



# On the Bluff

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*On the Bluff* is a publication of the Village of Lake Bluff, the Lake Bluff Park District, and Lake Bluff School District 65 as part of ongoing efforts to cooperate, provide mutual support, and share services to increase efficiencies for our shared taxpayers. Please let us know what you think, and what you'd like to read about. Email or call any of the contacts listed inside.

## Village News

### Landscape waste reminders

Autumn has arrived and the leaves are falling fast. To assist residents in the proper disposal of leaves, brush and other landscape waste this season, the Village offers the following disposal guidelines:

- ▶ Bundle or bag landscape waste in a Kraft-type paper bag (available at home improvement stores everywhere) no larger than 32 gallon capacity or 50 pounds in weight;
- ▶ Individual pieces of brush and/or branches are not to exceed 6 inches in diameter;
- ▶ Bundle waste to ensure it does not exceed 2 feet in diameter and 4 feet in length overall or exceed 50 pounds; and
- ▶ Ensure bundled waste is securely tied with only twine as plastic, metal or rope ties are prohibited at compost sites.

The Village encourages residents who use professional landscapers for yard maintenance to share these guidelines with the crew members.

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## Park District News

### Vote November 4 For your health – For your family – For your community

This November, residents will have the opportunity to vote on a proposed referendum to improve our community's parks.

We are requesting this referendum because our current needs exceed capital reserves. Through responsible planning and budgeting, including input from community members, we achieved financial stability for ongoing operations and have the highest fund balance in 10 years. In addition, we have had four consecutive years of a budget surplus, and achieved a AA+ bond rating. Even with this success, the needed repairs and improvements exceed annual operating budget costs. After much consideration – and a desire to do the right thing for the community – the Park Board determined that in order to meet the minimum improvements needed to maintain Park District facilities and services, the only option was to make this request.

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## School District News

### Increasing the emphasis on writing

Throughout life, good writing can be a gateway to success. To ensure that Lake Bluff students become proficient in all types of writing, District 65 is renewing its emphasis on writing – and to pack a bigger punch, writing will be emphasized in *all* areas of study.

From Kindergarten through 8th Grade, there will be an increased emphasis on opinion and argument writing across all study areas. This will give students repeated opportunities to practice different kinds of writing, explore the connection between reading and writing, and benefit from explicit, assessment-based feedback and guidance on a regular basis.

Throughout the grades, specific reading will coincide with writing lessons. For example, in Kindergarten, how-to books will lead to persuasive writing as the students learn how to share their opinions. In 2nd Grade, reading lab reports and science books will be springboards to writing about reading.

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# News from the Village of Lake Bluff

## Upcoming election information

### Political campaign and message signs reminder:

As the election season is underway, the Village would like to make residents aware of the following regulations concerning political campaign and message signs:

- ▶ During election season (65 days prior to and 7 days after election): permitted one sign per candidate or issue; sign shall not exceed 6 sq. ft. in size and shall not exceed 4 ft. above the ground.
- ▶ During non-election season: permitted multiple signs per candidate or issue; sign shall not exceed 6 sq. ft. in size and shall not exceed 4 ft. above the ground; and may only have up to 18 sq. ft. of area for all signs posted on the lot.

As a helpful guideline to ensure signs are placed on private property and not in the public parkway, residents are encouraged to post signs on the side of the sidewalk closest to the house. Please know illumination of political campaign and message signs is not permitted. Also, the measurement of the area of a sign includes both sign faces if the sign is double-sided. For questions regarding signage, please contact Village Hall at 847-234-0774.

### Election information:

Candidate Petition Packets for the April 7, 2015 Consolidated Election are now available at Village Hall (40 E. Center Avenue) during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) for Village Trustee (3), Village Clerk (1) and Library Trustee (3) positions. Nomination papers may be filed at Village Hall in person by the candidate or a representative, or by mail. Nomination papers must be filed from December 15th through December 22nd.

For additional information on the November 4, 2014 General Election regarding voting by mail procedures, early voting times and locations and Election Day polling locations, or to check your voter registration status, please visit <http://countyclerk.lakecountyil.gov/> or call 847-377-2400.

## Pet waste and water quality

When you clean up after your pet, do you dump the waste in the street or storm sewer? Do you leave it to decay on the sidewalk or in the grass or ravines near the street? Do you not clean up at all after your pet? If so, you are not only violating local laws, but you may be contributing to pollution and health problems.

### Are you polluting Lake Michigan or the East Skokie River?

Pollutants from pet waste that are not picked up or improperly disposed pet waste may be washed into storm sewers, drainage swales and the ravines by rain or melting snow. For those residents living east of Green Bay Road all storm water runoff eventually drains into Lake Michigan. For those residents living west of Green Bay Road all storm runoff drains into the East Skokie River. There is no treatment plant for stormwater runoff.

When pet waste is washed into lakes and streams the waste decays and uses up oxygen and sometimes releases ammonia. Low oxygen levels and ammonia combined with warm temperatures can kill fish. Pet waste also contains nutrients that encourage weed and algae growth. Overly fertile water becomes cloudy and green – unattractive for recreational activities. Pet waste also carries diseases which makes water unsafe for swimming or drinking.

### Are you risking your health?

When pet waste is disposed of improperly, not only water quality suffers, but personal health may be at risk as well. Pets, children who play outdoors and adults who garden are most at risk for infection from the bacteria and parasites found in pet waste. Flies may also spread diseases from animal waste. Also, diseases or parasites can be transmitted from pet waste to humans. Pet waste may not be the largest or most toxic pollutant in urban waterways, but it is one source of pollution that contributes to a larger problem. The Village would like to share the following tips residents can use to help keep water clean:

Flush it down the toilet: the water from a toilet goes to a septic system or sewage treatment plant that removes most pollutants before the water reaches lakes and streams. To prevent plumbing problems, do not try to flush debris such as rocks, sticks or cat litter. Cat feces may be scooped out and flushed down the toilet, but used litter should be put in a securely closed bag in the trash.

Put it in the trash: when taking family pets for a walk, carry a bag, shovel, or a waste handling device with you. Any waste left by the animal must be cleaned up immediately. Always remove waste from areas where children play as they are the most frequent victims of diseases from pet waste.

*Adapted from University of Wisconsin–Extension in cooperation with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.*

## Village President's message

Dear Neighbor,

Like every year it feels as if summer is here and gone before we know it. Although quick, I sure don't feel short changed with all the fun and festive events that took place in Lake Bluff over the past few months. The Farmers Market, 4th of July Parade, Artists on the Bluff Art Fair, Foodstock, Lake Bluff Criterium Bike Race, and the numerous downtown community block parties were fun opportunities to heighten Lake Bluff's sense of community and nurture intergenerational connections. True to our camp town meeting roots, Lake Bluffers sure know how to celebrate the summer months!

As is typical with most summer seasons the Village receives its fair share of rainfall. Earlier in May, Lake Bluff experienced a significant rain storm producing 2.5 to 4 inches of rainfall within a 12 hour period. Based on locations used to measure local rainfall the Village received the highest intensity and volume of rainfall during this event in the Lake County area. One of the rain gauges used by the Illinois Department of Transportation had the rain event at four inches which translates into a 112-year storm event. The Campbell Court Subdivision area and the W. Scranton Avenue underpass of the railroad tracks/Sheridan Rd. were two of the hardest hit areas in Lake Bluff. To assist the Village in (i) determining the causes of flooding and (ii) developing short and long term solution alternatives to reduce the risk of future flooding, the Village has contracted with Christopher B. Burke Engineering – a professional engineering firm with expertise in stormwater analysis – to complete a Phase I Stormwater Drainage Analysis of the two areas; these alternatives will be developed to a concept level so that the flood reduction benefits can be quantified and an engineer's estimate of cost can be prepared for each alternative.

As you may recall reading about in the most recent newsletter, last year the Village embarked on a downtown parking study to: (i) maximize the effectiveness and efficiencies of existing parking; and (ii) identify trends that may require additional resources or improvements. The Village's consultant, Rich and Associates, completed field work to determine turnover and occupancy rates, gathered data on current and future parking demands and needs, and

sought public input using a variety of engagement tools. Following a presentation of the results the Village Board accepted the report in which the Consultant developed ten recommendations promoting a "best practices" approach for the Village to consider when addressing downtown parking strategies. To maximize our use of the existing parking infrastructure, and to deter merchants and downtown employees from occupying the spaces closest to their businesses, the Police Department has increased parking enforcement efforts. In preparation for the upcoming FY16 budget planning process Staff will evaluate and recommend an implementation plan for the Finance Committee to consider. Visit [lakebluff.org](http://lakebluff.org) to read the full report.

The site preparation and grading for the new Target development along IL Rt. 176 is well underway. At the time of this publication the Village anticipates Target will begin with construction of their new Silver LEED certified store in December. Construction of the three outlot buildings will begin following the site preparation work. According to the developer, Oxford Real Estate Equities, construction of the outlot buildings is scheduled to coincide with that of the Target store to allow businesses to open concurrently with Target next summer. In addition to the new commercial development it is equally exciting to witness the transformation of the existing Carriage Way Shopping Center with Heinen's grocery store as its new tenant. The interior renovation work is almost complete and the Village anticipates Heinen's opening its doors before November; these two commercial developments represent an approximate \$33 million investment in the Lake Bluff community. If all goes as planned Lake Bluff will have a new retail development with a variety of restaurant, retail and service offerings – and a new upscale grocery destination – that continues to confirm the viability of a strong retail corridor and business park on the Village's western border.

In addition to all of the commercial activity in town, there is also interest in residential development. On September 17, 2014 the Village Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals recommended approval of the Stonebridge preliminary plan to construct 98 new single-family homes. The Village Board will hear this



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recommendation in October and determine if the plan will continue to the second and final phase of the Planned Residential Development ("PRD") process. To learn more about the PRD process and the Roanoke Group's application materials, check out the Village's website.

Finally, at its meeting on November 24th, the Village Board is scheduled to conduct a public hearing to consider the 2014 property tax levy for the Village and Library. I and the Board encourage all residents to attend and participate in the discussion. Following the public hearing the Village Board will consider the 2014 Property Tax Levy Ordinance. Information will be made available at [lakebluff.org](http://lakebluff.org) prior to the meeting, or should residents have questions, please contact Finance Director Susan Griffin at 847-283-6890.

Best,

Kathleen O'Hara, Village President

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# News from Lake Bluff Park District



## Friends update

The not-for-profit Friends of Lake Bluff Parks has enjoyed a busy and productive year, making substantial progress in its campaign to raise \$50,000 toward updated restrooms and improved access stairs at Sunrise Beach. In 2014 the Friends:

- ▶ produced and sponsored the Lake Bluff Criterium & Block Party on July 19. Through corporate sponsorships, beverage sales, a bicycle raffle and a silent auction for Adirondack chairs created by community artists, the foundation netted over \$9,000 from the event. The Knollwood Neighbors community organization helped produce the chair auction.
- ▶ produced and hosted the Luau! at Sunrise Beach on September 13. Guests dined on roast pig and danced to the live music of local band See Alice. Through ticket and Duck Race Raffle sales, the event generated net proceeds of over \$4,000.
- ▶ benefitted from the Noodles & Co. store opening promotion in April. Restaurant management chose Friends of Lake Bluff Parks as the exclusive non-for-profit distributor of opening evening discount meal coupons, with all proceeds going to the Friends.

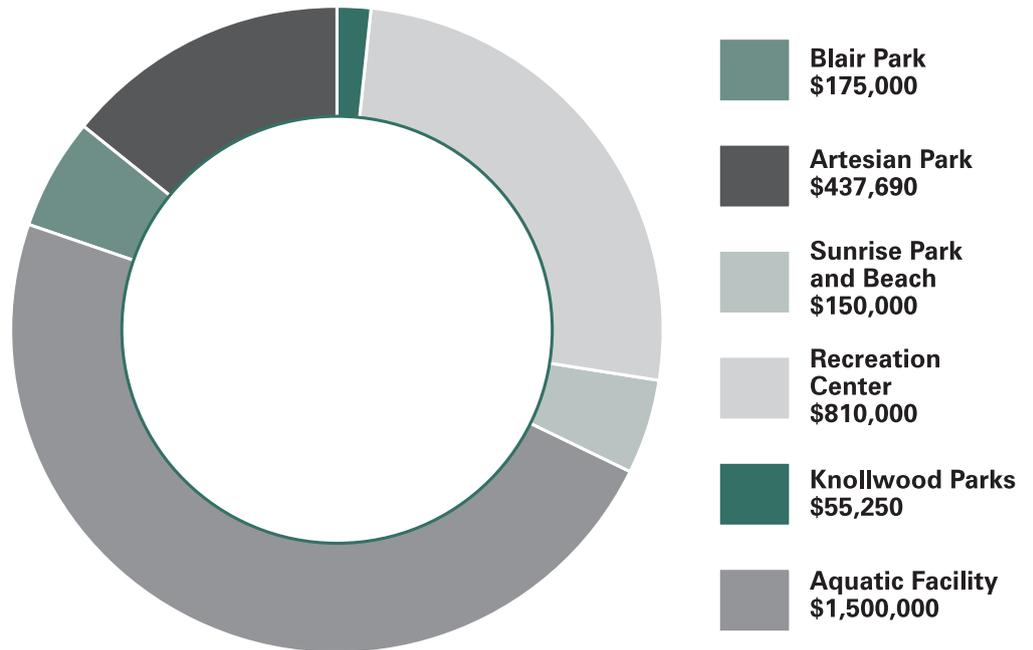
Having passed the halfway mark in the fundraising campaign, the Friends look forward to the possibility of reaching the \$50,000 target with another successful year in 2015.

The Friends are actively seeking qualified candidates for open Trustee positions.

“Our Park District offers such an incredible variety of recreation to everyone in this community. It has been a privilege to be a steward and give back by serving on the Friends Board,” stated Friends Vice President Jennifer Beeler.

Learn more about us at [FriendsofLBParks.org](http://FriendsofLBParks.org).

## The referendum will fund necessary repairs and improvements of current parks and facilities



## Vote November 4

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Funds from the proposed referendum will be used specifically for:

- ▶ **Sunrise Park and Beach: \$150,000**  
Improve, not replace, the steep steps and update the restrooms
- ▶ **Aquatic Facility: \$1,500,000**  
Replace and reopen the Tot Pool. Replace main pool liner, repair the deck, fix the leak and refurbish shade structures. Update, not replace, the restrooms
- ▶ **Artesian Park: \$437,690**  
Replace the walking paths, resurface the tennis courts, replace playground, sealcoat parking lot and replace field house roof
- ▶ **Blair Park: \$175,000**  
Replace walking paths and playground equipment
- ▶ **Knollwood parks: \$55,250**  
Repair walking paths and replace playground equipment
- ▶ **Recreation Center: \$810,000**  
Replace the aging roof and HVAC

In addition, to maintain these parks and facilities in the future, the Park District will commit capital reserves of \$1.3 million over the next 10 years. In an effort to avoid future referendums, the Park District recently developed a Property and Public Land Use Advisory Committee that will provide long-term and sustainable solutions by focusing on the best use of our parks.

We encourage you to get involved by joining a committee and attending an upcoming public meeting. We will hold two public community forums at the Lake Bluff Recreation Center this month where residents can learn more about the referendum, and ask questions.

Visit our website at [www.lakebluffparks.org](http://www.lakebluffparks.org) to learn more about the proposed referendum, details for the community forums and to use our tax calculator to determine the potential impact to your specific tax bill.

**Attend one of the upcoming public community forums at the Lake Bluff Recreation Center this month:**  
**Thursday, October 9 at 9:15 am**  
**Saturday, October 11 at 9:00 am**

## Park Board President's message

Dear Lake Bluff Park District Residents:

This was an incredible summer at the Park District. Despite the spring-like temperatures in July and August, Sunrise Park & Beach saw increased attendance compared to 2013. It was wonderful to see so many guests visiting our facilities every day.

I'm sure many of you have heard by now that the Park District will add a question to the November 4 ballot. We are all about maintaining the quality of life in Lake Bluff, and we can support this by responsibly maintaining the quality of the facilities that are beloved by many of us who live here. "Bluffers" take pride in our beautiful Sunrise Park & Beach and the centerpiece of Lake Bluff, Artesian Park. We love our 50-meter swimming pool and miss watching our young ones splash and play in the wading pool. We enjoy watching our children and grandchildren dance, learn and play at the Recreation Center. We even look forward to our next workout at the Lake Bluff Health and Fitness Center – even more so than walking out the door when it's finished! Lake Bluff takes great pride in community and it is our goal to maintain the level of service that the community expects. *Find more information about the referendum on pages 1 and 4.*

While staff has worked hard to increase revenues and participation, the Board has continued to diligently pursue avenues to save money. We developed a Lake Bluff/Lake Forest Joint Task Force to explore shared services and capital opportunities related to Parks and Recreation. *Learn more about the Task Force at right.* We established a citizen Property and Public Land Use Advisory Committee to help determine best uses of all property and land and we continue to apply for grants to help supplement the costs of repairs and long term sustainability. The Park District has a clear vision of the future and an understanding of what it will take to get there.

I encourage you to visit our website, [www.lakebluffparks.org](http://www.lakebluffparks.org), where you can learn more details of the proposed referendum. Then get out and vote on November 4. Vote for your health, for your family and for your community

Best regards,

Kevin Considine, Board President



## Lake Bluff/Lake Forest Joint Task Force

In collaboration with the City of Lake Forest, the Lake Bluff Park District created a Joint Task Force to explore opportunities for shared resources, capital and land use. Four residents from each community participated in the Joint Task Force, along with one advisory staff member from the Park District as well as the Recreation Department of the City of Lake Forest. Lake Bluff residents Chris Mosbarger, Brock Gordon, Al Trefts and Niki Walsh represented Lake Bluff on the Task Force. The Task Force met monthly between October 28, 2013 and July, 2014.

The goal was to find greater efficiencies and enhancements for the benefit of the residents in both communities. It also sought to foster dialogue between residents and staff of both communities.

The Joint Task Force performed a detailed examination of recreation programming, the beaches, golf courses and the Lake Bluff aquatic facility, and then provided recommendations to each community's boards.

These recommendations include increased promotion of services or activities offered by only one community, joint training of staff within similar operations, and potential shared expenditures with future capital purchases.

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### Park Board Meetings

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

The public is invited to attend meetings. Please visit [www.lakebluffparks.org](http://www.lakebluffparks.org) for Committee meeting agendas and to view all regular Board meetings online.

**Vote November 4**

**For your health.**

**For your family.**

**For your community.**

# News from the Lake Bluff Schools



## Celebrating 25 years with a new logo

The Alliance for Excellence – the nonprofit educational foundation devoted to supporting innovative programs and materials in the Lake Bluff schools – has a new logo.

The original design was created by Chantal Varco, a 2014 grad in Carolyn Bielski's Advanced Graphic Design class at Lake Forest High School. When in full color, the logo shows a flourishing green tree with many sizes of branches and leaves, representing the Alliance's long-standing partnership with District 65 teachers. Bright red apples portray the diverse arts, technology, and reading programs supported by the Alliance, and a child reaching up symbolizes the organization's commitment to helping students reach their highest potential.

Each year, teachers and staff submit grant requests to the Alliance to fund programs, materials, and technologies that enrich curriculum and inspire the joy of learning.

Some recently supported grants have included the purchase of ukuleles for 6th grade music, presentations by author Aaron Reynolds, and SLR video cameras for digital storytelling.

"In this 25th anniversary year, we are looking forward to continuing our support of teachers' initiatives across the grade levels and educational disciplines," says Emily McBean, Alliance president. "The Alliance for Excellence is very grateful for the community's ongoing financial support, as it allowed us to fund \$22,000 worth of grants in the 2013/2014 school year.

The Alliance for Excellence will kick off its single yearly fundraiser in November. To donate and to learn more, please visit [www.lb65alliance.org](http://www.lb65alliance.org).



Lake Bluff Middle School students tackled a ropes course recently in an Outdoor Education program.

## Writing expands

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In 5th Grade, reading of research reports will sync with writing research-based argument essays.

At the Middle School, writing instruction will revolve around workshop-type learning. This will include mini lessons, conferencing, feedback and sharing writing with others. Students will learn about the art of argument, and how to write literary essays while they read informational writings about readings, research reports, and position papers.

Middle School writing skills will be further strengthened in Social Studies and Science, through subject-related writing instruction and experiences.

## Curriculum highlights

In addition to increasing writing across all subjects, here is how the District is working on Math and English Language Arts this year.

**Math:** Both schools are using curriculum that focuses on developing students' deep understanding of mathematical concepts, proficiency with key skills, and ability to solve complex and novel problems by blending direct instruction, structured investigations, and open exploration.

**English Language Arts:** The curriculum supports critical thinking, problem solving, and speaking and writing about reading. More integration of Social Studies and Science content into Language Arts is an emphasis for teachers this year.

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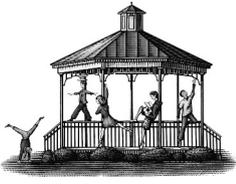
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### School Board Meetings

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



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## New architect of record to be named

District 65 is completing the process of hiring an Architect of Record to provide input on future construction, safety regulations and related projects. It is best practice to have an architect because it allows the Board to engage the services of an architect for issues and advice on facilities and grounds without having to go through a selection process for each facility need.

Twelve companies submitted applications in response to a Request for Qualifications released in June. The submissions were ranked on twelve criteria in four key areas: Firm Background, Past Performance, Capacity, and Project Approach to narrow the list to three firms. The top three candidates were then interviewed by a committee of Board members and administrators.

“The finalists each had spent considerable time and energy examining our facilities with respect to both a structural assessment and how we can most effectively bring our facilities into the 21st Century learning environment,” reports Board Vice President John Marozsan. “We were fortunate to have such highly qualified firms take such a sincere interest in our District.” Adds Board member Richard Hegg, “I was struck by the enthusiasm we saw, and that they see our facilities as sound and functional.”

The Board of Education is expected to approve a contract with the chosen firm in October.

## District 65 notes

- ▶ **New registration procedures:** A new on-line registration program made the start of school very smooth this year, as students received their teacher assignments through online portals instead of by mail.
- ▶ **Facebook:** “Like” **Lake Bluff Elementary District 65** to see photos and get updates on school news.
- ▶ **Twitter:** Follow **@LakeBluff65** for occasional news, photos and reminders.

## School Board President’s message

Dear fellow Community Members:

I am happy to announce that we have a balanced budget for this school year (see below for details), and we promise to keep our pencils sharp through the Levy process in December and beyond. Going forward, the Board and staff will continue to explore ways to increase fiscal efficiency without sacrificing academic excellence. Here’s one recent example that worked out nicely: In an effort to trim health insurance costs, the District joined the Northern Illinois Health Insurance Cooperative last year. And because we had a low number of claims, our health insurance premiums went down 3 percent.

As part of its ongoing commitment to improving the way District 65 operates, the Board has tasked the Business Office with several priorities for the year ahead. These include changes and refinements to systems and procedures, strengthening internal controls, and updating Board policies on finance and operations. We will be working on improvements to financial reporting to help the Board keep a closer eye on month-to-month budget numbers and to conform to the codes of professional finance organizations.

In addition, we have asked the Business Office to create a new five-year rolling forecast model, which will include technology and capital needs. We will be seeking new consolidated banking services that will incorporate increased fraud protection. And updating the food service program is on the list as well.

Board members love to talk finances. We are committed to fiscal efficiency, but all of that is always done through the lens of what is best for our students. We all know that what really matters is the children in our schools. Updates to the curriculum, energetic, creative teachers and administrators, and an involved learning community – that’s YOU – all help us live our vision of ***Excellence in Education, Enthusiasm for Life, Every Student, Every Day.***

Let’s keep in touch.

Mark Barry, Board President [mbarry@lb65.org](mailto:mbarry@lb65.org)

## Balanced budget passed for 2014-15

After a public hearing on September 23, the District 65 Board of Education adopted a balanced budget for the 2014-15 school year. The funds available for this budget were levied in December 2013 and collected in June and September 2014.

Taxes are down seven percent compared to two years ago, though tax bills were higher than last year as they returned to a sustainable level after the one-time tax abatement in 2012.

“The District is collecting fewer funds from taxpayers than it typically has in the past,” explains Board President Mark Barry. “As we move forward, we will continue to control costs without decreasing funds devoted to instruction or compromising our commitment to the quality of education.”

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## Village of Lake Bluff meetings and events

Please check [lakebluff.org](http://lakebluff.org) for agendas and cancellations.

### October

- 2 LEAD Movie Night in the Park, Village Green 6 p.m.
- 4 Rib Fest, Village Green
- 7 Architectural Board of Review 7 p.m.
- 8 Historic Preservation Commission 7 p.m.
- 15 Joint Plan Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals 7 p.m.
- 25-26 LB History Museum Ghost Walk
- 27 Village Board 7 p.m.

### Halloween events:

**Trick or Treat Hours and Police Department Hotdog Roast  
4 to 7 p.m. • Friday, October 31**

### November

- 4 Election Day
- 4 Architectural Board of Review 7 p.m.
- 10 Village Board 7 p.m.
- 11 Veteran's Day Ceremony, Village Green 9 a.m.
- 12 Historic Preservation Commission 7 p.m.
- 19 Joint Plan Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals 7 p.m.
- 24 Village Board 7 p.m.

Please know some newsletter recipients may not receive services, or qualify for programs, offered by the Village of Lake Bluff.

## Park District programs and events

[www.lakebluffparks.org](http://www.lakebluffparks.org)  
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We have it all at the Lake Bluff Park District!

Visit us at the Golf Club, Sunrise Park & Beach, Blair Park Aquatic Facility, the Health & Fitness Center, Paddle Club, and community parks or participate in some of our quality programs!

Check out the exciting events and programs at [www.lakebluffparks.org](http://www.lakebluffparks.org).

### Youth Basketball

**Early Bird Registration Deadline**  
Friday, October 10

### Trunk-or-Treat Event

Friday, October 24 6:00 pm

### Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 6 8:00–11:00 am

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Saturday, October 11 at 9:00 am**

## School District meetings and events

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### October

- 13 Columbus Day – No school
- 14 Board Committee of the Whole 7 p.m.\*
- 16 Coffee with LBES Principal & Asst. Principal Starbucks, 203 S. Waukegan Rd, LB 9–10 a.m. and 6:30–7:30 p.m.
- 17 PTO Pumpkin Fest and Chase
- 27-31 Red Ribbon Week
- 28 Regular Board of Education Meeting 7 p.m.\*
- 29 Alliance Anniversary Celebration 7–10 p.m.

### November

- 6 LBES Choir Concert 7–8:30 p.m.
- 10 Preschool Screening for ages 3–5
- 18 Regular Board of Education Meeting 7 p.m.\*
- 19 LBMS Choir Concert 7 p.m.
- 20 LBMS Band Concert 7 p.m.
- 26-28 Thanksgiving Break

### December

- 8 Preschool Screening for ages 3–5
- 9 Board Committee of the Whole 7 p.m.\*
- 16 Board of Education 7 p.m.\*
- 22 Winter Break begins

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