



On the Bluff

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Village News

Crosswalk safety tips from the Lake Bluff Police Department

Adults, teens and children alike regularly use the numerous pedestrian crossings throughout the Village on a daily basis. Crosswalks are located in front of schools, parks and downtown, as well as throughout Lake Bluff's residential neighborhoods. In Illinois, although both motorists and pedestrians are responsible for traffic safety, motorists must yield the right-of-way to pedestrians.

To ensure everyone is safe when crossing the street, the Lake Bluff Police Department offers the following reminders:

- ▶ Look left, right and left again for traffic. Stop at the curb and look both ways. By stopping at the curb drivers will recognize you are intending to cross and will slow down or even stop;

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Park District News

Park District earns Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

We are very proud to announce that the Government Finance Officers Association has awarded the Lake Bluff Park District the **Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting** for its comprehensive annual financial report.

The Park District Board and staff, in cooperation with several resident committees and residents, have worked hard to develop policies, manage expenses, increase revenue and institute a Financial Sustainability Plan.

The award recognizes the Park District's spirit of transparency and full disclosure in the annual financial report, and that it has exceeded the minimum requirements of generally accepted accounting principles.

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School District News

Renovation construction starts soon at Lake Bluff Middle School

Following nearly two years of analysis and planning, work will soon begin on renovations to Lake Bluff Middle School. Plans include:

- ▶ Renovation of the entire front entrance to make it ADA accessible and to add a vestibule to further secure the building for safety;
- ▶ Complete renovation of the three Science classrooms;
- ▶ Major renovation and revamp of the Library/Media Center to make it the core of the building;
- ▶ Relocation of all Student Services classrooms in the loft of the Library to the main floor of the school;
- ▶ Relocation of classrooms from the basement to the main floor, with Fine Arts classrooms

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News from the Village of Lake Bluff

Village President's message

Dear Neighbor,

At the beginning of this New Year I find myself reflecting on the progress the Village made over the past 12 months, as well as thinking about the challenges we will face in the future. Certainly, recent actions in the US and abroad remind us of how unstable the world really is and that no place is exempt from hatred. I have always cherished Lake Bluff, like so many of you, and would not trade this home place for anywhere else. And, knowing the instability of the world, makes all of our time in Lake Bluff feel that much more special. Thanks to all of you for being contributors to and ambassadors of the Lake Bluff brand – caring, casual, easy-going, and friendly and warm. Just like your business's bottom-line, our progress as a community is tied to our brand discipline and every holiday season I find great comfort and reassurance that we are on task. Keep it up, Lake Bluff.

Finances

One looming concern that could threaten the Village's brand is the uncertainty of the State's fiscal condition and the impact any substantial budgetary changes may carry for local governments. Fortunately, the Village is in a strong fiscal position thanks to the leadership of past and current; maintaining this position requires diligence. The Village regularly evaluates operations and capital initiatives to ensure we remain on target with respect to service delivery and infrastructure maintenance expectations.

As you may know, the Village's revenue is generated from several different sources with property tax and sales tax being the two largest, comprising some 61% of all revenue. In 2014 the Village's share of a resident's total property tax bill was 9% – a value in many respects. Although the Village is a home rule unit of government, and is exempt from the Property Tax Extension Limitation Act (PTELL), which limits increases in local property tax levies to the lesser of 5% of the previous year's levy or

the amount of the Consumer Price Index, the Village fiercely maintains a commitment to the community (established in 2005) to not levy taxes in excess of the limits established by PTELL. Any increase in the Village's portion of the property tax is always thoroughly scrutinized and discussed; we expect the Village's 1.39% increase in the Village's portion of the tax levy will not greatly impact taxpayers, and will generate \$47,000 new dollars for the Village which will be used to fund required infrastructure improvements and police pensions.

The second largest revenue source is sales tax revenue. Each year, projections are based on the current and future economic outlook, as well as the number and type of commercial businesses located in the Village. Many residents may not be aware that, although the total sales tax paid on purchases can range from 1% to 9%, the Village only receives up to 2% (including 1% home rule sales tax) on sales of general merchandise and prepared food and beverages; only 1% is received on titled automobile sales. Presently, auto sales are responsible for 80% of all Village sales tax.



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The remaining portions of the sales tax go to counties, the Regional Transportation Authority and the State of Illinois. The revenue generated from the State use tax, a form of a sales tax that is paid on items purchased for use in Illinois, is divided among the RTA, the State and municipalities; however, revenues from use taxes are distributed based on population, further constraining Lake Bluff's ability to capitalize on non-property tax revenues given our large automobile dealerships and new retail establishments.

Sales Taxes applicable to Village of Lake Bluff businesses

	Example	Remitted to the State by Vendor						Remitted directly to the Village	
		Total Rate	Village Share	Sales Tax			Home Rule Sales	Prepared food & beverage	Total Village Share
				State Share	County	RTA			
General Merchandise	Clothing	8%	1%	5%	0.25%	0.75%	1%	N/A	2%
Vehicles (Form ST-566)									
Chicago residents pay an addl. 1.25% Chicago home rule tax	Titled autos	7%	1%	5%	0.25%	0.75%	0%	N/A	1%
Qualifying food & drugs	Milk, Advil	1.75%	0%	1%	0.00%	0.75%	0%	N/A	—
Prepared food & beverages	Restaurants	9%	1%	5%	0.25%	0.75%	1%	1%	2%
Use Taxes (on-line sales)									
Vehicles (Form RUT-25)	Titled autos	7%	0%	6.25%	0.00%	0.75%	0%	N/A	see note
General Merchandise	Clothing	6.25%	0%	6.25%	0.00%	0.00%	0%	N/A	see note
Qualifying food & drugs	Milk, Advil	1.00%	0%	1%	0.00%	0.00%	0%	N/A	see note

Note: Village share of use taxes is remitted from the State to the Village based on per capita (population).

Property and sales taxes are not the only sources of revenue available to municipalities that are in jeopardy of changing. Other revenue, “state-shared revenue,” consisting of income, personal property replacement and motor fuel taxes, are sources distributed to municipalities by the State on a per capita basis; all have been identified as strategies for the State to use in resolving its budget problems. Additionally, Illinois collects a surcharge on wireless communications and distributes it to municipalities that are authorized E-911 answering points. The Village relies on that portion provided by the State (an amount of \$54,000 for FY15-16 alone) to support our public safety dispatch expenses.

I mentioned before that the Village’s fiscal health is strong; allow me to share with you some of the more salient steps the Village has taken to contribute to our financial stability and made possible the continued reinvestment in our infrastructure:

- ▶ Household waste collection services outsourced to private contractor resulting in a \$325,000 reoccurring annual savings and a one-time savings of \$175,000 (acquisition of fleet by Contractor).
- ▶ Joined a public agency partnership for public safety dispatch with a \$900,000 savings over a 7-year contract and improved technology, significant radio network improvements and system redundancy.
- ▶ Right-sized and reorganized to maintain service levels without sacrificing quality of life.
- ▶ Increased partnerships with other municipalities through the Municipal Partnering Initiative that have resulted in over \$675,000 in savings among participating communities.
- ▶ Attained Aaa Moody’s debt rating for all outstanding bonds and contributed to the refinancing of existing debt for a savings of \$116,000.
- ▶ Invested \$708,000 in Village roadways and \$65,000 in public sidewalks this past year alone.

Downtown Visioning

Early this summer the Village engaged Teska Associates, a local land use planning firm, to assist us in gathering community input to help prepare for the potential redevelopment and further refine the current vision for Downtown Block 2 (bordered by East Scranton Ave., Oak Ave., East North Ave. and Walnut Ave.) and Downtown Block 3 (former PNC Bank block). Teska Associates conducted a public outreach campaign using the Village’s website, social media and electronic surveys, as well as solicited feedback during a public open house. This past fall the Village Board received a draft report of the Downtown Visioning Project, which includes architectural and streetscape design guidelines, and referred it to the Architectural Board of Review and the Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals for finalization. I anticipate the Village Board will receive recommendations from the two boards after the first of the year.

Open and Accessible

I believe that local government, especially small town government, should be flexible, agile and readily accessible. I think we do a good job at that here in the Village; again, another element of our brand. Please don’t hesitate to reach out to me, Village Board members or Village Staff. We are here for you.

Have a safe and happy new year!

Kathleen O’Hara, Village President

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Crosswalk safety tips

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- ▶ Wait for natural, safe gaps in traffic before crossing;
- ▶ Make eye contact with drivers before crossing to be sure they see you;
- ▶ Cross within the marked crossing area. If crossing outside the area recognize that drivers do not expect to see you;
- ▶ Be predictable and cross or enter the street where it is legal to do so;
- ▶ Use extra caution when crossing at night. Pedestrians will see vehicles approaching sooner than the driver will see the pedestrian; and
- ▶ Always be cautious! Do not excuse your personal safety for a false sense of security that could be cultivated at crosswalks.

2016 refuse collection service rates

Weekly backdoor collection	\$13.39
Twice-weekly curbside	\$13.39
Twice-weekly backdoor	\$30.69

Rates above are effective February 1, 2016. Only those households receiving a la carte collections (twice-weekly and/or backdoor collections) will see the changes reflected on their quarterly bill from Groot.

For questions regarding these services, please call Groot at 877-404-7668.

Did you know the most convenient access to information regarding your community is available in the emailed Lake Bluff Letter? Click on “e-news” at the top of the page at lakebluff.org.

News from Lake Bluff Park District

Post-Referendum project updates

The referendum-funded construction projects are underway and some are almost complete. The Park District appreciates your patience with delays caused by weather and other factors.

The Recreation Center Roof and HVAC project is near completion with punch list items being the final remaining step. The Sunrise Park and Beach projects were delayed with an anticipated opening spring, 2016. The Friends of Lake Bluff Parks will hold a dedication ceremony in the spring. The Lake Bluff Pool will open May, 2016 and includes the new wading pool, renovated locker rooms, main pool repairs and more. The wading pool is expected to be a big hit.

The Park District will begin holding focus groups for the Artesian and Blair Park playgrounds in spring with anticipated construction dates of fall, 2016. The Artesian tennis courts will be completed spring, 2016.

Please visit www.lakebluffparks.org for up to date timelines.



The Beach stair reconstruction, made possible with the support of the Friends of Lake Bluff Parks, will be completed in Spring 2016. The beach restrooms are being updated as well.



The Recreation Center Roof and HVAC project is near completion.



The existing wading pool was completely removed and new concrete was poured (top photo). The liner was replaced in the main pool (lower photo) and new gutters were added.

Golf course news

The Board and staff spent eight years developing a Comprehensive Plan and engaged citizens in this long term planning. This thoughtful and sincere approach will guide the Park District into the future. More recently, the Board finalized an important Strategic Plan with key objectives related to Financial Sustainability. Each citizen Committee and Task Force developed clear recommendations to become fiscally responsible, manage expenses, find revenue growth, and minimize tax dependency and subsidization for core business units.

Recently, the Board of Commissioners started reviewing all citizens planning efforts and reports and focused on planning and Financial Sustainability as a key objective to meet the Park District Vision Statement, *Strengthening the Spirit of Community*. In order to be financially responsible and sustainable, the Board agreed to evaluate core business units, assets, programs and services; reduce subsidization; and develop tactics to achieve a \$250,000 annual budget surplus goal. This evaluation led to one clear yet challenging objective: reduce the annual golf course loss. The Board requested staff immediately pursue this objective.

The Lake Bluff Golf Club has a long community history that has positively impacted many residents since opening in 1968. In 1968, Board Members gathered community support to offer golf programs and services for juniors, seniors, families and individuals. For 35 years, the golf club performed well and at times, the golf course subsidized the recreation program area. As with any industry, its life cycle grows, matures or declines. Over time, the Park District, Golf Club and Golf Industry have experienced many demographic, economic, weather and participation trends and currently, the Lake Bluff Golf Club is within a significant decline stage. Auditors have been concerned about its lack of growth and subsidization. The golf course had to forgive a significant interfund loan and the Bond Rating agency requested clarification of a future direction with the golf club. The Park District has attempted to grow revenues, reduce expenses and make improvements over the past 15 years.

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Park District Board keeps levy flat

On December 14, the Board approved a flat tax levy for the residents of the Lake Bluff Park District. Within the past five years, the Board has kept the levy flat for two years and approved half of the C.P.I. another year. "The Board has discussed the tax levy extensively and believes the Park District has been able to operate within its means. This may not be the situation every year but the Park District has been able to operate efficiently with the same tax revenue," explained Board President Rob Douglass.

However, golf industry trends, debt and capital expenses and size of community are negatively impacting the Park District golf finances.

Since 2004, the Lake Bluff Golf Club has added significant debt and experienced significant decline in rounds played, total revenue and membership. In addition, there are pension obligations and unemployment and capital expenses that contribute to net losses. The Lake Bluff community requested the Park District strive to be fiscally responsible and, with past, current and future estimated total golf course net losses of \$500,000 to \$600,000 annually, the Park District has an opportunity to meet the community's goal by making changes.

Over the next ten years, the Park District is projecting a net deficit of \$6.6 million. In order to continue providing high quality facilities, programs and parks to families, seniors and individuals, the Board discussed options and authorized staff to issue a Request for Proposal for a variety of Golf Management Services. In addition, staff developed a scaled back approach to services and maintenance. The Board met in April, May, October, November and December to discuss the options.

On Monday, December 14, the Lake Bluff Park District Board of Commissioners made a final decision regarding potential management changes for the Lake Bluff Golf Club. In a unanimous vote, the Board authorized the Board President, Vice President and Executive Director to negotiate and enter into an agreement with Billy Casper Golf to provide management services for pro shop operations, the driving range, and food and beverage. The Board also agreed that the Park District will continue managing the maintenance of the golf course.

The Park District is excited to partner with Billy Casper Golf, and the company is prepared to continue the quality service standards, offer diverse golf programs and packages, aggressively market the golf course, increase rounds played, and achieve revenue goals.



Park Board President's message

Dear Lake Bluff Park District Residents:

As we prepare for the winter, the Park District has made significant construction progress on our key assets. The Recreation Center Roof and HVAC project is almost complete. The Lake Bluff Pool, including the wading pool, will be open for the 2016 season and the beach stairs will be completed in spring 2016. 2016 will be a great year, with the completion of several other projects: the resurfacing of the Artesian Park Tennis Courts and the replacement of the Artesian and Blair Park playgrounds.

A key theme in our Strategic Plan is Financial Sustainability, and Board and staff continue to look at ways to achieve this long-term. The Park District operates with a balanced budget and is developing strategies to manage future capital expenditures during challenging economic times.

The Board of Commissioners would like to thank the Citizen Property and Public Land Use Advisory Committee for their extensive investment of volunteer hours and recommendation of long term land strategies for the Park District and other government agencies. This Committee was a collaborative effort that involved the gathering of key information from the Village, School District and Lake Bluff Open Lands. The Advisory Committee completed an extensive report which is posted on the Park District's web site. In order to further resident input the Park District is incorporating one Lake Bluff resident into each Park Board committee.

Thank you for the continued patience during construction. We are confident these projects will enhance the Park District and community.

Best regards,

Rob Douglass, Board President

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Park Board Meetings

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

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

Budget: The Board approved the 2016 Budget in December. A hard copy is available at the Recreation Center Guest Service desk and it can be downloaded at www.lakebluffparks.org.

News from the Lake Bluff Schools

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moving next to the Band room to create a Fine Arts wing, along with another additional wing that will most likely house World Language classes; and

- Relocation of the District office (currently in an office building off Waukegan Road) into the newly renovated “Garden Level” of the building.

Work starts in winter for an accelerated construction schedule

After discussions with architects Wight & Company and construction managers IHC Construction, the Board of Education was able to devise an accelerated construction schedule to save money and eliminate two additional months of construction. Hay and tarps were spread over the LBMS fields and grass to prevent the ground from deeply freezing, and based on the weather, ground will be broken sometime in February or early March with work on the two additions to be done through the end of the school year (first week in June).

Construction can then move into the building and continue through the summer with a finish date of Labor Day. While the 2016-2017 school calendar will not be finalized until February, it is anticipated that school will not start until after Labor Day for 2016-2017, returning to a regular schedule in the 2017-2018 school year.

Get information at weekly meetings and sign up for construction email updates

Once construction has begun, there will be weekly emails to share updates as well as weekly designated meetings so that community members and LBMS neighbors can ask questions and have any concerns addressed. Subscribe to receive construction e-news updates at www.LB65.org (the green box in the lower center of the home page).

The Middle School renovation plans grew out of study and input by community members, the Board of Education and staff, guided by the District’s architects. Read about the collaborative design process in the School Board President’s letter on the opposite page.



In autumn, Lake Bluff Middle School students celebrated Unity Day, a day devoted to taking a stand against bullying and sending a message of support, hope, and unity. To carry the theme of Unity Day into the new year, the student council held a lunch period Mix It Up Day on January 7.

Students had three days with guest authors

Students at Lake Bluff Elementary School enjoyed an unusually long Artists in Residence program this fall, when **two authors spent three days visiting classrooms and guiding them in writing and illustrating their own stories.**

Among the many highlights was a 5th grade essay contest for the opportunity to personally interview the visiting authors. The two winners recorded their interviews and have submitted them to magazines for young readers. Many students shared their stories and experiences

with those in other classes, and 4th graders created trailers on the authors’ books for the school book fair.

Students were enthralled with spending such meaningful time with famous authors. The school’s reading specialist reported an immediate and very clear, positive impact in their selection of topics and their writing.

This remarkable residency was funded by the Alliance for Excellence, the Lake Bluff PTO and school book sales.

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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.



New agreement gives Library privileges to students who are non-residents

A new agreement between District 65 and the Lake Bluff Public Library supports and enriches the education of students who live in unincorporated Knollwood and other surrounding unincorporated areas outside the Library District boundaries, by providing them with library services.

Under the agreement, these students are eligible to obtain library cards at no cost to their families, and they may check out materials. The term of the agreement is for one year, but the School District and Library will consider renewing the agreement for future years. Without the agreement, students living outside the Library District had to purchase a non-resident card in order to use many library services.

Let's connect!

- ▶ **Online:** Explore <http://www.LB65.org>, <http://es.lb65.org> and <http://ms.lb65.org> for school news, Board actions and meeting videos, District information and more.
- ▶ **Facebook:** "Like" **Lake Bluff Elementary District 65** to see photos and get updates on school news.
- ▶ **Twitter:** Follow **@LakeBluffSD65** for occasional updates, photos and reminders.



**LAKE BLUFF
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School Board President's message

Dear Fellow Community Members:

Elsewhere in this newsletter is a detailed article summarizing the structural and logistical elements of the renovation at Lake Bluff Middle School (LBMS). I wanted to share the incredible story of how one little community came together to make big changes.

Ultimately the renovation of LBMS will be a reflection of the collective vision and input of the District 65 community. It will be a reflection of that spirit of community involvement, collaboration and volunteerism that has come to characterize Lake Bluff. Over the past year and a half stakeholders from across the spectrum (parents, students, seniors, non-users, faculty, administrators, village officials, teachers, police, and others) have provided input into the design of LBMS at various architect facilitated community meetings. Over 100 individuals rearranged their schedules and volunteered their time to this effort.

The district's design architect then distilled the community input into a vision for LBMS that rests on four primary pillars:

- ▶ move instruction out of the basement,
- ▶ rethink/reimagine the library LMC,
- ▶ provide increased security at the entrance and throughout the building, and
- ▶ modernize and redesign the science labs to reflect new curriculum standards and bring STEM to LBMS.

Tasked with implementing the broader vision of the community, a smaller working group made up of a subset of volunteer representatives from across the community was formed. This Core Design Team was tasked with making the community vision a reality – no small task. The team met every two weeks with the architect and was guided by two principles now reflected in the final design: First, LBMS was to be designed with an eye to the future so that it would not be obsolete in 20 years. Second, LBMS was to be designed as a beacon that attracts new families to Lake Bluff and enhances our community.

As we transition from the design to the construction phases of the project we will once again reach out to the community. Communication will be a priority. Our goal is to have regular community meetings to update those most affected by construction and to communicate updates and summarize progress and timing at www.lb65.org and through newsletters.

The process by which the community has come together to make this renovation a reality highlights all that is good about Lake Bluff and District 65. I am proud to be a part of it. Thank you so much for being involved. This is your school and I invite you to attend future board meetings to see the drawings, plans and the digital 3D renderings. Alternatively, please request a viewing of the drawings and plans at the District office. We want all to appreciate and enjoy the future of LBMS.

Thank you, and let's keep in touch.

Mark Barry, Board President

Sign up at www.LB65.org for emailed construction updates

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Village of Lake Bluff meetings and events

Please check lakebluff.org for agendas and cancellations.

January

25 Village Board 7 p.m.
27 Sustainability & Enhancement Committee 7 p.m.

February

2 Architectural Board of Review 7 p.m.
8 Village Board 7 p.m.
10 Historic Preservation Commission 7 p.m.
17 Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals 7 p.m.
22 Village Board 7 p.m.
24 Sustainability & Enhancement Committee 7 p.m.

March

1 Architectural Board of Review 7 p.m.
9 Historic Preservation Commission 7 p.m.
14 Village Board 7 p.m.
16 Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals 7 p.m.
28 Village Board 7 p.m.
30 Sustainability & Enhancement Committee 7 p.m.

April

5 Architectural Board of Review 7 p.m.
11 Village Board 7 p.m.
13 Historic Preservation Commission 7 p.m.
20 Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals 7 p.m.
25 Village Board 7 p.m.
27 Sustainability & Enhancement Committee 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 meetings and events

www.lakebluffparks.org
847-234-4150[■]

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

January

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

February

1 Board Committee of the Whole 6:30 p.m.
22 Regular Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.*

March

7 Board Committee of the Whole 6:30 p.m.
14 Regular Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.*

April

4 Board Committee of the Whole 6:30 p.m.
18 Regular Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.*

See the online calendar at <http://www.lakebluffparks.org/meetings.html> for Park Board and Committee meetings.

* Unless otherwise announced, Board meetings are at 6:30 p.m. in the Recreation Center Community Room, 355 W. Washington Avenue.

■ The Park District has a new telephone system at the Recreation Center. You can still reach the offices by dialing the general number of 847-234-4150 but all extensions have changed. Please listen to the prompt for new extension information. Visit our website staff directory page for additional contact information.

School District events and news

www.LB65.org
847-234-9400

January

25 LBES Choral and Band concerts 6 p.m.
26 Regular Board of Education Meeting 7 p.m.*

February

12 Institute Day for Teachers – No school
15 Presidents' Day – No school
16 Board Committee of the Whole 7 p.m.*
23 Regular Board of Education Meeting 7 p.m.*

March

1 LBMS Choral Concert 7 p.m.
2 LBMS Band Concert 7 p.m.*
8 Board Committee of the Whole 7 p.m.*
11 Institute Day for Teachers – No school
15 Regular Board of Education Meeting 7 p.m.*
16 LBES Choral Concert 7 p.m.
21 Spring Break through March 28
25 District offices closed

April

12 Board Committee of the Whole 7 p.m.*
15 LBMS Musical "Shrek Jr." 7 p.m.
16 LBMS Musical "Shrek Jr." 2 p.m.
19 Regular Board of Education Meeting 7 p.m.*
23 LBES K–5 Art Show 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

See the online calendar at <http://www.LB65.org> for more Lake Bluff school and District 65 events

* Unless otherwise announced, Board meetings are at 7 p.m. in the Lake Bluff Village Hall, 40 E. Center Avenue. See page 6 for details.