



On the Bluff

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Village News

Criterion & Block Party on July 23

The 5th annual Northwestern Medicine Lake Bluff Criterion & Block Party returns to the Village on Saturday, July 23, 2016. New categories this year include a hand cycling race for people with physical disabilities and novel fixed gear races on bicycles with no brakes! The following is a schedule of racing events taking place from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

- 9:00 a.m. Fast-paced bicycle racing
- 3:10 p.m. Hand cycling race
- 3:45 p.m. "Fixie" race
(bicycles with no brakes)
- 4:00 p.m. World-class pro racers and commencement of Block Party (Village Green)
- 5:00 p.m. Pro women race
- 6:05 p.m. Kids fun races
(sponsored by Lake Forest Bank)
- 6:40 p.m. Pro men race

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Park District News

New playgrounds being designed for Artesian and Blair Parks

The Lake Bluff Park District is currently designing new playgrounds for Artesian and Blair Parks. The playgrounds are a part of the \$3.1 million referendum approved by voters in November, 2014. Construction of the new playgrounds is slated to begin as early as this fall.

The Park District has retained Hitchcock Design Group to design two unique playgrounds incorporating a modern design with classic pieces of equipment. "Our goal is to build playgrounds that excite and challenge our children while fitting within the visual landscape of our parks," stated Ed Heiser, Superintendent of Facility Services.

Preliminary playground designs were presented to the Park District Board for review on April 18. Park District staff also presented preliminary designs to the Village Architectural Board of

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School District News

Renovations continue at LBMS

Construction is on schedule at Lake Bluff Middle School, with a planned finish date by Labor Day, in time for the first day of school on Wednesday, September 7.

Most of the necessary demolition has been completed, and new mechanical, electrical, and plumbing installation is proceeding throughout the building. The walls between the science labs have been taken out to make room for the STEAM Lab, and ceilings and floor tile are being removed from corridors and classrooms. External brickwork is nearly complete on the west side classroom addition. Many walls in the lower level have been removed, and work has begun on the centerpiece gathering stairs that will link the main and lower levels. See construction photos, information on weekly Q and A meetings, and how to sign up for emailed construction updates on page 6.

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News from the Village of Lake Bluff

Summer Village President's message

Dear Neighbors,

It seems as if in late May someone turned the dial from winter to summer overnight so, a brief spring permits us to fast forward into all the summer traditions we do so well here in Lake Bluff... family gatherings, celebrating the Fourth of July, spending quality time with friends and neighbors, strolling through the farmers' market... As we switch gears and take advantage of these warmer temperatures, please allow me to share with you updates regarding Village matters that may interest you.

Finances

This year marks the first year the Village approved a biennial budget for both fiscal years ending April 30, 2017 (in the amount of \$14.04 million) and April 30, 2018 (in the amount of \$13.93 million). A biennial budget above all else emphasizes the importance of long-range planning and fiscal responsibility. These important elements help us to achieve objectives such as: i) maintaining current fund balances at or above minimum reserve levels, ii) controlling operational costs, iii) reinvesting in aging infrastructure and iv) delivering quality and efficient services that meet residents' expectations. Although improving economic conditions is evident in increased income tax and sales tax receipts locally, uncertainty continues to rule. Over the past several years the Village, from a planning perspective, has had to remain cautious about the State's ability to manage its finances and the potential impact of any changes to the allocation of state-shared revenues from income, sales, personal property replacement and motor fuel sales. Indeed, the State's prolonged turmoil places all municipalities of Illinois in an unenviable position. Last year, to guard against any potential negative action from Springfield, the Village increased its General Fund balance reserve from 30% to 50% of annual operating expenditures. This cautious outlook from the Village is (unfortunately) a core principle and continues to shape the decisions of Village leadership. To that end we continue to engage our neighboring communities and partner to achieve greater efficiencies in delivering public services. Examples of this

include: consolidating emergency dispatch services yielding a savings of \$900,000 over seven years; and participating in the Municipal Partnering Initiative resulting in over \$675,000 in savings among participating communities. Part of that core principle also allows greater reinvestment in our infrastructure with 21% and 19% attributed to capital expenditures (public works projects and other improvements) in FY17 and FY18 respectively. Additionally, this budget has been assembled with the intention to allocate resources consistent with the 2016 Strategic Plan which we look to reboot this year with a vision to sustain the Village to 2021. Look for opportunities to get involved in this important community blueprint.

Downtown Visioning

Lake Bluff is a community with a strong history of planning. Our first Comprehensive Plan was approved in 1923 and revised over the course of several decades in the 1950s and 1960s with the latest update taking place in 1997. It is our current Comprehensive Plan that called for a study of the downtown and provided us the 1998 Central Business District Planning Study by land use planning firm Teska Associates, Inc. The recommendations outlined within this two-phased plan guided us through the redevelopment of Blocks One and Four. The redevelopment of the blocks have contributed greatly to the renaissance of our downtown with which so many of us have come to identify and highly value. Using these past plans as the foundation to continue our community-wide engagement efforts with the visioning for CBD Blocks Two and Three has culminated in draft Downtown Design Guidelines (available at lakebluff.org). At the time of publication the draft Downtown Design Guidelines document has not been finalized by the Village and continues to be discussed by the Village's development advisory boards with the understanding this planning document has its origins within the greater Lake Bluff community. As always, the feedback from residents, downtown businesses and CBD neighbors has been and continues to be a very important part of the planning process. Public comment is important because the

Design Guidelines are intended to ensure quality development that employs sound planning and design principles and not prescribe specific plan types for the Village's unique downtown.

I'm sure you have been reading the news headlines lately and know that The Roanoke Group (Developer), which has a contractual interest in the privately owned property, has submitted a proposal to redevelop CBD Block Three (former PNC Bank property) with a three story, 16 unit multi-family building with a third story set back from the second story building wall (Project). The petition also seeks a text amendment to the Zoning Code to allow Planned Mixed-Use Developments (PMD) as a special use in the R-4 and R-5 Residence Districts and the Central Business District, which are zoning districts that comprise CBD Blocks Two and Three. The proposed PMD regulations provide for a relaxed approach to traditional use, bulk, space and yard regulations to achieve Village land use objectives that allow for more creative approaches to redevelopment. The proposed PMD regulations (i) are consistent with the Village's existing planned development tools for its residential neighborhoods and larger commercial properties and (ii) utilize a two-phase consideration of projects (Development Concept Plan and Final Plan). When thinking about this Project it is important to know a developer with contractual interest in a property has the right, as does any property owner within Lake Bluff, to request the Village consider a petition for zoning relief.

The public hearing process to consider the two-part petition began last month with a Development Concept Plan review by the Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals (PCZBA) on June 15. Following a presentation from the Developer and significant time for the public to comment, the PCZBA continued the public hearing to July 20 to allow the Developer time to respond to the PCZBA's initial concerns with the Project. On July 20 the Village anticipates the PCZBA will forward a recommendation (which may include conditions) to the Village Board concerning the proposed Development Concept Plan. The PMD process provides for



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an optional workshop meeting with the Architectural Board of Review (ABR) before the Village Board’s initial consideration. The Village Board will consider the PCZBA’s recommendation, and should it approve (with or without conditions) the Development Concept Plan, the Project will undergo the Final Plan review phase. If the Development Concept Plan is denied by the Village Board then the process ends. The purpose of the Final Plan review phase is to further refine the Project to a manner in which the property will be redeveloped and it starts with a public hearing by the PCZBA. Following the PCZBA’s consideration of the Final Plan the proposal is then considered by the ABR during a public hearing. The Village Board would then receive both recommendations from the PCZBA and ABR. The Village Board has the final authority, and in addition to a denial, may also refer the Project back to the PCZBA or grant a conditional approval.

Additional information, including a schedule of meetings, concerning the Downtown Design Guidelines and the Village’s review of the Block Three Redevelopment and PMD regulations is available online at lakebluff.org.

Rt. 41/176 Interchange Project

Earlier this year, the Village’s consultant, Christopher B. Burke Engineering (Consultant), completed the Phase I Environmental Study of the Rt. 41/176 Interchange Improvement Project (Project). This has been a multi-year process, while working with IDOT, Lake County and Shields Township, as well as numerous neighboring property owners, to improve the traffic congestion and enhance the public safety of the Interchange. A “Letter of Intent” is currently being prepared by IDOT and the Village that will define improvements the Village

will be responsible for funding. Generally, letters of intent allow the Village to articulate its preferences and financing for additional roadway improvements such as: emergency vehicle pre-emption devices, bicyclist and pedestrian accommodations, access road(s) and aesthetic enhancements. An update from the Consultant is scheduled for a future Committee-of-the-Whole meeting later this year.

Celebrate summer *Lake Bluff Style!*

Be sure to take advantage of all the wonderful events happening this summer! From the annual favorites with the Fourth of July Parade and the Farmers’ Market (on Fridays through October 14 sponsored by Knauz Automotive Group) to the highly anticipated return of the 5th annual Northwestern Medicine Lake Bluff Criterium & Block Party on July 23. I also encourage you to celebrate summer, *Lake Bluff Style!*, by attending the downtown block parties (August 6 and 20 and September 24) and spending Sunday evenings on the Village Green enjoying the sounds of Bluffinia (July 10–August 21, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.). Before the end of summer our first responders, members of the Fire, Police and Public Works Departments, are hosting the annual Public Safety Open House on September 17 (11 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.) at the Public Safety Building.

Enjoy a great “Lake Bluff” summer!

Kathleen O’Hara, Village President

Criterium & Block Party

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Spectators and patrons can join everyone at the Block Party located on the Village Green, where they can view the racing action either live, or from the Jumbotron screen, and enjoy food from several local restaurants, libations and live music. The Block Party is scheduled from 4:00 to 11:00 p.m. with music beginning at 8:00 p.m. For more information visit <http://www.intelligentsiacup.com>.

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Summer lawn care reminders

The Village reminds residents, that during the warmer months from May 15 through September 15, watering lawns and other landscape between 12:00 and 5:00 p.m. is prohibited. Because evaporation rates are highest during the middle of the day, the water being used during the afternoon period does the least good. Here are ways to reduce water usage and maintain a healthy lawn:

- ▶ Apply water all at once rather than several times over the course of the day, and during dry periods, apply more water once every several days rather than every day;
- ▶ Mow grass no shorter than two inches to promote deep rooting and lawns that tolerate dry conditions; and
- ▶ If you use a lawn irrigation system consider a *WaterSense* irrigation controller to monitor rainfall and landscape conditions rather than a controller on a schedule regardless of weather. Rain or moisture sensors are required for any new or replacement automatically operated lawn sprinkling systems. Remember, lawn irrigation systems also require a Village building permit. Permit applications are available at lakebluff.org.

Homeowners should also exercise caution when applying fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides to their yards. More is not better as excessive amounts can be carried with runoff to the lake and other waterways. Instead, follow the manufacturer’s instructions carefully regarding the time of fertilizer application, and apply only the recommended amount; consider using an organic fertilizer. As a reminder, always check the weather and avoid applying fertilizer before heavy rainstorms and during long, dry spells.

News from Lake Bluff Park District



The Friends of Lake Bluff Parks President Jennifer Beeler presented Board President Rob Douglass with the check for \$50,000 for the stairs and restroom renovations at Sunrise Beach.



U.S. Representative Robert J. Dold spoke at the beach dedication ceremony.



Cutting the ribbon at the Pool, left to right, Commissioners Susan Ehrhard, Rob Douglass, Kauri McKendry, Kurt Gronau, Bob Wallace, Former Board President Kevin Considine and former Commissioner Sandra Hart.

Beach and Pool ceremony recap

On May 28, the Park District celebrated the opening of the new stairs at Sunrise Park and Beach and the Lake Bluff Pool improvements, including the new tot pool, with ribbon cutting ceremonies at both facilities. Over 40 residents and distinguished guests attended the events and were given an opportunity to tour the facilities.

Friends of Lake Bluff Parks President Jennifer Beeler spoke at the Beach Ceremony. The Friends of Lake Bluff Parks contributed \$50,000 to the beach project and deserve a big thanks for their role in enhancing this great asset through the replacement of steep stairs to provide easier access to the beach.

Board President Rob Douglass spoke at both ceremonies, thanking the community for its support and celebrating the opening of the new tot pool. The addition of the tot pool, replacing one that was closed in 2009, provides families with young children a refreshing destination for hot summer days.

Following the ceremony at Lake Bluff Pool, residents were invited to enjoy the facilities for free the rest of the day as part of a special Resident Appreciation Day.

Bluffinia schedule

Bluffinia, the Sunday night concert series on the Lake Bluff Village Green, is back once again! This year's lineup features a mix of new bands and returning favorites. Sponsored by Lake Forest Bank and Trust, Bluffinia is the perfect place to spend a Sunday evening in the summer. Concerts are held Sundays from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

- July 10: SHOUT OUT
Cover Band
- July 17: JOHNNY RUSSLER
AND THE BEACH BUM
BAND
Sounds of the Caribbean
- July 24: SECOND HAND SOUL
BAND
Motown, Soul, Rock & Roll
- July 31: MASON RIVERS
Country
- Aug. 7: CAVERN BEAT
Beatles Tribute Band
- Aug. 14: MIDWEST DUELING
PIANOS
Cover Band
- Aug. 21: CLASSICAL BLAST
Rock/Pop with classical
instruments

Artesian and Blair Park playgrounds

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Review to ensure community feedback is incorporated in the designs. The Park District will hold community forums, open to the public, to review the proposed designs in late June.

For more information on the referendum projects, including the playgrounds at Artesian and Blair Parks, visit referendum.lakebluffparks.org.

Cooperative purchase brings Thor Guard to Artesian Park

In an effort to improve the safety and well-being of our Artesian Park facility and users, the Lake Bluff Park District has partnered with the Lake Bluff Youth Baseball Association to install a Thor Guard Lightning Prediction System at Artesian Park. The system uses a highly sophisticated sensor and computer to measure and analyze the atmosphere's electrostatic field and sounds an alert when lightning strikes within a five mile radius.

The prediction system continually monitors atmospheric conditions and activates a warning when a lightning strike is likely. The warning signal consists of one long 15-second blast from an air horn and is distinctly different from the Village's severe weather (tornado) siren.

Once the system determines that the imminent threat of a lightning strike has passed, an "all-clear" signal is given. The "all-clear" signal consists of three short five-second blasts on the air horn.

The system will be operational seven days a week, from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., March through November. Our goal is to provide users of Artesian Park with the safest recreational experiences possible.



Park Board President's message

Dear Lake Bluff Park District Residents:

We are always excited for summer in Lake Bluff, but this summer in particular has much to offer due to a number of Park District improvements and programs. We have made significant progress on the projects approved by the community. The beach stairs provide a welcome view of beautiful Lake Michigan and safe access to the beach. The tot pool offers families with young children a destination to enjoy. The Artesian Park tennis court resurfacing project is nearly complete. It will provide tennis players with a quality playing surface. These successful projects are the result of a tremendous team effort between the Board, staff, other community agencies and Lake Bluff Park District residents.

Recreation Center projects include a new roof and HVAC units, both completed and within budget. We look forward to the upcoming Artesian and Blair Park playground improvements, scheduled to begin in the fall. The Park District will host community input meetings in the coming months to ensure that our new playgrounds fit the needs and desires of our residents.

The Park District is committed to using residents on Board Committees to provide more transparency. These Committee Members gain knowledge on laws, finances, parks, programs and facilities. Currently, the following residents are on the Board Committees:

Niki Walsh	Facilities and Programs Committee
France Pitera	Finance, Administration and Future Planning Committee
George Russell	Parks and Beach Committee

In the future, we hope to add additional community members to these committees and strive to make resident input a priority.

I hope you enjoy the new improvements made to the Park District facilities. We constantly work to improve all our parks, programs, facilities and services and hope you can take advantage of them. I invite you to enjoy another incredible summer at the Lake Bluff Park District!

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.

News from the Lake Bluff Schools



Major renovations to the Middle School Library/Media Center will make it the core of the building.



Exterior brickwork on the west side addition to Lake Bluff Middle School is nearly complete.

Weekly Tuesday morning construction Q and A meetings

Renovation Q and A sessions are held every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Lake Bluff Community Room in the Police Station. Community members are encouraged to attend to get answers to any LBMS renovation or construction questions. Superintendent Sophie or Principal Blackmer attend, as well as the construction superintendent and a representative from the construction management group. If a question or an issue arises between meetings, please phone the District Office at 847-234-9400 or email Dr. Sophie at jsophie@LB65.org.

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

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Teachers' summer plans may surprise you

Teachers' dedication and efforts through the summer months affect Lake Bluff students in many positive ways.

Over the past several summers, Lake Bluff teachers have done a significant amount of work on revising the curriculum and developing new programs.

The results, while perhaps not immediately evident, are visible in the strong achievement scores our students earned on the 2015 PARCC Assessments, and on internal benchmarks such as the MAP and STAR assessments.

This summer they are at it again, with work on a variety of projects: writing and revising curriculum in several areas, preparing for standards-based reporting, creating behavior lesson plans, training in technology, and prepping for the new STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics) Lab at the Middle School.

Several will travel to New York for a national teacher training sponsored by the highly esteemed Lucy Calkins Reading and Writing Institute. They are expected to bring back a wealth of ideas and understanding related to reading and writing instruction to share with their colleagues.

School Board Meetings

Regular School Board meetings are usually held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Committee of the Whole meetings are usually held at 7:00 p.m. on the Tuesday two weeks prior to the regular meetings of the School Board. Unless otherwise announced, meetings are held in the Lake Bluff Village Hall, 40 E. Center Avenue. Meetings are televised live within Village boundaries on Comcast Channel 19 and rebroadcast throughout the week. Videos of the meetings are available at www.LB65.org within 10 days.

Board refinances long-term debt to save \$1.38 million over 11 years

On May 16 the District 65 Board of Education took advantage of historically low interest rates to **refinance \$8.8 million of long-term debt**. This amount represents just under 40% of the District's total outstanding debt.

The refinancing saves taxpayers \$1.38 million, or roughly \$40 per year for the next 11 years for a \$600,000 home.

The Board intends to refinance another \$5 million in debt some time during the next two years, depending on interest rates. The Board was advised by PMA Securities on the transaction.

"The Board will continue to monitor interest rates so that we can take every opportunity to ease the community's tax burden," said Board President Mark Barry. "It is this Board's intention to save both taxpayers and the District money in the short and long term. We will continue to be forward-looking and flexible, while ensuring there are sufficient funds to continue to provide a high level of educational opportunities and operations in Lake Bluff."

Let's connect!

- **Online:** Explore www.LB65.org, es.LB65.org and 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** or search for Search for **#LB65** for occasional updates, photos and reminders.



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School Board President's message

Dear Fellow Community Members:

With the conclusion of the 2015-16 school year it is time to reflect and celebrate some of the many accomplishments from this past year. Here just a few.

LBMS renovations well under way! After dozens of meetings and hundreds of hours of preparation time, renovations at LBMS are rocketing ahead. A quick drive by reveals that new additions are nearly enclosed and exterior brick face is going up. Somehow our amazing Architect has managed to tie all the disparate architectural elements and brick styles together into a cohesive exterior! Amazing! Interior demolition is nearly complete and renovations are in full swing. Videos and photographs showing progress are available at www.LB65.org/l_b_m_s_renovation_updates.

Thank you, thank you, thank you! The many community members, staff and administration who helped chart the course for the Middle School renovation by volunteering for the Steering and Core Committees are to be commended for their ongoing dedication and commitment to this project. This is a big job, requiring a substantial time commitment and the community truly appreciates your help.

Extended summer! Our construction manager continues to reassure us that the Middle School will be ready to open after Labor Day on September 7, 2016. Enjoy your extended summer! For construction updates check out www.LB65.org/l_b_m_s_renovation_updates, attend a Tuesday morning Q and A meeting or subscribe to the construction update newsletter at www.LB65.org/home.

Reducing the tax burden! Thanks to the guidance of our Business Manager Mr. Jay Kahn, along with leadership of our Superintendent Dr. Jean Sophie, the Board has been hard at work reducing the long-term tax burden for the District. The Board refinanced \$8.8 million in long-term debt this past year, saving taxpayers \$1.38 million over the life of the bonds. See details at left.

Help from the Village! Our administrators, architects and construction managers worked diligently with Village officials and committee members to secure all the necessary approvals and permits for LBMS. We appreciate the help and spirit of cooperation demonstrated by all those involved in making this a smooth process.

Intergovernmental cooperation! Speaking of working with other local taxing bodies... did you know that the School District meets with Village and Park District officials at least quarterly to discuss issues relevant to the entire community? We are working on further coordinating efforts to save taxpayer dollars.

Time to brag! Did you know Lake Bluff students get great student achievement scores? We were top in the state for math at the Middle School.

Curricular improvements! As promised, after instituting curricular changes in math that delivered improved performance, the Board has recently approved curricular changes in Science and Language arts – specifically writing – that are expected to deliver strong results as well. Stay tuned as those changes are instituted over the next year. Big thanks to Kellie Bae in the District office for all the hard work and research that goes into bringing the best of these programs to District 65.

Leveling the playing field! Last fall the Board approved an intergovernmental agreement with the Lake Bluff Library guaranteeing students from Knollwood the same access to the library as students from the Village of Lake Bluff.

Sad to see you go! Congratulation to Cathy Driver who is retiring after 17 years as a special education teacher at the Middle School! Kathy is a legend among special education parents and has positively impacted the lives of hundreds of students during her career. We are forever grateful.

Thank you, and let's keep in touch.

Mark Barry, Board President

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Village of Lake Bluff meetings and events

Please check lakebluff.org for agendas and cancellations

July

- 11 Village Board 7 p.m.
- 13 Historic Preservation Commission 7 p.m.
- 15 Farmers' Market (Fridays thru 10/14) 7 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- 20 Plan Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals 7 p.m.
- 23 Bike Race & Block Party (all day)
- 25 Village Board 7 p.m.
- 27 Sustainability & Enhancement Committee 7 p.m.

August

- 2 Architectural Board of Review 7 p.m.
- 5 Farmers' Market Corn Roast 7 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- 6 Downtown Block Party 5 to 10 p.m.
- 8 Village Board 7 p.m.
- 10 Historic Preservation Commission 7 p.m.
- 17 Plan Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals 7 p.m.
- 20 Downtown Block Party 5 to 10 p.m.
- 22 Village Board 7 p.m.
- 31 Sustainability & Enhancement Committee 7 p.m.

September

- 6 Architectural Board of Review 7 p.m.
- 12 Village Board 7 p.m.
- 14 Historic Preservation Commission 7 p.m.
- 17 Public Safety Open House 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- 21 Plan Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals 7 p.m.
- 24 Downtown Block Party 5 to 10 p.m.
- 26 Village Board 7 p.m.
- 28 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

The Committee of the Whole meetings are held on the first Monday of the month, except as noted below, and regular meetings of the Board of Park Commissioners are held on the third Monday of the month as noted in the following schedule. Meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. at the Recreation Center, 355 W. Washington Avenue, Lake Bluff, Illinois.

July

- 18 Regular Board Meeting

August

- 13 Online resident fall registration starts
- 15 In-person/fax resident fall registration starts
- 15 Regular Board Meeting

September

- 1 Rec Center closed for cleaning and repairs
- 2 Rec Center closed for cleaning and repairs
- 12* Board Committee of the Whole Meeting
- 19 Board Regular Board Meeting

October

- 3 Board Committee of the Whole Meeting
- 17 Regular Board Meeting*

* second Monday of the Month

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

School District events and news

www.LB65.org
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July

- 19 Regular Board of Education Meeting 7 p.m.*

August

- 23 Regular Board of Education Meeting 7 p.m.*

September

- 7 First day of school – early release
- 13 Board Committee of the Whole 7 p.m.*
- 27 Regular Board of Education Meeting 7 p.m.*

October

- 11 Board Committee of the Whole 7 p.m.*
- 25 Regular Board of Education Meeting 7 p.m.*

* 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.

School starts later this fall

School starts on September 7 this year. The later date allows renovations and construction of Lake Bluff Middle School to be completed before students return from summer vacation.

See the online calendar at www.LB65.org for more Lake Bluff school and District 65 events

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