

On the Bluff

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Photo: Sunrise Park after a snowstorm — photo by Lake Bluff resident Corinne Torkelson Photography www.captureimage.com

Village News

Senior tax rebates available

Through the Village's Senior Citizen Property Tax Rebate Program, eligible seniors may apply to have a portion of the Village's share of the tax bill rebated. In November, the Village Board increased the rebate from \$350 to \$500 and adjusted the income threshold for qualifying households from \$25,000 to \$40,000 or less, and the program now automatically adjusts with an annual income escalator. This is the first significant change to the program since 1999. To qualify, the head of household must be at least 65 years of age and household members must have resided in and paid property taxes to the Village a minimum of five years.

For additional information about the program or assistance in applying for this rebate please contact Susan Griffin (847-234-0774) or Janet Fryer at Dickinson Hall (847-234-2209).

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Park District News

Referendum update and timeline

Since the passing of the referendum in November, the Park District has been developing a plan and timeline to implement upgrades and repairs.

The Park District has retained FGM Architects for design of the Beach bathrooms and Aquatic Facility. By March, the Park District will be applying for state permits for the Aquatic Facility which may take five to six months for approval. Therefore, the Aquatic Facility construction may not occur until late August. The Park District is hoping to renovate the beach bathrooms and replace the two stair cases leading to the beach by June, pending permits and weather.

The Park District will continue to provide you with updates through our website at www.lakebluffparks.org

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School District News

Good news on State report card: Lake Bluff students have highest math growth on the North Shore

The recent *Illinois Interactive Report Card* by the Illinois State Board of Education gave District 65 students the highest math growth scores on the North Shore. The online report card informs the public of school performance statewide in Math and English/Language Arts. Scores are tied to last spring's state ISAT exams.

"We are very pleased with the improving math scores," explains District 65 Superintendent Dr. Jean Sophie. "The revamping of the math curriculum has allowed for more rigorous learning standards while students develop a deep understanding of mathematical concepts, proficiency with key skills, and ability to solve complex and novel problems. Focusing on the teaching of concepts and skills in the context of problem solving gives students meaning in

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LAKE BLUFF SCHOOLS
DISTRICT 65

News from the Village of Lake Bluff

Storm sewers: Rivers beneath our feet

Storm sewers are pipes laid underground, often below streets. Inlets or drains, most often located along the edges of roadways and in parking areas, collect storm runoff and routes the stormwater to the storm sewers. In Lake Bluff the storm sewers located east of Green Bay Road discharge stormwater into Lake Michigan or into the ravines which drain to Lake Michigan. All storm sewers west of Green Bay Road in Lake Bluff discharge into the East Skokie River. A common misconception is that water running off streets goes into a sewage treatment plant. In fact, stormwater usually receives no treatment.

Stormwater is *not* clean water

Stormwater runoff carries pollutants that seriously harm our waters, including:

- **Sediment:** Soil particles washed off construction sites or farm fields into a lake or stream make the water cloudy or turbid. When sediment settles out of the water, it gradually fills in the river bed.

- **Phosphorus:** This nutrient, often attached to soil particles, fuels the growth of algae and aquatic weeds. These plants are important in providing habitat for fish and wildlife. However, rapid and excessive growth of algae and aquatic plants can degrade water quality and interfere with swimming, boating and fishing.
- **Micro-organisms:** Bacteria, viruses and other disease causing organisms make waterways unsafe for swimming, wading and other types of recreation. Some of these organisms, notably Cryptosporidium, are difficult to remove through water treatment and may endanger people who depend on drinking water supplies drawn from lakes or streams.
- **Toxic chemicals:** Motor oil, lead from gas and auto exhaust, zinc from roof drains and tires, and pesticides in stormwater runoff may kill aquatic organisms or impair health, growth or ability to reproduce.

We can all help!

Each of us contributes to stormwater pollution and each of us can help stop it. Here are some ways you can help:

- Keep pesticides, oil, leaves and other pollutants off streets and out of storm drains;
- Divert roof water to lawns or gardens where it can safely soak in to the ground;
- Clean up pet waste by burying it or flushing it down the toilet; and
- Keep cars tuned up and repair leaks – better yet, walk or bike.

The amount of pollution that you stop may seem small, but together it all adds up to cleaner water for everyone to enjoy!

Adapted from University of Wisconsin–Extension in cooperation with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (1999). *Cleaning Up Stormwater Runoff—A Series of Water Quality Fact Sheets about Stormwater Runoff*. [Brochure]. Author: Johnson, C.

Money scams

Recently the Lake Bluff Police Department has witnessed many scams involving calls demanding payment for fines, bills, or emergencies using “Green Dot MoneyPak” cards. Green Dot MoneyPak cards are legitimate products when used for the right purposes. Once purchased at a retailer with cash, consumers can use them to reload other prepaid cards, add money to PayPal, or make payments as you would with a gift card or prepaid cards. The cards can only be purchased with cash, so there is no need for consumers to disclose any personal or financial information to a retail cashier.

However, in scams reported to police, intended victims are instructed by scammers to buy Green Dot MoneyPak Cards and load a specific amount, as in an amount to cover a fine or other claim that can be paid off using the card. The consumer is asked by the scammer to provide the number on the back of the card. The scammers then drain the card of all its value. Anyone with the 14-digit number found on the back of the MoneyPak card can use the funds from that card.

To keep residents safe from scams such as the one described above, please read the following crime prevention tips:

- ▶ Be suspicious of callers who demand immediate payment for any reason;
- ▶ Remember that anyone who has the numbers on the back of a Green Dot MoneyPak Card has access to the funds;
- ▶ NEVER provide any personal or financial information to unsolicited emails or telephone calls;
- ▶ NEVER wire money, provide debit/credit card numbers or Green Dot MoneyPak Card numbers to someone you don't know; and
- ▶ Utility companies, government agencies, hospitals, or law enforcement will not contact you demanding immediate payment by Green Dot MoneyPak Cards.

If you are ever in doubt contact the Lake Bluff Police Department at 847-234-8760.

2015 refuse collection service rates

Weekly curbside collection	\$21.44
Weekly backdoor collection	\$13.19
Twice-weekly curbside	\$13.19
Twice-weekly backdoor	\$30.24
White goods collection	\$38.49

Please note only those households receiving a la carte collections (twice a week 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.

Village President's message

Dear Neighbor,

While the New Year has just arrived, the Village is embracing the excitement of several important projects underway or planned for 2015. Since the Village's tagline "*North Shore Life | Lake Bluff Style*" was penned the Village has been hard at work rolling out various components of its branding message. It is the Village's goal to roll out the brand using a two-phase approach. Phase One will encompass the Village's physical environment (signs, stationary, flags, etc.), as well as the digital environment (website and establishment of a social media presence). Following the branding of our physical environment the Village will look to reach out beyond our borders in an effort to be an attractive community for both new residents and commercial business. This past December the Village launched its new website (lakebluff.org) that is consistent with our brand identity and helps us to share the compelling story of living and doing business in Lake Bluff. When the temperature warms again the Village will install new gateway signage near main access points to town, as well as uniform signage that will better identify our public buildings and facilities.

I'm sure you have witnessed the progress being made on the Target Store and outlet buildings along IL Rt. 176 on our western border. It has been a quick couple of months of construction and already the walls are all complete and roof construction is underway. Although construction permits for the off-site improvements (construction of a northbound right-turn lane at the intersection of 176/43) have not been released by IDOT, it is anticipated the road improvements will commence first thing in

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the spring and be completed on time for a late July opening.

Following the Village Board's decision in November to conditionally approve the preliminary development plan for the 47-acre Stonebridge Planned Residential Development, The Roanoke Group (Petitioner) met in a joint workshop with both the Architectural Board of Review (ABR) and the Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals (PCZBA) to solicit feedback on the floor plans and exterior elevations of the houses. The Village anticipates the Stonebridge Development will commence with final plan review during the first quarter of 2015. This review process will include meetings with the Historic Preservation Commission to review the plans for the Manor House and the Carriage House landmark structures, as well as architectural plan review by the ABR. The PCZBA will take the recommendations of the HPC and ABR under advisement and conduct a public hearing to consider the final development plan which will result in a recommendation to the Village Board. To stay informed of this public process please visit lakebluff.org for updates.

Since 2012 residents and small businesses that have chosen to opt-in and participate in the Village's Electricity Aggregation Program, through its membership in the North Shore Electricity Aggregation Consortium (Consortium), have enjoyed a savings of more than \$1 million in electricity supply costs. The current three-year electricity supply contract with MC Squared is due to expire at the end of May 2015. As such, the Consortium, through a formal bidding process, has solicited proposals from several service providers. However, the Consortium is confronted with an ever-changing and complex electricity market and regulatory environment; because of this complexity, it has become clear that the significant savings enjoyed by electricity aggregation program members are expected to further erode. One reason for the diminished savings is the expiration of high-cost power supplies in ComEd's portfolio. This makes it more difficult for alternative electricity suppliers, such as MC Squared, to provide a fixed, long-term more competitive aggregated electricity rate than the rate offered by ComEd. Stay tuned and look for information as it becomes available at lakebluff.org.



**NORTH SHORE LIFE
LAKE BLUFF STYLE**

The Village is currently reviewing its financial policies and revenue and expense projections for preparation of its fiscal year 2016 budget. The budget public hearing is currently scheduled for the March 9th Village Board meeting. This year the Village is continuing with its focus on seeking greater economies of scale in providing public services. As you are aware the Village has accomplished this goal by: consolidating emergency dispatch services with the Village of Glenview (five-year savings of more than \$1 million), partnering with 13 other communities to share staffing and infrastructure needs related to information technology services, as well as completing the numerous projects that are part of the Municipal Partnering Initiative, such as roadway resurfacing and crack sealing work among others. As we move through this review process look for a copy of the Tentative Annual Budget online at lakebluff.org.

Best,

Kathleen O'Hara, Village President

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News from Lake Bluff Park District

Beach update

On October 31, high wind and wave conditions caused significant damage to Sunrise Park and Beach and the adjacent parking lot.

The beach has been re-opened and plans are in place to repair the damage. In late spring, over 1250 tons of sand will be added to the beach. The fence at the Dog Beach will also be replaced.

The beach will be open for normal operations by Memorial Day 2015.



Friends update

Friends of Lake Bluff Parks, the not-for-profit foundation supporting the Park District, is taking its fundraising momentum into 2015. The group is more than two thirds of the way to successfully completing its three-year campaign to raise \$50,000 toward updated restrooms and improved access stairs at Sunrise Beach. Aiming to reach its goal by year-end 2015, the Friends plans include:

- ▶ Sponsoring for the third year the Block Party component of the 2015 Lake Bluff Criterium & Block Party planned for July 25.
- ▶ Again hosting a Luau! fundraising celebration/party/dance on September 12.
- ▶ Conducting a direct-to-individuals fundraising effort in which donors will be offered the opportunity to “own a piece of the action” in the improvement work being done at Sunrise Beach — details to be announced soon.

The Friends welcome new trustee Betsie Sassen, who was elected in December. “Our family – my husband, our son and daughter, and I – benefit so much from the Lake Bluff Park District’s programs and facilities. I am honored to have the chance to help cultivate the community’s deep support for a big part of what makes Lake Bluff special,” she says.

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

Governor awards Park District \$400,000 grant

In January Governor Quinn announced that the Lake Bluff Park District received a \$400,000 OSLAD grant to be used for Aquatic Facility repairs.

The Park District would like to thank Governor Quinn and IDNR Director Miller and staff for awarding our community with this very important grant. In addition, the Park District would like to thank State Senators Julie Morrison and Terry Link and Representative Scott Drury for supporting this project. Their support was instrumental for this grant.

We are extremely appreciative of the community’s support and continue to utilize citizen input to strengthen the community.

The Lake Bluff Park District thanks the Illinois General Assembly for continuing to make the OSLAD grant program one of its priorities. We are also grateful to Governor Quinn for his commitment to funding parks, recreation and open space and IDNR Director Marc Miller for his support of the OSLAD program.

News and notes

Aquatic Facility memberships

Memberships purchased before April 15 will be eligible to receive the 2015 rate on the purchase of a 2016 membership until April 1, 2016.

Daddy Daughter Red Carpet Ball

On Saturday, February 2, dads and daughters can experience an evening of dancing, dinner and making memories. Register online at www.lakebluffparks.org.

Preschool early registration

Early registration for our 2015-2016 Bright Beginnings Preschool is March 9–12.

Help wanted

Gain the experience and leadership qualities needed later in life while working in an enjoyable job atmosphere here at the Lake Bluff Park District!

Employment opportunities include: Swimming Pool lifeguards, assistants, cashiers, concessions, Beach lifeguards, sailing instructors, Day Camp and Little Sprouts counselors, softball umpires and baseball program staff.

Fill out an application online at www.lakebluffparks.org/employment beginning February 1.



Financial update

The Park District was awarded a AA+ Bond Rating which is outstanding for the size of agency. The bond rating is important as the Park District may have an opportunity to capture lower bond rates and thus reduce the impact on residents.

The Board of Commissioners approved the 2015 Budget which can be reviewed on the Park District website. The Park District anticipates a \$100,000 net operating income surplus.

Park District issues debt at favorable rate saving taxpayers

Recently, the Park District sold \$3.127 million in bonds related to the approved voter referendum. Due to interest rates declining in the latter half of the year, and a very high bond rating of AA+, the Park District was able to issue bonds at a more favorable bond rate, 2.69%, versus the 4.50% originally estimated. Because of the lower rate, the Park District was able to save tax payers over \$530,000 over the coming 15 years when the bonds are retired versus the original projections. The lower debt service results in the dollar amount per household being \$7 per year less than originally projected for a \$500,000 fair market value home.



Park Board President's message

Dear Lake Bluff Park District Residents:

I am thankful and proud of our community for the November, 2014 referendum being passed by 70%. The referendum funds will provide much needed upgrades and repairs to our facilities and provide the community with the highest quality of services that Lake Bluff deserves.

Once again, I want to thank all of the community members who supported the referendum, especially the hundreds of residents who joined our citizen committees and task forces to help make this happen. We are very excited for the opportunity to begin repairing and improving your parks and facilities. In addition, the Board of Commissioners would like to thank the Friends of Lake Bluff Parks for coordinating fundraising efforts towards the Beach bathrooms and stairs. Thank you to all generous businesses and donors.

The Park District has retained FGM Architects for the Aquatic Facility and Beach House, Upland Design for the Beach Stairs and Landscape, ACG, Inc. for the Recreation Roof, and W.B. Olson as the Construction Manager. The Park District will apply for an OSLAD grant specifically for Artesian Park parking lot, tennis courts, paths and playground so construction will not take place until 2017.

As we will work to develop an efficient, considerate plan outlining specific next steps. The Park District website will be updated frequently so residents can learn more about the status of each project, final costs and time frame.

Best regards,

Kevin Considine, 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

Highest math growth on North Shore

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what they are learning, rather than depending on rote memorization.”

The math curriculum’s collaborative approach inspires students to work together, share thinking and use precise math vocabulary while testing ideas and discovering mathematical patterns and rules.

“Another powerful addition to math education in Lake Bluff has been the Math Academy held during the past two summers,” Dr. Sophie continues. “This innovative program has helped students to grasp algebraic concepts while further training their teachers in the crucial role of facilitator of collaborative learning.”

Other report highlights

- ▶ 87% of the District 65 students who took the ISAT last March demonstrated proficiency in the rigorous, common core aligned exams of English/Language Arts and Math. This is a dramatic increase from the previous school year when 82.5% of children were demonstrating proficiency.
- ▶ Every subgroup that is measured (Students with Disabilities, Students from low-income backgrounds, and Students who are English Language Learners) posted significant gains.
- ▶ Three grade levels (current fourth, fifth, and sixth grade students) had over 92% of students meet or exceed state standards.

This spring, Illinois students will take the computer-based PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers) assessments. These common core aligned assessments emphasize fundamental knowledge and skills, applying them to solve real-world problems, and will allow for a deeper, more robust understanding of student achievement than was possible with the ISAT.

The District 65 report card is posted online at http://www.lb65.org/district_information/report_card. To receive a copy of the report card by mail, please contact Jean Amundson at jamundson@lb65.org or 847-234-9400.

Architect of record selected

Lake Bluff ESD 65 went through an extensive review process this past summer to select a new architect. The District received statements of qualification from 12 capable firms, all with extensive experience working with local school districts. Three architect firms were chosen from this list to interview in early September. After meetings with staff and board members Wight and Company Architects was selected to be the District’s new architect of record. Wight’s record of accomplishment in education is impressive and can be reviewed in more detail on the District web site or at <http://www.wightco.com/home/>.

The selection of an architect of record is particularly urgent because District 65 has three time sensitive projects that need to get underway. We need to complete a mandatory 10-Year Life Safety Study, we need to formalize plans for the future of LBMS, and we need to complete a 20-Year Facilities plan for all the District’s properties. All of these projects will have a positive impact on the future of District 65 and the Board and Staff are excited to get underway.

Regarding Life Safety, Wight will be conducting the District’s mandatory 10-year Life Safety Study, which ensures that the District is meeting state and federal requirements for school safety. When this study is completed in March, they

will present a 10-year plan of facility improvements to be made based upon a priority listing determined by the state.

Regarding the future of LBMS, the building is showing its age and the community has begun to wonder aloud what the District has planned. As a starting point for dialogue regarding possible renovations beginning in the summer of 2016, Wight will review and summarize the data from the 10-year Life Safety Study, the Educational Adequacy Study by our former architect, BLDD, and our Lake Bluff Middle School Facility Assessment conducted by Plante Moran in August. To provide additional input and guidance to the Board and Administration, Wight will facilitate a committee of stakeholders from the LBMS neighborhood, Lake Bluff community, school staff, parents, and administrators whose purpose is to recommend a course of action and to prioritize needs at LBMS. At this time it is anticipated that fund balance reserves will be utilized to pay for any renovations at LBMS.

Regarding facilities planning, as our Strategic Plan requires, Wight has been tasked to compile the information gathered from the study of our buildings in the above projects to develop a 20-year facilities plan that will guide the District’s capital spending and fund balance reserve management.

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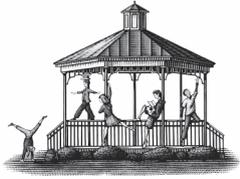
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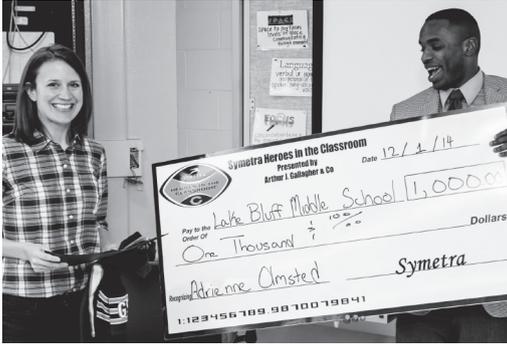
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School Board Meetings

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



**LAKE BLUFF
SCHOOLS**
DISTRICT 65



Drama teacher Adrienne Olmstead was honored as a Hero in the Classroom.

Middle School's Adrienne Olmstead honored as "Hero"

Lake Bluff Middle School Drama teacher Adrienne Olmstead was recognized recently as a **Hero in the Classroom** through the Symetra Heroes in the Classroom program presented by Arthur J. Gallagher.

The program recognizes teachers who've made a real difference in their students' lives, going above and beyond and helping students build life skills. Mrs. Olmstead was also lauded for her work with Lake Bluff Elementary School teacher Amanda Wiley to create and run the District's New Teacher Mentors program.

Representatives of the Chicago Bears and Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. presented the award, plus a \$1,000 check for Mrs. Olmstead's classroom, two game tickets and a personalized jersey.

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 **@LakeBluff65** for occasional updates, photos and reminders.

School Board President's message

Dear fellow Community Members:

As you page through this edition of "On the Bluff" you can see that there is a great deal going on in the Lake Bluff District 65 schools. From the financial side (Levy), to the academics, to facilities (LBMS), there is much to highlight.

Regarding finances, the article on the recent Levy gets into the details but I want to emphasize how hard the Board and administration worked to make sure the December 2014 Levy represented a justifiable, reasonable and efficient request of taxpayer funds. The Board takes this responsibility very seriously and we are very appreciative of how hard Dr. Sophie and her team worked to ensure a quality outcome. The end result is a Levy that we can all stand behind.

Regarding academics, I would like to point out several things. Did you see those fantastic ISAT scores? If not, check out http://www.lb65.org/district_information/report_card. We have much to be proud of, especially in math. With recent curricular modifications we are currently laying the groundwork to facilitate similar successes in Language Arts and Science and Social Studies. In addition, we should all take notice of how hard our teachers are working on common core implementation and differentiation to meet every student's individual needs. To the benefit of our students and community, our teachers have been quick to embrace all the new curriculum demands placed upon them, and that has not gone unnoticed by the Board. We appreciate how our teachers continue to raise the academic bar in Lake Bluff. As one example, congratulations to Adrienne Olmstead, Drama teacher at LBMS, our Heroes in the Classroom Award winner. Look for the details at left.

Finally, regarding facilities, you can read on the facing page about how we recently hired Wight & Company as our architect of record. And, under the guidance of Wight, we have recently completed our second community engagement meeting regarding possible renovations at LBMS. Over 20 diverse members of the Lake Bluff community have volunteered to help us plot a course for the future of LBMS. We are excited to hear about what this team has to share. A presentation to the Board is expected in the Spring.

So as you can see, we have much to share. Thanks for your support. If you have questions or comments please feel free to contact me anytime at mbarry@lb65.org.

Let's keep in touch.

Mark Barry, Board President

Board of Education passes annual levy targeting balanced budget

As District 65 continues to promote fiscal efficiency in the Lake Bluff schools, the annual levy passed by the Board of Education in December is projected to fund operations without creating excessive surpluses. Put simply, a Tax Levy is defined as the amount requested by a governmental entity to be raised from property taxes.

"It was very important to the Board to pass a prudent levy," explains John Marozsan, LB65 Board Vice President. "The ability to do so is a result of the Board and administration's commitment to ongoing cost control through diligent line item review, realistic projections, prudent resource planning and productivity enhancements — while providing funds that are essential to instruction and our commitment to the high quality of education in Lake Bluff."

The levy is for taxes that will be collected in June and September 2015, and will pay for day-to-day operations for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015. Total tax revenue is anticipated to increase by 3.6% vs last year. This increase is primarily due to inflationary increases in operating costs (2.2%) and scheduled increases in debt service payments (1.4%).

To read more about the District 65 finances, the levy and the Board of Education, please visit http://www.lb65.org/board_ed.

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Village of Lake Bluff meetings and events

Please check lakebluff.org for agendas and cancellations.

February

- 9 Village Board 7 p.m.
- 11 Historic Preservation Commission 7 p.m.
- 18 Joint Plan Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals 7 p.m.
- 23 Village Board 7 p.m.

March

- 3 Architectural Board of Review 7 p.m.
- 7 Special Olympics Polar Plunge
Registration starts at 11 a.m., Plunge at 2 p.m.

9 FY15-16 Budget Public Hearing at the Village Board meeting 7 p.m.

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- 11 Historic Preservation Commission 7 p.m.
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- 23 Village Board 7 p.m.

April

- 7 Architectural Board of Review 7 p.m.
- 8 Historic Preservation Commission 7 p.m.
- 13 Village Board 7 p.m.
- 15 Joint Plan Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals 7 p.m.
- 27 Village Board 7 p.m.

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

Park District meetings and events

www.lakebluffparks.org
847-234-4150

We have it all at the Lake Bluff Park District! Visit us at the Golf Club, Sunrise Park & Beach, Blair Park Aquatic Facility, the Health & Fitness Center, Paddle Club, and community parks — or participate in some of our quality programs! Find it all online at www.lakebluffparks.org.

February

- 9 Board Committee of the Whole 7 p.m.*
- 23 Regular Board of Meeting 7 p.m.
in the Kidzone Room

March

- 2 Board Committee of the Whole 7 p.m.
in the Kidzone Room
- 16 Regular Board of Meeting 7 p.m.*

April

- 13 Board Committee of the Whole 7 p.m.*
- 20 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 Spring and Summer Program Registration, coming in March!

School District events and news

www.lb65.org
847-234-9400

February

- 10 Board Committee of the Whole 7 p.m.*
- 16 School in session (Weather makeup)
- 17 Regular Board of Education Meeting 7 p.m.*
- 26 LBES Winter Show 7:00–8:30 p.m.

March

- 4 LBMS Choral Concert 7:00–8:30 p.m.
- 5 LBMS Band Concert 7:00–8:30 p.m.
- 10 Board Committee of the Whole 7 p.m.*
- 20 LBES vs. LBMS Faculty Bball Game 5 p.m.
- 24 Regular Board of Education Meeting 7 p.m.*
- 25 LBES 1st Grade Show 6 p.m.
- 25 LBES Choir Concert 7 p.m.
- 30 Spring Break through April 3

April

- 6 Non-Attendance Day (or weather makeup)
- 14 Board Committee of the Whole 7 p.m.*
- 24 LBMS Musical "Little Mermaid Jr." 7:30 p.m.
- 25 LBES Spring K-5 Art Show 9 a.m.–1 p.m.
- 25 LBMS Musical "Little Mermaid Jr." 2 p.m.
- 28 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 inside for details.