



# On the Bluff

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## Village News

### Electrical aggregation update

Over the last three years, the North Shore Electricity Aggregation Consortium (Consortium) has been in a contract agreement with MC Squared Energy Services (MC2), saving Lake Bluff residents more than \$1.1 million. The Village conducted an extensive due diligence process to determine if a new supply agreement should be considered with an alternative electricity provider and solicited bids from qualified providers in November 2014. The Consortium has entered into a new agreement with Integrys Energy Services (soon to be consolidated into Constellation Energy Services) to provide electricity supply and services to Consortium communities. The Consortium continues to monitor electricity pricing with the goal of locking in rates that will be lower than the new ComEd default rates that were announced in April. The reason the Village did not renew its agreement with

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## Park District News

### Beach repairs update

You may have read that the website "Onlyinyourstate.com" named the Lake Bluff Beach as one of the best beaches in Illinois. This is cause for congratulations and celebration, especially after the October storm's high winds and waves that caused significant damage to Sunrise Park Beach.

Under the guidance of coastal engineer Shabica & Associates, the Park District repaired the sand and damaged breakwater areas, adding approximately 645 tons of sand to reestablish the sand areas to the same size as before the storm. The fence at the Dog Beach was replaced as well. Insurance funds helped offset the expense. See photos inside.

Another major storm recently washed sand away again, so the Park District will reevaluate the Sand Management Plan.

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## School District News

### Lake Bluff students stand out in science, math and technology events

Lake Bluff students made their mark this spring in area science, math and technology events. These included:

- ▶ The regional **SIT (Students Involved with Technology) Conference** for grades 3–12 – 15 Lake Bluff students gave half-hour presentations on topics such as coding, Minecraft, Lego Mindstorms and Technics.
- ▶ **Science Olympiad**, a regional team competition – In this academic track meet teams competed across disciplines of earth science, chemistry, anatomy, physics, geology, and mechanical engineering. The Lake Bluff Middle School team medaled in seven of the 23 events.
- ▶ The local **You Be the Chemist competition** hosted here in Lake Bluff – Our Middle

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# News from the Village of Lake Bluff

## Northwestern Medicine Lake Bluff Criterium & Block Party on July 25

Lake Bluff is gearing up for the 4th annual Northwestern Medicine Lake Bluff Criterium & Block Party on July 25th. This is an all-day event that attracts thousands of people to downtown Lake Bluff to enjoy professional bike racing as well as amateur races, kids' races and lots and lots of food and refreshments from local restaurants.

The Lake Bluff bike races will begin at 10:00 a.m. and finish with the women's and men's professional races by 8:00 p.m. As the professionals are racing, the Village Green will transform into the Village Block Party, presented by Friends of Lake Bluff Parks, from 4:00 to 11:00 p.m. The Block Party will feature live music, the Taste of Lake Bluff from local restaurants, and games for kids by the Park District. Bar sales and funds from a silent auction will go directly to improvements at Lake Bluff beaches.

Kids' bike races take place on the race course and begin at 6:00 p.m., followed by the men's pro race at 6:30 p.m. The women professionals start at 4:50 p.m. before the kids' races.

The event planners are looking for volunteers to help with this major sporting event — the second largest event in Lake Bluff after the 4th of July Parade. Volunteers can step up to be a course marshal, host professional athletes in their home, or be on the Green to help with the Village Block Party. Contact Deb Dintruff at [deb.dintruff@comcast.net](mailto:deb.dintruff@comcast.net).

## Electrical aggregation update

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MC2 is because a rate lower than ComEd's could not be guaranteed. This past spring ComEd sent letters to all accounts currently enrolled in the aggregation program notifying them that their current supply contract is expiring and that their account will revert to the ComEd default rate starting in May, 2015. In the event a new electricity supply price is set, the Consortium will send opt-out letters to all residential and small commercial accounts to provide account owners the opportunity to either participate or opt-out of the new municipal aggregation supply contract. Accounts that are enrolled in the new municipal aggregation supply contract will then receive a final letter from ComEd verifying that the account has been enrolled into the program. Currently, prices from alternative energy suppliers are not indicative of the Consortium entering into a minimum one-year agreement price lock as margins between ComEd and these suppliers are not advantageous over the long-term. For the time being, Lake Bluff residents will receive electricity from ComEd unless a more viable rate from an alternative supplier is identified by the Consortium, or unless residents choose to use another supplier. As a new initiative, the Consortium is exploring natural gas options for the future, as well as evaluating energy efficiency options.

**Visit [lakebluff.org](http://lakebluff.org) to take the Downtown Visioning Survey by July 31st**



## Car care for cleaner water

Did you know that cars cause water pollution? As we drive, our cars leave behind drops of oil, grease, transmission fluid and bits of tire among other things. Less visible are the tiny car exhaust particles that gradually settle out of the air or hit the ground. Evidence of this can be seen when snow cover turns black. As a result of rain washing auto pollutants off driveways and roads and into storm drains, polluted water is channeled to nearby waterways, such as Lake Michigan and the East Skokie River. The Village offers these simple solutions residents can use to achieve a cleaner car and cleaner water:

► **Use Commercial Car Washes:** When cars are washed at commercial car washes the drains, by law, are connected to pipes that lead to wastewater treatment plants. If you do wash your car at home, pull the car onto your lawn, so that the soap and dirt from your car soaks into the ground.

- **Repair Leaks Right Away:** Spots on the driveway or garage floor signify the engine, transmission, or radiator in your car is leaking. Have the leak repaired as soon as possible. Remember, don't scrub the dirty spot with detergent and wash the dirty water into the street. Use an absorbent material to wipe up the spill.
- **Recycle Oil and Antifreeze:** Never dump recycled or remaining auto fluids down the storm drain. If you change your own oil or antifreeze take the used material to recycling centers. Contact the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County at 847-336-9340, or visit [swalco.org](http://swalco.org), to learn where to dispose of these and other household chemical waste.

To learn about Lake Bluff's drinking water and to view the **2015 Annual Water Quality Report**, which contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water, please visit [lakebluff.org](http://lakebluff.org).

# Village President's message

Dear Neighbor,

Summertime in Lake Bluff. It's hard to do better. Summer is the time of year to enjoy Lake Bluff for its beach, opens spaces, charming downtown, recreation trails, numerous special events, and the serenity a summer's night walk through your neighborhood can bring.

While walking, you may notice that roadway construction has been an impactful aspect of summer already – definitely not enjoyed as much as those other summer attributes I previously mentioned. That said I am pleased to announce the Village's Roadway Resurfacing Program, (a \$708,000 reinvestment in Village-owned infrastructure) is already finished with the complete or partial resurfacing of 11 streets in addition to the entrance drive to the Metra train station. The Village also invested \$65,000 in the replacement and installation of new sidewalks this summer. We appreciate your patience through this construction season and trust that you believe (as we do) that the short-term annoyance is worth the long-term gains.

Speaking of construction, the new Target Retail Center is quickly approaching completion. This \$35 million private investment in the Village's west side business district has changed the area from a neighborhood grocery store with restaurant and retail offerings to a new shopping destination. The off-site improvements (roadway, pathways and underground improvements) are receiving their finishing touches now. Target, as well as most of the retail spaces will open before the end of July. Village leadership is pleased that this area is

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evolving in a way consistent with the Village's long range land use plan – creating new revenue streams, increasing consumer choices, and improving our infrastructure.

It is also exciting to note the Village's fourth annual Northwestern Medicine Lake Bluff Criterium and Block Party is coming up on July 25th. I encourage Lake Bluffers to hang around town during this time to witness a spectacular event that attracts national attention with the Village being a part of the USA Cycling National Criterium Calendar. Races take place from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and the Block Party, coordinated once again by Friends of Lake Bluff Parks and the Lake Bluff Park District, will be from 4:00 to 11:00 p.m. Like the 4th of July Parade, this event is another wonderful opportunity for intergenerational experiences and connections in the beautiful setting of downtown Lake Bluff.

In continuing to think about Lake Bluff's downtown, the Village has engaged Teska Associates, a land use and planning consultant, to assist in its public outreach effort in soliciting feedback from the community regarding the visual preferences for Block 2 (bordered by East Scranton Avenue, Oak Avenue, East North Avenue and Walnut Avenue) and Block 3 (former PNC Bank block). An open house with the community took place in June and I am proud to have seen so many residents and property owners in attendance. The interest in planning the Village's long-term vision for its downtown is essential to retaining businesses, managing the Village's character and attracting new residents. I encourage you to participate in the visual preference survey (available at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2GYWLPX>) and help the Village refine its vision for the potential redevelopment of these critical areas. Please keep in mind the survey ends July 31st. Following the survey, Teska Associates will summarize the results in a draft report which will help facilitate the creation of design guidelines for commercial and residential development, as well as streetscape design.

One of the questions I am frequently asked is: "What is the status of the Stonebridge development?" The answer is the Village Board conditionally approved the preliminary plan submitted by The Roanoke Group in late November 2014 to construct 98 single-family



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homes for the Stonebridge Planned Residential Development (lying along Green Bay Road). Representatives of The Roanoke Group have met with Village Staff on several occasions to map out the process ahead and is preparing its submittal for review by the Historic Preservation Commission and the Architectural Board of Review. These meetings will occur prior to the proposal's return to the Plan Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals for a public hearing on the final development plan and then final consideration by the Village Board. Please stay informed on this important project by visiting [lakebluff.org](http://lakebluff.org) for future meeting agendas and materials.

Enjoy the summer!

Best,

Kathleen O'Hara, Village President

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# News from Lake Bluff Park District

## Beach update: Photos of damage and repairs



*A late October storm's high winds and waves caused significant damage to Sunrise Park Beach.*



*Damage at the North and Dog Beaches.*

## Bluffinia Concerts

Join us Sunday evenings from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. for Bluffinia, our summer concert series on the Lake Bluff Village Green.

Bluffinia is sponsored by Lake Forest Bank & Trust Company.

July 19: **Pirates Over 40**

Caribbean

July 26: **New Odyssey**

Rock/Pop

Aug. 2: **Shindig**

Rock and Roll  
Tribute to  
the 60's

Aug. 9: **Hillbilly Rockstarz**

County Rock

Aug. 16: **Bopology**

Swing/Big Band

Aug. 23: **Spoke Four**

Rock/Pop Cover Band



*Approximately 645 tons of sand were brought in to reestablish the beach areas to pre-storm condition.*



*The beach was repaired under the guidance of a coastal engineer.*

## Lake Bluff Park District

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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.



## 2015-2019 Strategic Plan

The Park District has completed the 2011-2014 Strategic Plan and began the process developing a 2015-2019 Strategic Plan. The Board and staff met for two days discussing the Park District's future and outlining strategic goals and objectives.

The Board will finalize the Strategic Plan at the July 20 Regular Board meeting. Once approved, the plan will be available to the public at [www.lakebluffparks.org](http://www.lakebluffparks.org).



## Friends update

The 4th Annual Lake Bluff Criterium & Block Party will be held on Saturday, July 25. A series of Criterium-format bike races on a closed course through downtown Lake Bluff will begin in the morning, leading up to professional women's and men's races in the late afternoon and early evening.

The Block Party, held on the Village Green and produced by Friends of Lake Bluff Parks, will offer food served by local eateries and live music featuring Little Big Men and See Alice.

Net proceeds from event sponsor contributions, a bike raffle and silent auction of outdoor furniture painted by local artists are part of the Friends' current campaign to help fund improvements for Sunrise Beach.

Learn more about us at <http://FriendsofLBParks.org>

## Park Board President's message

Dear Lake Bluff Park District Residents:

Summer is a wonderful time at the Park District. It's nice to see our beach, pool and parks full of people enjoying time outdoors. Despite the mild temperatures, participation in our summer camps and programs has increased this year.

I am excited to take over as the President of such an incredible board. Past president, Kevin Considine was a strong leader who helped to guide the district in a positive direction. I will follow his example as I guide the Park District into the next phase of continually improving our parks, programs and facilities.

We are getting ready to start implementing construction and improvement plans for our 2014 referendum projects. This month we'll be initiating some improvements at your community parks and in the recreation center. By September, major projects at Sunrise Park and Beach and at the Blair Park Pool will begin. As soon as the pool closes for the season, construction will begin on the new wading pool and replacement of the main pool liner.

While you will not see every planned improvement take place immediately, they are coming. By the end of 2018 all referendum planned projects will be complete, including those I have already mentioned and new playgrounds at Artesian, Knollwood and Blair Parks. These will help to improve our community in general, and will offer families new and exciting areas to spend time together outdoors.

We are fortunate to live in such a special community and I hope you will take advantage of everything the Park District has to offer. Whether it be a walk on the beach or through a park, a swim at the pool or a game of tennis, we want you to enjoy the services we provide. Should you ever have a question or concern regarding anything at the Park District, feel free to contact me or my fellow Park Board members.

I look forward to seeing you around our parks and facilities this summer!

Best regards,

Rob Douglass, Board President

## Referendum Update: Projected Referendum Construction Project Timeline

Below is a list of anticipated dates when each referendum related project will begin. Dates may change slightly based on permitting, weather and other construction related factors.

Project	Projected Construction Start
Lake Bluff Pool including Wading Pool	September 1, 2015, and opening May 2016
Sunrise Park and Beach – Stairs and Bathhouse	Fall 2015
Recreation Center – Roof and HVAC:	Fall 2015
Artesian Park – Tennis Courts:	Fall 2015 (anticipated)
Artesian Park – Playground and Path:	September 2016
Artesian Park – Parking Lot:	Completed
Blair Park – Playground and Paths:	September 2016
Knollwood Parks:	Fall 2018
Artesian Park – Roof:	Fall 2018

# News from the Lake Bluff Schools

## Four-year teachers' contract signed

The School Board of Education and the Lake Bluff Teachers' Council, the professional organization for the District's approximately 90 certified staff members, have signed a new contract, effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2019.

The contract provides for teachers to receive average increases in their total compensation of 3.2% per year. This includes one-time salary adjustments in the first year designed to bring Lake Bluff teachers' salaries more in line with other North Shore school districts, as well as additional cost sharing for medical and dental coverage. While salaries will go up an average of 3.8% per year, employee contributions to their medical and dental coverage will double over the term of the contract, from 3% of the individual premium to 6%. This increased employee contribution helps reduce the overall increase in total compensation to the annual rate of 3.2%. The elimination of an existing post-retirement severance payment, which will sunset at the end of this contract, will help the District realize additional savings.

Board President Mark Barry thanked the Teachers' Council and District administration for their collaborative work to reach this agreement, stating, "This four-year agreement will allow for critical long-term educational and financial planning. It maintains District 65's competitive salary structure, while assuring fiscal stability for the District and its taxpayers." This is particularly vital as the District continues planning discussions regarding renovations at Lake Bluff Middle School, an approximately 60-year old facility beginning to show its age. *See President's message at right.*

Superintendent Dr. Jean Sophie applauded the Board and teachers' commitment to working together to find common ground: "I appreciate the unique, highly professional working relationship of our teachers and the Board, and our shared dedication to educating students to be lifelong learners and well-rounded citizens through excellence in teaching in a safe, nurturing learning environment." *The contract can be found in the Important Documents area of the Board section at <http://www.lb65.org>.*

## Lake Bluff students stand out

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School students competed against contestants from nine area middle schools.

- ▶ **The Illinois Odyssey of the Mind**, built around creativity and team competition – Guided by parent volunteers and teachers, 19 Lake Bluff Middle School students worked for months outside of school to find and present solutions to open-ended problems. In our first year of participation, three of our teams qualified for the World Finals.

Each of these hands-on, minds-on activities complements our efforts to incorporate STEM learning into the Lake Bluff curriculum.

### What is STEM?

STEM stands for the integration of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math into one educational experience. STEM often comes in the form of projects where students work as a team to solve real-world problems. Strong skills in single subjects are vital; putting them together in this way does an even better job of preparing our students for the future. Using video and other media to report results provides students additional valuable learning opportunities.

Because creativity is an essential part of innovation, STEAM, which includes an A for art and design, is a variation of STEM.



*Lake Bluff Middle School students at the Illinois Odyssey of the Mind competition*

## New Board member

Philip R. Hood was appointed in May to fill the position left vacant on the District 65 Board of Education when Christine Letchinger resigned for personal reasons. Mr. Hood is Vice President of Development and Alumni Relations at Lake Forest College.

To fill the seat, the Board sought applications and interviewed candidates. Board President Mark Barry said, "I so appreciate how the community stepped forward to help fill this position. Eight great candidates applied, making our job very difficult. But now, in addition to an outstanding new Board member, we have a list of highly qualified residents to invite into committee work and to encourage to run for office in the future."

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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.



## Intergovernmental agreement renewed

District 65, Lake Bluff Park District and Shields Township have renewed the intergovernmental agreement to financially support the traffic signal and push button crosswalk on Waukegan Road/IL Route 43 at Foster Avenue in Knollwood. The signal was installed in 1984 as part of improvements to Waukegan Road. Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) studies at the time did not show a need for a traffic light, but to provide a safe crossing for pedestrians and children walking to West School and the adjacent park, the three entities created a 20-year agreement to construct and fund the traffic signal. IDOT was to bill each government for shared maintenance of the signal. After the agreement expired in 2004, billing by IDOT continued, and the three entities each continued paying \$1,200 per year, with Shields Township additionally paying the cost of electricity. The new agreement formalizes support of the traffic signal through March 2035.

## Schedule is online

The full school calendar, including vacations, institute days, early release days, and events as information becomes available, can be found on the District 65 home page at [www.lb65.org](http://www.lb65.org).



*Third grade teacher Amanda Willey (at right), was named a Golden Apple Teacher of Distinction. Asst. Principal Tracy Roehrick was also on hand for the Golden Apple awards ceremony.*

## School Board President's message

Dear Fellow Community Members:

Decisions regarding the future of education in Lake Bluff are best made with input from all areas of the community — parents, non-parents, local organizations, teachers and administrators all have something to share. And let's not forget the students themselves — during a recent Board of Education discussion about the future of the Middle School, students spoke up with brilliant ideas that had not yet even been considered.

As you probably know, for nearly two years the Board of Education and groups of stakeholders have been analyzing the Lake Bluff Middle School facility and working to plan its future. I'd like to share with you the process that has led us to where we are now, and encourage you to give your input and get involved as we move forward to repair, repurpose and modernize the Middle School.

Efforts began in Fall 2013 with a facilities study by the District's former architects, followed by informal meetings and tours with stakeholders. This led to seeking the second opinion of a neutral third party, and Plante Moran presented that neutral third party study in August 2014.

In September, the Board hired Wight & Company as Architect of Record, and the firm set to work reconciling the prior facilities studies. A formal Facilities Committee with a wider cross section of stakeholders was formed. Led by the architects, the committee toured schools, brainstormed, identified key areas of focus, and ranked priorities. This March, the architects used this input to show eight rough ideas to the Board. The Board provided its feedback and solicited stakeholder and community opinions. A survey of stakeholders by the architects found that the Board **and** the community members had the same top three priorities: (1) Reimagine and/or relocate the Library/Learning Media Center (LMC); (2) Reconfigure the main entrance with enhanced security; and (3) Relocate educational space out of the basement.

It was also clear that all design options must include renovations to the science labs to accommodate growing STEM/STEAM programs (see "Lake Bluff students stand out" on the front and the previous page). A Steering Committee was organized to guide the architects in further refining the draft ideas into three conceptual designs for improvements to the school, each honoring the priorities established by the community and stakeholders;

In late May three options were presented. In addition to the listed priorities, the committee also asked that each option also remediate the moisture and leaking in the basement; move Special Education out of the second-story LMC loft; install fire sprinklers throughout the building; refresh all classrooms and common spaces with new paint; and open up hallways and small areas to provide greater flow and gathering spaces.

At the same time, the Board called on financial experts to determine how the requested improvements might be funded, so that we could dig into what might be manageable for taxpayers. We now know that the total cost of the project is expected to fall between \$6.5 and \$9.2 million. Using a mix of reserves and bond financing to pay for the improvements, approximately \$4.5 million in reserves would be used to fund much of the project, with the balance funded by non-referendum working cash bonds. The additional cost of borrowing to tax payers, for a home valued at \$500,000, would be approximately \$112 per year over the 20-year life of the bonds.

Though we are a ways from having final plans in place, at the June 9th meeting the Board gave its architect, Wight and Company, approval to move forward and further develop Design Concept 3. The scope of this concept includes repurposing former basement classroom space into the District offices, saving \$60,000 a year in rent. We can also expect that community pride — *and property values* — will increase as well. To learn more about Concept 3 check out all the details available at [www.lb65.org/l\\_b\\_m\\_s\\_renovations](http://www.lb65.org/l_b_m_s_renovations).

**What is next? More input!** It's time to move ahead with specific plans. This summer the architect will meet with science, special education, library/media center and art teachers who will come in on their own time to discuss specific classroom needs. When we return to school, they'll be reaching out to Steering Committee members for feedback on the plans. And we must also hear what the students have to say about classrooms, common areas and this place they will "live."

I hope you share my excitement over this inclusive process. We have the opportunity to create something really special for our community, and I urge you to jump on board. If you have questions or comments please reach out to any School Board member or email me at [mbarry@lb65.org](mailto:mbarry@lb65.org), and check in at [www.lb65.org/l\\_b\\_m\\_s\\_renovations](http://www.lb65.org/l_b_m_s_renovations) for information updates and an ongoing detailed narrative of the entire process.

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

### July

- 25 Bike Race & Block Party
- 27 Village Board 7 p.m.

### 31 Downtown Visioning Survey ends

- 31 Farmers Market (Fridays through 10/9)  
7 a.m. to Noon

### August

- 4 Architectural Board of Review 7 p.m.
- 10 Village Board 7 p.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.
- 29 Downtown Block Party 5 to 10 p.m.

### September

- 1 Architectural Board of Review 7 p.m.
- 9 Historic Preservation Commission 7 p.m.
- 12 Downtown Block Party 5 to 10 p.m.
- 14 Village Board 7 p.m.
- 16 Joint Plan Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals 7 p.m.
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- 28 Village Board 7 p.m.

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## Park District meetings 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 high quality programs! Find it all online at [www.lakebluffparks.org](http://www.lakebluffparks.org).

### August

- 3 Board Committee of the Whole 7 p.m.  
in the Kidzone Room
- 17 Regular Board Meeting 7 p.m.\*

### September

- 14 Board Committee of the Whole 7 p.m.\*
- 21 Regular Board Meeting 7 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. See inside for details

**Watch for the Fall Program Guide, coming in August!**

## School District events and news

[www.lb65.org](http://www.lb65.org)  
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### July

- 21 Regular Board of Education Meeting 7 a.m.\*  
Morning meeting
- 31 Registration ends for 2015-2016 school year

### August

- 19 First day of school
- 25 Regular Board of Education Meeting 7 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.

## Let's connect!

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- **Twitter:** Follow **@LakeBluffSD65** for occasional updates, photos and reminders.