of Lake Forest-Lake Bluff, lfbhistory.org
7pm

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37th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony

Friends of Lake Forest Parks & Recreation Foundation
lfparksandrec.com
3-5 pm

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Take a Hike Day

Lake Forest Open Lands, lfola.org
9 am-12 pm

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Cocoa Crawl & Small Business Saturday

LF/LB Chamber of Commerce, LFLBChamber.com
All Day

*There's a lot happening in
Lake Forest this season!*

VISIT CITYOFLAKEFOREST.COM/CALENDAR FOR
EVENT LOCATIONS, DETAILS, AND A WHOLE LOT MORE.

DECEMBER

3-5

Elawa Farm Holiday Market

Elawa Farm, elawafarm.org
10 am - 4 pm

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Winter Dance Spectacular

Lake Forest Dance Academy, lfparksandrec.com
4 pm

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Gingerbread House STEAM Challenge

Lake Forest Library, lakeforestlibrary.org
4 pm

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Pilgrimage and Religious Transformation through Travel

History Center of Lake Forest-Lake Bluff, lfbhistory.org
7 pm

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Peanuts Jazz with the Chris White Trio

Gorton Center, gortoncenter.org
7-8:30 pm

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Santa's Drive Thru Visit

Lake Forest Parks & Recreation, lfparksandrec.com
10 am

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Gingerbread House Decorating Party

Gorton Center, gortoncenter.org
1-3 pm

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Holly Jolly Concert with the Lake Forest Civic Orchestra

Gorton Center, gortoncenter.org
3-4:30 pm

JANUARY

10

Nonfiction at Night Book Group

Lake Forest Library, lakeforestlibrary.org
7 pm

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Little Historians (Recurring Event)

History Center of Lake Forest-Lake Bluff, lfbhistory.org
10 am

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Conservation Cocktails

Lake Forest Open Lands, lfola.org
6-7:30 pm

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History Trivia Night

History Center of Lake Forest-Lake Bluff, lfbhistory.org
6:30 pm

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Gorton

400 E Illinois Rd
gortoncenter.org

Gorton Community Center, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, is located in the heart of Lake Forest at the corner of McKinley and Illinois, housed in the historic former home of Gorton School. It's one of those places in town where everyone comes together!

"Gorton loves being a part of the vibrant fabric of our community," states Ann Wildman, Gorton's Director of Events. "Gorton offers live music, storytelling, and family entertainment, as well as annual events like Dog Day, Block Party and Kids' Only Holiday Shop." Gorton's robust film program brings the best of cinema and beloved classics to the big



screen in the state-of-the-art John & Nancy Hughes Theater. Additionally, adults and children find quality classes at Gorton like theater, cooking and wellness classes, games, arts & crafts, STEM, and more.

Gorton also houses the Children's Learning Center, which offers a flexible, membership-based program providing quality early childhood care, education, and activities for children six-weeks-old through 5 years of age. The center offers care during the school year daily

through standing reservations that can be made any time in advance from 8:15 am-4 pm and runs nine weeks of morning camp in the summer.

Did you know Gorton rents their beautiful spaces to you? Every day, community members gather at Gorton to celebrate life's events and for meetings of all kinds, including theater rentals for movie parties and larger performances. And, Gorton is home to eight other nonprofit organizations that have offices in the building, bringing their missions closer to our communities.

There is something for everyone at Gorton! Please look for Gorton's The Window newsletter quarterly in your mailbox and find the most up-to-date information anytime at gortoncenter.org.

Resident Recipe

From the Pandaleon's Kitchen

"This is an old family recipe from Peggy's grandmother, who was born in Budapest. It pairs wonderfully with any big round red wine like Zinfandel, California Cabernet, Merlot, Malbec or Petit Sirah." - Mayor George Pandaleon

HUNGARIAN GOULASH

Serves 4

Ingredients:

2 T. vegetable or olive oil
3/4 tsp. Caraway seeds
1 1/2 lb. boneless beef stew meat
1/2 c. dry red wine

2 large onions, chopped
1 cup hot water
1 1/2 T. paprika
1 can (6 oz.) tomato sauce
Salt and pepper
2 beef bouillon cubes

INSTRUCTIONS:

Cook onions in oil until tender, but not brown. Add paprika. Brown beef with onions, season with salt and pepper. Add remaining ingredients, cover and simmer for about 3 hours or until tender. Add water or wine, if sauce cooks down. Serve over noodles.

"Got a great recipe?"

Share it here with your neighbors! Send your recipes to cityhall@cityoflakeforest.com to be featured in a future *Dialogue*.

City Information



City Meetings

CITY COUNCIL:

Mondays, 6:30 pm: 11/1, 11/8 (*Workshop*), 11/15, 12/6, 1/18, 2/7

BUILDING REVIEW BOARD:

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm: 11/3, 12/1, 1/5, 2/2

PLAN COMMISSION:

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm: 11/10, 12/8, 1/12, 2/9

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION:

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm: 1/26, 2/23

Public meeting dates are subject to change, for the latest information please visit: cityoflakeforest.com/PublicMeetings

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City Hall

220 E. Deerpath
Monday - Friday, 8 am - 4:30 pm

Municipal Services Center

800 N. Field Dr
Monday - Friday, 8 am - 4:30 pm

Public Safety Building

(Police and Fire Departments)
255 W. Deerpath
Call 911 for all emergencies
Non-emergency 847.234.2601
Lobby Hours:
Monday - Saturday, 8 am to 6 pm

Recreation Center

400 Hastings Rd
847.234.6700
Front Desk Hours:
Monday-Friday, 8:30 am - 5 pm
Saturday: 8:30 am - 2 pm

CROYA

400 Hastings Rd
847.810.3980
Monday-Friday, 8:30 am - 5:30 pm

Dickinson Hall

100 E. Old Mill Rd
847.234.2209
Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 4 pm

Compost/Recycling Center

1381 W. Kennedy Rd (located at the south side of Rte. 60, west of Waukegan Road)
Fall Hours (through Nov. 30)
Saturday: 8 am - 5 pm
Sunday: 9 am - 5 pm
Winter Hours (Dec. 1-Mar. 14)
Saturday: 8 am - 3 pm

Lake Forest Cemetery

1525 N. Lake Rd
October - April, 8 am - 4:30 pm
May - September, 8 am - 8 pm

Cemetery Gatehouse

520 Spruce Ave
Call 847.615.4341 for appointment

Postage-Free Mail

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Let's continue the conversation.

We've opened up *The Dialogue*. Now let's keep the conversation going. How do we do that? We listen to you, the residents of our community, encouraging engagement and interaction. We want your feedback on the things that matter to you. It makes all of us sharper and better equipped to take on the day. **Here are some ways you can further engage and keep the dialogue going:**



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