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## A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Dear Residents,

Lake Villa had a very busy year full of great memories. Some of those great memories were created at our Parades, Miss Lake Villa Pageant, Celebration of Fall, Picnic in the Parks, and our Community Partners “Music in the Parks” series. Our staff and volunteers are already working on plans for next year’s events.



As winter arrives, one of the most frequently asked questions is, “Who is responsible for shoveling sidewalks in the right of way?” The General Assembly has recognized that is the public policy of the State of Illinois that property owners are encouraged to clean sidewalks of snow and ice. To this end, The Snow and Ice Removal Act shields individuals from liability for damages resulting from efforts to remove snow or ice from sidewalks, except for acts which amount to clear wrongdoing. The Village encourages residents to clear their sidewalk and the area around nearby fire hydrants.

Keep in mind that as the plows come by, snow is diverted to the curb to the right side of the plow. Snow may accumulate at the end of the driveway approach as the plow truck passes by. Please do not shovel this snow back into the street because it can cause hazardous conditions and it is a code violation (5-1-11). As you clean your driveway, place the snow onto your yard or the parkway to the right side as you face the street. That will help prevent the snow from being pushed back into your driveway when plows drive by.

For more updates on what is going on around the Village, follow my Facebook page @ Mayor James McDonald.

On behalf of the Village Board, I wish you and your family a very happy and healthy holiday season!

Respectfully,

Jim McDonald  
Mayor

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### WINTER WEATHER REMINDERS

During the winter, the Lake Villa Snow Operations team often work long extended hours - plowing snow and removing ice on roadways, parking lots, and sidewalks. Their goal is to ensure that all roads are safe for travel when winter weather hits. The Village's snow operations is not as simple as one would think and it requires a true team effort to meet the needs of residents and businesses. Here are a few snow-related things to remember as we approach the winter weather season:

1. **Do NOT push snow back into the street** - when removing snow from your driveway, please do not shove or plow it onto the public roadway. This creates a slippery and hazardous surface for traffic (Village Code 5-1-11).
2. **Be mindful of parking during and after snowfall** - After a minimum of 2 inch snowfall, parking is not permitted on Village maintained roadways until snow has been cleared edge to edge.
3. **Mailbox replacement policy** - If you believe a Village snowplow caused damage to your mailbox, please report the damage by contacting the Village Hall at 356-6100 or by using our resident portal. \$50.00 max replacement cost.

#### Snow Removal Priorities:

When snow and ice removal needs to be prioritized during a large winter weather event, here's how the Village of Lake Villa prioritizes resources:

1. Village Streets - Village crews plow and clear nearly 60 miles of Village maintained roadways. IDOT is responsible for IL Routes 83 and 132, and LCDOT plows Deep Lake, Grass Lake, Fairfield, Petite Lake, and Monaville Rd.
2. Village Parking Lots & Sidewalks - all platforms adjacent to tracks is the responsibility of Metra
3. Pedestrian Walkways around parks
4. Central Business District/Park Property Hauling of snow

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### ADOPT A FIRE HYDRANT

During the winter months, if you have a fire hydrant in, near, or around your yard, please consider keeping snow and ice off of the hydrant.

### SUMP PUMPS

During the winter months, please do not drain your sump pump onto the sidewalks or roadways to avoid icing. Sump pumps cannot be discharged into the sanitary sewer systems.

### RENTAL UNIT INSPECTIONS REQUIRED

Do you rent or own your home? To ensure that rental dwelling units are habitable and safe for tenants, a building & life safety inspection is required before a new tenant can occupy the rental unit. This effort includes the owners of these units obtaining a certificate of occupancy from the Village of Lake Villa. For more information please contact the Village at 847-356-6100.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE VILLAGE

### SNOWPLOWING

Keep in mind as the plows come by, snow is diverted to the curb to the right side of the plow. Snow may accumulate in the end of your driveway as the plow truck passes by. Please do not shovel this snow back into the street because snow that is in the street can freeze and cause dangerous conditions. As you clean your driveway, place snow onto your yard or the parkway to the right side as you face the street. That will help prevent the snow from being pushed back onto your driveway.

### CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

LRS will be picking up Christmas trees on Saturday, January 5th and Friday, January 10th. Here are some rules for proper disposal of your tree:

- The tree must be real, not artificial, not in any plastic bags and free of tinsel, lights, ornaments, and not frozen to the ground
- Trees must be under 6ft in length (or cut into 2 pieces each under 6ft each if the tree is larger than 6ft tall)
- Trees must be placed curbside
- Flocked trees, trees with shiners, tinsel, light bulbs, glitter, wire, or plastic or in plastic bags will not be included in this special collection

If you have any questions, please call LRS at 844-633-3577.

### WATER METER CHANGEOUT PROGRAM UPDATE

The Village has begun a 3-year program to replace your water meter. Please visit our website at [www.lake-villa.org](http://www.lake-villa.org) for more information or please contact the Village's Water Department at 847-356-6100. Please stay tuned for more details coming soon.

### DOWNTOWN VISION PLAN UPDATE

In September, the Village Board engaged Better City, an economic development firm, and Teska Associates, an urban design firm to create a Downtown Vision Plan for Cedar Avenue. The purpose of the project is to make the Downtown a vibrant, family-friendly environment that is commercially successful and that our residents can be proud of.

The first phase has been to gather community input. Over the past month, there have been 25 interviews with residents, 143 survey responses, 83 comments on a map, and 59 comments across three Facebook posts. Residents, local business owners, and local leaders provided insights about the Downtown's aesthetics, parking and wayfinding, potential new businesses, and desired events. This input has shaped a vision that respects Lake Villa's heritage and supports its transformation into a dynamic welcoming destination.

The next step will be the creation of the Vision Plan document that provides an overview of the vision for the Downtown as well as aspirational drawings and visuals.

Finally, a site plan will be developed for the Village-owned property at 209 Cedar Avenue. The site plan will be presented to developers to prepare Requests for Qualification (RFQ) proposals for the site.

### MAILBOX REPAIRS PRIOR TO FIRST SNOWFALL

As we prepare for winter season, we kindly ask residents to inspect and repair their mailboxes before the first snowfall. A sturdy, well-placed mailbox ensures the safety of our dedicated plow drivers and keeps your mailbox secure during snow removal. Loose or damaged mailboxes can be hazardous and may be unintentionally damaged by snowplows. Take a few minutes to check that your mailbox is securely fastened and able to withstand winter conditions. Let's work together to keep Lake Villa safe and ready for winter!

# LEAD SERVICE LINE IDENTIFICATION INITIATIVE & SURVEY

The Federal Government mandated that municipalities must find out where lead services are located throughout the community to begin the process of eliminating them. Lead, unlike other drinking water contaminants, is usually not present in the drinking water source. It results from the distribution system or on-site plumbing itself. Lead gets into water at the tap when water corrodes lead in pipes, fixtures, and solder. The most impactful way to reduce the risk of exposure to lead in drinking water is to remove the lead service line that brings water to your home from the water main.

To find out if you have copper, lead, or galvanized steel service on your property, you can perform a test on the water service line where it connects to the water meter to determine the material of the water service line on your property.

The Village of Lake Villa is surveying all homes to identify existing lead service lines. Please complete the brief Water Service Line Material survey to determine the material composition of your water lines by using the QR code attached.



For further questions, please call the Village at 847-356-6100.

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## VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING SCHEDULE

Village Board meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays  
of each month.

December 2, 2024 @ 7:00pm

December 16, 2024 @ 7:00pm

January 6, 2025 @ 7:00pm

Tuesday, January 21, 2025 @7:00pm

## VILLAGE HALL

Village Hall will be closed December 24 & 25,  
2024 and January 1, 2025 for the Holidays. Reg-  
ular hours will resume the next business day.

