

## Lombard Village Manager Announces Retirement

Lombard Village Manager William Lichter has announced his retirement. He will retire effective June 1, 2008, after 23 years as Lombard's Village Manager.

Lichter's service to the Village of Lombard began on January 7, 1985 when he became its ninth Village Manager. Prior to his arrival, the average tenure of a Village Manager in the community was a little more than three years. Lichter has served longer than any Village Manager in Lombard. He has more than 30 years of service in local government management.

Prior to his employment in Lombard, Lichter served as the Assistant City Manager of Mentor, Ohio and Administrative Assistant in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He holds a BA from the University of

Saipan in the Mariana Islands of Micronesia.

"Bill is a Village Manager of vision," said Lombard Village



**William Lichter**  
**Lombard Village Manager**

He has served the Village of Lombard almost four times the length of any other Village Manager who has served the community, and he continues to

President William "Bill" Mueller. "As Village President, it has and continues to be a privilege to work alongside this man.

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Vermont, and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from American University in Washington, DC. Before entering local government, Lichter was a Peace Corps Volunteer in the Philippines, and on

### Website Offers Easier Navigation, More News

Anyone who has checked out the Village's website lately will have noticed some major improvements.

By clicking on [www.villageoflombard.org](http://www.villageoflombard.org), the newly designed website is at the fingertips of those searching for information about the Village, wondering how to apply for a permit or just checking out what there is to do in the Village by searching the new calendar feature.

"We are excited about the new, fresh look of the website," said Larry McGhinnis, IT Manager who

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make a difference. It is because of Bill Lichter that I have opted to serve as Village President for the last 14 years as he makes my job fun and rewarding," added Mueller. "His decision-making and management style always consider what is best for the community and not necessarily himself. Bill is selfless and a mentor to all of his management team. He has the ability to have both elected leaders and his management team understand the issues at hand and look to solve them collectively and cohesively," said Mueller.

The need for solid financial planning and reporting has been a hallmark of Lichter's tenure. Since he came to Lombard, the Village has received the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada "Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting" for 20 consecutive

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*"The Mission of the Village of Lombard is to provide superior and responsive governmental services to the people of Lombard."*

### The PRIDE

The Lombard PRIDE is the official newsletter of the Village of Lombard. It is also a joint publication with the Helen M. Plum Memorial Library (pages 8-9) and the Lombard Park District (pages 10-11.) Library and Park personnel are responsible for the content of their sections. The views expressed by the Library and the Park District are not necessarily those expressed by the Village. Correspondence can be addressed to any of the groups at the following addresses:

Village: 255 E. Wilson Ave.  
Library: 110 W. Maple St.  
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Joelyn M. Kott, Editor  
Communications & Marketing  
Coordinator

## From The President's Desk

Dear Residents,

Following the 35 year tradition of the District 30 Toastmasters International each year, they select a non-Toastmaster that has shown outstanding leadership in the area of communication. This prestigious award is given to outstanding leaders who have demonstrated proficiency as an outstanding communicator and community leader. I would like to thank District 30 Governor Carolyn Arthur, DTM, and the members of Toastmasters International for honoring me with this most prestigious award, The 2007 Communication and Leadership Award. I would also like to thank Stella Lorens, DTM, for her nomination.



The award was presented to me at their 2007 Fall Conference held on November 3 at the Westin Lombard Yorktown Center. Other past recipients of this award are: Floyd Kalber, WMAQ Newscaster; Hon. James Thompson, U.S. Attorney; Carol Fox, Lyric Opera of Chicago; Bill Kurtis, WBBM Newscaster; Bob Collins, WGN Radio; Felicia Middlebrooks, WBBM Radio; Maggie Brown and Oscar Brown Jr., music and theater writers, composers and performers; Max and Donna Daniels, Abraham and Mary Lincoln, professional presenters and Harry Porterfield, ABC News Reporter to just name a few. The Toastmasters International organization currently has 211,000 members in 10,500 clubs in 90 countries.

Thank you for your continued support of our Village Blood Drives. The next Village Blood Drive will be held on Wednesday, January 9, 2008. Please call Carol Bauer at 630-620-5712 to schedule your appointment or e-mail her at [bauerc@villageoflombard.org](mailto:bauerc@villageoflombard.org).

**We love our seniors!** Thanks to all who helped to make our Senior Fair a huge success. With more than 300 seniors attending and taking advantage of the services provided and the recognition of our "Seniors of the Year" Natalie Insley and Bill Kaiser, we will continue to seek ways to meet the needs of our seniors.

**Shop Lombard and support your local business community--**With the opening of the Westin Lombard Yorktown Center and the Shops of Butterfield in the Yorktown Shopping Center, we have seen many new restaurants open for your dining pleasure. Harry Caray's Italian Steakhouse, Holy Mackerel Fresh Seafood, Flat Top Grill, RA Sushi, Boudin San Francisco Sourdough, Adobo Grill, DOC Wine Bar, along with our other fine restaurants all help to make Lombard a restaurant destination and entertainment location. Dine Lombard for the holidays and those special occasions and remember the restaurants for your holiday gift giving.

**The future of water?** There is no water shortage yet, but it's especially important now to preserve the Great Lakes water because the lakes are approaching all time low levels. Lake Michigan water levels are currently within a foot of the minimum set in September 1964, according to measurements by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Douglas Kelbaugh, dean and professor of architecture and urban planning at the University of Michigan in discussing green communities was quoted, "Government needs to motivate people to use less energy." It is critical that we continue to use our water resources in a way that is efficient and conserves this valuable asset. As Vice Chairman of the DuPage Water Commission, I will continue to work with my fellow commissioners to provide water to our residents in hopes that we will never have to truck in water as is being done in many communities in the south.

The DuPage County Annual Solid Waste and Recycling Report indicates the county has surpassed the State goal of 25%, achieving an overall recycling rate of 31%. The data indicated that Lombard achieved a 38% rate with over 6,136 tons of recyclables collected. Thank you for your continued support of recycling.

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# Who's Responsible For Snow Removal on Sidewalks Around Businesses?

**Per Village Ordinance,** sidewalks around commercial property **must** have the snow and ice removed from them within 24 hours after the falling snow, sleet or freezing rain has stopped. If the snow and ice on the sidewalk has become too hard to remove without damaging the sidewalk, sand, salt or other abrasive material is to be put on the sidewalk in order to make travel reasonably safe for pedestrians.

**As soon as weather permits,** a 36" path must be cleared on the sidewalk for pedestrian traffic. The purpose of this ordinance is to provide a safe walking surface for all people who may be traveling on the sidewalks near businesses.

Any commercial building or lot adjacent to a public sidewalk is required to have the snow removed and cleared, allowing a path at least 36" in width from the sidewalk which is in front of or abuts the commercial building or lot of land. This

ordinance holds true for owners, tenants, occupants, lessees or others.

Questions? Contact Public Works at 620-5740.

## How Prepared Are You?

A home survival kit is something all residents should have as recommended by the Lombard Fire Department.

Here's what is needed to get started:

- Portable radio, batteries
- Flashlight, batteries
- Candle & matches
- First aid kit & medications
- Prescription glasses
- 7-day supply of nonperishable food
- Cooler and water
- Fire extinguisher
- Important papers
- Tool kit, gloves
- Sleeping bag or blankets
- Clock (wind-up or battery)
- Can opener
- Fuel for stoves or lanterns
- Masking tape for windows

# Neighborhood Beat Officer List

	7 a.m.-3 p.m. SHIFT	3-11 p.m. SHIFT	11 p.m.-7 a.m. SHIFT
OFFICERS	Lt. Neustadt Sgt. Jordan Sgt. Sticka	Lt. Glennon Sgt. Kundrot Sgt. Gabinski	Lt. Lavery Sgt. Abenante Sgt. Collins
	L-1 Schwartz Olson	Klecka Frieling Bradford (with Doc)	Lawson Coy
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	L-4 Marks Wagner Malatia	Siegler Krupiczowicz	Tomaszewski Chudzinski Herbst
	L-6 Mitchell Heim Belanger	Evoy Bendicsen Statkus	Bakken Sohr
	L-8 Kelly Soutar	Marciniak Eriksen	Ward Balsitis Holden
CSOs	Mahoney Gouty, L. Lessner	Glennon, N. Plinske Pokorny	

## NEWS BITS

### Citizen Police Academy Looking For Recruits

The Lombard Police Department sponsors a Citizen's Police Academy (CPA) once a year. Classes are held beginning in March.

Each session runs 10 weeks. Classes are held on Tuesday evenings from 7-9:30 p.m. Class size is limited to 20 people.

Individuals who wish to attend the CPA must be at least 21-years-old and either live, work or own property in Lombard. There is no charge for the class.

During the 10 weeks of class, various subjects related to the Police Department are introduced and taught. These include traffic stops, tactical training, officer safety, firearms, Miranda law, gangs, alcohol and drugs. Many of the classes involve "hands on" training where participants are allowed to participate in training exercises.

Another part of the CPA allows the participants to do a "ride along," meaning the individuals are allowed to ride with a Police Officer during a normal work shift. This allows the participants to see and experience first hand the types of calls and situations officers deal with every day.

Anyone who would like more information about the next CPA class, scheduled to begin March 4 may contact Barbara Bartolotte at 630-873-4471 for an application. Applications may also be accessed online at [www.villageoflombard.org](http://www.villageoflombard.org).

## NEWS BITS

### Taxi Services

AAA Universal Taxi  
617-5400  
AM Regional Taxi  
971-8888  
American Taxi  
920-9480  
Citi Suburban  
Taxi  
495-5555  
303 Taxi  
368-0303



### Planning A Move?

Before you move, be sure to notify the Village concerning your water/sewer account. Give ample notice for a final reading; a week is preferred. Please provide the new owner's name to be added to the account.

Questions? Contact the Water Billing Division at 620-5920 or TDD 620-5812. If you should reach our voice mail during busy times or after hours, please leave a message with the moving date and new owner information.

### Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed locally to help prepare income tax returns for senior citizens in Lombard and surrounding areas. Last year volunteers helped about 1,300 taxpayers in the community.

Volunteers do not need to be tax experts but should be good with figures and be able to prepare their own tax returns. There is a one-week daytime training school in January and volunteers are asked to work two half days a week (daytime Monday to Friday) from February 1 to April 15.

If interested in volunteering or for more information, contact Larry Meyer at (630) 969-7403 before December 20.

## Manager Lichter Retires After 23 Years of Service

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years and the "Distinguished Budget Presentation Award" for 19 consecutive years. In addition, Lichter proposed and the Village Board and Finance Committee adopted, an extensive series of financial policies and procedures. These policies and procedures guide Village financial operations and provide consistency in financial matters in spite of changes in elected officials.

"During his career, Bill has

## President's Message

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Lombard has received the designation of "An Illinois Arts Friendly Community" with its nomination and Honorable Mention for its Downtown Sculpture Program by the Illinois Arts Alliance and the Illinois Municipal League. In presenting the award, Illinois Municipal League President, B.J. Hackler and Illinois Arts Alliance Executive Director, Ra Joy said they were proud to recognize Lombard as a model for how mayors and municipal leaders can work with artists, arts organizations and volunteers to improve the quality of life for its residents.

Check out our new web site at [www.villageoflombard.org](http://www.villageoflombard.org) which has been redesigned to provide 24-hour access to Village government. The site will play a vital role in delivering outstanding service to our residents with accurate and current information about the Village, as well as providing another way for residents to interact with the Village. I hope that the new site will be of benefit to you and to our community.

More than 300 walkers participated in The Great Prairie Trail CROP Hunger Walk 2007 and raised \$25,989 in pledges to Help CROP Stop Hunger. Congratulations to all who participated in this annual event, especially the 70 volunteers who provided for the safety of the walkers.

### Holiday events are coming...

Plan now to attend the Jingle Bell Jubilee, the arrival of Santa and Tree Lighting Ceremony in Downtown Lombard on Saturday, December 8 beginning at 5 p.m. and the many community activities planned for the holidays. Check Lombard Cable 6 or our local newspapers for a schedule and time of the holiday events.

This time of the year is rich with holiday traditions as we celebrate with family and friends. From our family to yours, our Village Board and staff wish you a Very Merry and Blessed Christmas and a Happy Hanukkah with best wishes for a happy holiday and a happy and healthy New Year.

Character and heritage of Lombard make it a special place to live and work.

Committed to Excellence and To the Future in a Community Where Character Counts!,  
Sincerely, With Lombard Pride,

William "Bill" J. Mueller  
Lombard Village President

consistently created new programs and techniques to address the community's issues and needs. His quiet demeanor and vision have made him an unsung hero of our community," said Dave Hulseberg, Assistant Village Manager. "He has provided the steady leadership to transform the community from its past, to the present, with a vision for its future," Hulseberg added.

The Village Board will begin conducting a national search for Lichter's replacement in the near future.

# New and Improved Website Offers More Features, Easier To Navigate

(Continued from page 1) headed the Village's web implementation team. "There are several new features and I think the site has a much more professional and user-friendly look to it," he added.

Some of the new features include:

- A fresh look with a photo slide show on the front page which will change periodically highlighting a look at new people, places and things in the Village.
- "How do I...?" which features Q & A's for quick information on basic questions.
- An "FAQ" section for various departments which features "Frequently Asked Questions."
- "E-Services," formerly known as "Online Resources."
- The site map link can be found at the top of the Home page.
- "Quick Links" was formerly viewed as "WWW Links."
- Village of Lombard basic information such as address and phone number may be

found at the bottom of the Home page.

· Agendas and minutes for various Village meetings can be accessed via the Home page with a button on the left labeled "Public Meetings Agendas and Minutes."

"The new website is a work in progress," said McGhinnis. "We will be constantly improving it and adding new information as it gets more developed," he added.

"We want the Village website to be one of the places people turn to for information all the time," McGhinnis said. "And we'll be doing our part to see that the information is there."

Residents are encouraged to let the Village know what they think of the new site. Feedback may be sent via email at [kottj@villageoflombard.org](mailto:kottj@villageoflombard.org).



## Protect Against Frozen Water Pipes This Winter

In the winter months, residents should take precautions to guard against freezing water pipes and water meters in their homes.

Lower lake water temperatures, combined with cold air movement around plumbing fixtures, can create freeze ups in water lines. Under these conditions, water can freeze in the lines in just a few hours.

To avoid this problem, try to eliminate cold air drafts on pipes and the water meter. The use of some form of insulation around the exposed pipes and meter, along with sealing areas

that allow cold air movement, will help avoid the freezing. Also, if pipes are located against exterior walls, expose them to the warm air in the house. If your kitchen or bathroom sink is located against an outside wall of the house, leave the cabinet door open to allow the warmer air to circulate around the pipes. In extreme sub-zero temperatures, it is advisable to let the water run at a constant trickle until temperatures rise.

Simple preventative measures like these will help reduce the chance of frozen water pipes or meter this winter.

## NEWS BITS

### Special Lot A-North Broadway Municipal Lot

The Village offers residential parking in Special Lot A off of North Broadway Avenue just east of Grace Street on a semi-annual basis. Permits are valid from January-June and July-December. The cost of a permit for six months is \$40. For less than the six month period, permit cost will be pro-rated at \$6.75 per month.

Parking in this lot is enforced by the Lombard Police Department. Vehicles that do not display a current parking permit will be ticketed.

If interested in purchasing a Special Lot A parking permit, please visit the Village Hall during normal business hours or call 620-5700.

### Commuter Lots

Commuter parking spaces are available at several locations in the Village of Lombard. Regular commuters may purchase quarterly parking permits on a first come, first served basis. The cost is \$75/quarter for permits to park near the Lombard Metra station in the lots on St. Charles Road east of Main Street or between Park and Elizabeth south of St. Charles Road, or \$150/quarterly, for permits in the "Preferred Lot" located on the south west corner of Main and Parkside. Persons wishing to purchase a permit for the first time for any of these permit parking lots should contact the Village for availability.

## NEWS BITS

### Don't Trash Your Trees!

The weeks of December 31, 2007 through January 11, 2008 have been designated for holiday tree pick-up. Trees should be free from all ornaments and tinsel. Please leave trees at the curb on the regular garbage pickup day.

### Vehicle Sticker Guidelines

- Vehicle stickers are valid from May 1 through the following April 30.
- New residents or owners of new vehicles have 45 days after moving in or acquiring a new vehicle to purchase stickers.
- New residents with current stickers from their former municipality are charged 1/3 of the regular fee if the sticker is purchased within 45 days of moving in.
- License plate numbers are required on all vehicle sticker applications.
- Transfer stickers must be purchased when one vehicle is sold and another substituted for that vehicle. The transfer fee is \$5 (senior citizens \$3).
- Failure to display a current vehicle sticker incurs a fine of \$50.
- Vehicle stickers are required for all vehicles that are registered to a Lombard address but housed in a college town.

*The Village will no longer be forwarding vehicle sticker applications. If you plan to be out of town during the two-month renewal period (March 1 through April 30), please pick-up a blank application to send in during this renewal period so that your stickers will not be late.*

## Frequently Asked Questions About Snow

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aids the melting action and helps minimize the amount of salt needed. The Village uses an average of 2,950 tons of rock salt and 12,600 gallons of liquid calcium chloride per season.

### Which streets are cleared first?

The Village has an established priority plowing system with specific goals in mind for clearing the 133 miles of street in the Village. These priorities are as follows:

1. Maintain accessibility to all streets in the Village for emergency vehicles.
2. Maintain major street drivability for the general public.
3. Maintain minor street drivability for residents.
4. Provide normal driving conditions for all major streets.
5. Provide commuter parking facilities and public building accessibility.
6. Provide clear corners within a 2 block radius of all schools.
7. Provide normal driving conditions for all minor streets.
8. Remove snow in areas plowed to middle of road.
9. Push back corners in plow zones (minor street areas).
10. Provide vehicle access to private garages located off alleys.

### Why is my street always last?

It is unfortunate, but many people don't realize when they buy a house on a nice quiet cul-de-sac or dead end that this situation does exist. As outlined in the Village's priority list, one of the Village's main goals is to maintain major street drivability for the general public and it trickles down from there. Due to the extremely low traffic volume that exists on cul-de-

sacs and dead end streets, they are low on the priority list. However, do keep in mind, that if you were to have an emergency, the Public Works Department will respond immediately at the request of the Police or Fire Department to provide access for emergency vehicles.

### Who clears downtown?

The Village is responsible for clearing the commuter parking lots around the Metra Station as well as the public sidewalks leading to the Metra Station, around commuter parking lots and under the viaduct. Metra is responsible for clearing the platform and each business owner is responsible for clearing the sidewalk in front of their business. Certain major streets in the downtown area are not conducive to regular snow plowing. For these streets, the Village crews will windrow the snow, meaning plow it to the middle of the road, load it with a vehicle mounted snow blower and haul it to off-site locations.

### Are there any parking restrictions?

Village Ordinances prohibit residents from depositing snow on the parkway adjacent to the street or blowing/plowing snow into the street. Village Traffic Code prohibits on street parking for eight hours after the snow stops falling when the snowfall is three inches deep or more. The only exception is for loading/unloading of passengers or property. Public Works will post on the Village's website as well as use other media to inform the public when the snow on the streets exceeds three inches in depth.

# Lombard Historical Society News

## Hours of Admission

Lombard Historical Museum: Wednesday and Sunday, 1-4 pm.  
Sheldon Peck Homestead: Tuesday and Saturday, 1-4 pm.

## Victorian Times Come Alive During the Ghosts of Christmas Past Tour

At 6:30 pm on the night of December 8, experience Christmas Eve the way it was during Victorian times. Costumed docents will be guiding you through 19<sup>th</sup> century holiday traditions and preparing the home for Christmas morning. After your tour, enjoy a warm beverage and cookies and hear traditional Christmas music. The event takes place at 23 W. Maple and is free and open to the public.



## Preserve Lombard's Heritage and Give Unique Gifts This Year!

# SALE



The holiday Emporium will be selling one-of-a-kind gifts and handmade treasures every weekend through December 16. The money raised from the Emporium sales goes directly into the mission of the Society which is to collect, preserve and interpret Lombard's heritage. You may also shop at the Emporium throughout the week by calling 630-629-1885. Feel good about spending this year!

## New Exhibit Highlights 100 Years of Change from 1869-1969

The Lombard Historical Museum at 23 W. Maple will be opening a new permanent exhibit on the history of Lombard from 1869-1969 on **Sunday, January 20 from 1-4pm**. The room features photographs and artifacts that follow changes in Lombard from the year of its incorporation to the opening of Yorktown Mall. The exhibit is on the second floor of the Victorian Museum and will open for viewing on Wednesdays and Sundays from 1-4 p.m.

## Mystery Photo

The first five people to call the Museum with the correct identification of this photo will receive a FREE membership to the Lombard Historical Society (\$15 value) until April 2009! Call 630-629-1885 if you have the answer!



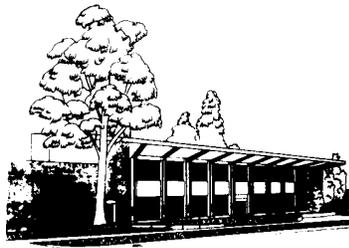
## NEWS BITS

### Don't Be Left Out In The Dark!

Street lights on concrete or metal poles are maintained by a contractor hired by the Village. Please call the Public Works Department at 620-5740 to report any outages/malfunctions. Public Works will notify the contractor and the problem will be corrected within five working days (weather permitting, parts in stock). If you notice a problem with a street light on a wooden pole, please contact **Commonwealth Edison at 1-800-EDISON-1**. Wooden pole street lights are owned and maintained by Commonwealth Edison.

### Yard Waste Programs Ends

The Yard Waste program will end for the season on December 14. Cans and bags filled with yard waste (*grass clippings, leaves, small twigs or branches, and plant materials*) **must** have stickers on them. Properly bundled brush does **not** require a sticker. Brush is defined as limbs or branches from trees, shrubs or bushes. Bundles of brush must be securely tied, not exceeding six feet in length or 18 inches in diameter, and cannot exceed 50 pounds each. No individual branch or limb can exceed six inches in diameter. Brush that is placed at the curbside and securely tied, and yard waste that is properly stickered, will be collected on the regularly **scheduled garbage collection day!**



110 W. Maple Street  
Lombard, IL 60148

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The Library Board of Trustees meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.

**Library Hours**

Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.  
Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Sunday, 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

**Contact Us:**

(630) 627-0316  
(630) 627-0336 (FAX)  
(630) 7655 (TTY)  

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www.plum.lib.il.us

**STORIES TO GROW ON**

Drop-In Family Storytimes  
(Children of all ages,  
accompanied by a caregiver)  
Mon: Jan. 21-Feb. 25, 7-7:30 p.m.  
Thu: Jan. 24-Feb. 28, 10-10:30 a.m.

**MIKE OFFUTT'S  
ULTIMATE SCIENCE SHOW**  
(Families w/ children of all ages)  
Friday, Jan. 18, 7 p.m.

Mike Offutt's Ultimate Science Show is an unusual demonstration of scientific phenomena and seemingly magical "tricks." Free tickets are available in Young People's Services beginning Sat., December 29.

**Children's Programming at the Helen Plum Library**

Helen Plum Library cards are required for registration or tickets unless the event is designated as a Drop-In event.

**BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS!**

Drawing tickets available November 12 – December 16.  
Children checking out materials with a Plum Library card will receive a ticket for a chance to win one of a variety of popular books sets. Drawing tickets will be available through Sunday, December 16 at 5 p.m.

**DROP-IN KNITTING** (Ages 8 and up)

Tuesdays: December 4, No Meeting in January, & February 5 from 6:30-8:30pm  
Grab your needles and yarn and head to the Library! The Library is reserving time on the first Tuesday night of the month for knitters of all ages to drop-in and work on their projects. A Library staff member will be on hand to assist with basic knitting, making this a perfect evening for mothers, daughters, and friends to enjoy together.

**DROP-IN CHESS FOR KIDS** (Students in grades 1-8)

Fridays: December 7 & January 4 from 1-3pm  
Chess players take note! If you already know how to play chess and want to get more practice, plan to join us on the first Friday of every month! This afternoon activity is ideal for homeschoolers and students who have a "no-school" day. Registration is not required.

**MARK NICHOLS' PUPPET PLACE THEATER** (Families with children of all ages)

Friday, December 14 at 7 p.m.  
The amazing theatrical puppetry of Mark Nichols has been a highlight at Ravinia, the Taste of Chicago, the Lincoln Park Zoo, and the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. Join us for a show that will feature a bit of holiday fun! Free tickets are available in Young People's Services beginning Saturday, November 24.

**POLAR EXPRESS IN THE PARK** (Families with children of all ages)

Saturday, December 15 at 6:30 p.m.  
Come listen to this classic Christmas story by Chris Van Allsburg at the picnic shelter in Lilacia Park. Register at the Lombard Park District: (630) 620-7322.

**CHRISTMAS IS COMING!** (Children of all ages, accompanied by caregiver)

Monday, December 17 at 7 p.m.  
Have you been good this year? Written your letter to Santa Claus? Join us as we celebrate Christmas by sharing some of the season's best stories at this drop-in family storytime.

**RAVING READERS - READING CIRCLE** (grades 4-6)

Tuesdays: December 18, January 15, & February 19 from 6-8 p.m.  
This popular new reading club meets once a month during the school year. You'll get to read new books and share your favorites. You can talk about the books we read and tell us what you think about them. We'll even provide snacks, so come check us out! Registration is required; call Young People's Services at (630) 627-0316.

**CELEBRATE THE DAY** – Drop-In Story & Craft Days

Children & Families (Children 8 & under must be accompanied by an adult)  
We'll share a special story at the beginning of the hour and then have everything you need to make a holiday craft after the story. Plan to come for just the story, the craft, or both. It's up to you!  
HAPPY NEW YEAR! Friday, December 28 10-11a.m.  
CHINESE NEW YEAR Saturday, February 2 10-11a.m.

**MOVIE MANIA** (Drop-in) Families (8 & under must be accompanied by an adult)

Wednesday-Friday January 2-4 10 a.m.  
Join us for three days of Movie Mania as Young People's Services features new films recently released on DVD. Films will be shown on the Library's screen in the Auditorium, and snacks will be provided. Take advantage of this chance to stay in out of the cold!

**WINTER STORYTIMES** (birth – 2nd grade)

Registration begins Saturday, January 5 in Young People's Services. Phone-in registrations will be accepted beginning Sunday, January 6.

Littlest Storytime birth-age 3 with a caregiver  
Tuesdays: Jan 22-Feb 26 10-10:30 a.m. OR Wednesdays: Jan 23-Feb 27

Preschool Storytime ages 3-5 (not yet in Kindergarten)  
Tuesdays: Jan 22-Feb 26 10-10:30 a.m. OR Wednesdays: Jan 23-Feb 27

Fun With Books K-2nd grade Wednesdays: Jan 23-Feb 27 4:15-5 p.m.

## Adult Programming at the Helen Plum Library

Registration is required unless designated as a drop in event.  
Please call 630-627-0316 and ask for Adult Services.

Mark your calendars now for all of these great events!

**Drop In Chess** Saturday, December 1, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, December 18, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, January 15, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Chess players of all ages are invited to the library to play a pick-up game.  
The library provides the board and chess pieces – you provide the fun!

**Pilgrimage to Mecca: the Hajj** Sunday, December 2, 2 p.m.  
Learn about this ritual many believe goes back to the time of Abraham in 2,000 BC. This year, an estimated two million pilgrims are expected to participate in the annual pilgrimage. Our presenter, Edmund Arroyo, will discuss his 2006 pilgrimage experience with a tradition that brings together people from almost every country on the planet.

**Holiday Open House - Jinglebell Jubilee** Saturday, December 8, 6-8 p.m.  
Join the library for an evening of cookies, crafts & the Canterbury Carollers! This annual open house has something for everyone, so be sure to stop by and sample everything we have to offer!

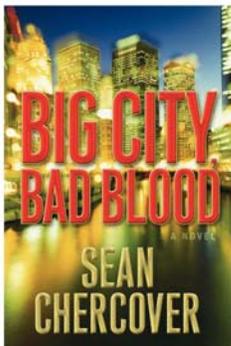
**Lyric Opera Lecture Series** Tuesday, Jan. 22, 7 p.m.  
Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, our Lyric Opera Lecture Series relates the stories behind the operas being presented this season. Tuesday's discussion focuses on Verdi's Falstaff, the tale of a lady's man who learns a lesson from the merry wives of Windsor and their furious husbands. Call to reserve your space.

**After You Type 'The End' - Author Sean Chercover** Sat., January 26, 1 p.m.  
Former private investigator and breakout bestselling author of Big City, Bad Blood, Sean Chercover, will discuss how he managed to get an agent and a two-book deal with William Morrow. Learn how to find an agent, sign with a publisher and work with an editor. This program is part of the Inside Writing and Publishing – DuPage Branch series of writing workshops offered by eight participating public libraries. Stop by the Adult Services Desk for a brochure detailing the entire series and be sure to register for this event!

**Faces and Places of China** Sunday, January 27, 2 p.m.  
Bill Helmuth returns to take us on a photographic tour of China. Focusing on history and culture, Mr. Helmuth will cover the art, architecture and religious traditions of China. As Director of Sales for Time-Life Books, Mr. Helmuth's travels have been unique and extensive; he provides a fascinating perspective to one of the most important countries of the 21st century.

**Bel Sonore** Sunday, February 3rd 2:00 p.m.  
Enjoy an afternoon of music by the Bel Sonore Chamber Ensemble. The ensemble performs a repertoire ranging from classical music to jazz standards. The group has performed for the Lyric Opera Guild, New York's CAMI Hall and Brooklyn Museum. A not to be missed experience sponsored by the Friends of the Library! Call to reserve your space.

**Chocolate!** Sunday, February 10th 2:00 p.m.  
Indulge in one of life's real treats! Samples and examples of domestic and imported, commercial and hand-made, semi sweet, dark, milk, white, bittersweet and cocoa chocolate will be shown and tasted! Recipes will be distributed; storage and handling will be discussed. Fun, surprise treats, beverages and prize giveaways! A \$3.00 per person tasting fee is due at registration. For Lombard Cardholders only. Register in person at the Adult Services Desk.



MEET BESTSELLING AUTHOR  
SEAN CHERCOVER  
ON JANUARY 26TH AT 1PM

## Special Multi-Library Event: Inside Writing & Publishing – DuPage Branch

In this 2008 writing workshop series, Chicago-area authors will provide their expertise on writing and publishing to aspiring authors in a series of programs sponsored by eight participating public libraries. The Inside Writing & Publishing–DuPage Branch series is designed to encourage the public to learn more about publishing their work and gain know-how and inspiration from experienced authors. The free programs will be held between January 12 and February 28, 2008, and all are open to the public. Stop by the Helen Plum Library for a brochure describing each program and sponsoring library information.

**J. A. Konrath:** Creating Series Characters –  
Sat. January 12, 2 p.m.

**Kelly James-Enger:** Breaking In: The Basics of Writing for Magazines –  
Thu. January 17, 7 p.m.

**Sean Chercover:** After You Type 'The End' –  
Sat. January 26, 1 p.m.

**Charlie Rossiter:** Truth: The Soul of Poetry –  
Tue. January 29, 7 p.m.,

**Allie Pleiter:** Getting It Done: Plans, Goals & Models for Writing –  
Mon. February 4, 7 p.m.

**Robin Currie:** Strange Tale of Fluffy Kitten: Writing for Children –  
Thu. February 7, 7 p.m.

**Lindsay Longford:** Writing Commercial Fiction: Why? How? –  
Wed. February 13, 7 p.m.

**Alexa Ganakos:** Publishing on Paper – ,  
Wed. February 20, 7 p.m.

**Glennette Tilley Turner:** Doing Research for Nonfiction Writing – ,  
Thu. February 28, 7 p.m.



**Board of Park Commissioners**

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 Board meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at Sunset Knoll Recreation Center, 820 S. Finley Rd. Residents are invited to attend.

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# What's Happening at the Lombard Park District?

(630) 620-7322 [www.lombardparks.com](http://www.lombardparks.com)



## HOLIDAY WALK

Charming holiday displays light up Lilacia Park with a magical array of animated light displays, decorated trees, a giant gingerbread house and much more. Youngsters can visit with Santa Claus, ride the delightful Puffer Belly Railroad and enjoy a spectacular show and refreshments.

Visits with Santa and take train rides from 6 - 8 p.m.

Wednesdays, December 12 & 19

Fridays, December 14 & 21

Saturdays, December 8, 15 & 22

Sundays, December 9, 16 & 23

### Candy Cane Hunt

Kids ages 5 - 8 can hardly

wait to explore Lilacia Park for an exciting Candy Cane Hunt on 12/22 at 5 p.m.! Find a special candy cane and redeem for a prize. The cost is \$1/Lombard resident and \$2/nonresident. Dress for the weather, this is an outdoor event.

## Kickoff Celebration and Winter Clothing Drive

Saturday, December 8 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Annual tree lighting celebration! Activities include a visit with Santa and the Puffer Belly train. This year the Lombard Park District will be collecting mittens and winter hats for the needy - so please bring your NEW winter clothing items to donate! Call (630) 620-7322 or visit [www.lombardparks.com](http://www.lombardparks.com).

## Athletics Corner

Visit [www.lombardparks.com](http://www.lombardparks.com) and click on programs, then athletics for schedules, program information and to register.

### Youth Basketball

As players in the Park District League, youngsters grade 1 – 8 learn basic skills and enjoy the fun and competition of weekly games. Games will be played on Saturdays, Sundays or weeknights by schedule. Teams in grades 3-4 and higher will practice once a week at a local gym. Any child registered after this time will be placed on a waiting list. Each participant will need to purchase a \$16 game jersey from the park district for use during this program.

### School's Out!

### Open Gym Is In

School's out early or is today a no-school day? Kids grades 3 – 12 can grab a friend and stop by School's Out Open Gym at Pleasant Lane School for a variety of sports and prizes! Drop-in for only \$2/hour!

#### Day Date Time

Th	12/27	9 a.m. – noon & 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
F	12/28	9 a.m. – noon & 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
M	1/21	9 – 11 a.m. & 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Tu	1/22	9 – 11 a.m. & 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
F	2/15	Noon – 3:30 p.m.
M	2/18	9 – 11 a.m. & 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
F	3/21	9 – 11 a.m. & 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

### Bags Tournament

Adults age 21 & up can grab a partner and get ready for some exciting bags action! Teams of two will compete in this double elimination tournament at the Lombard Community Building. Saturday, 1/19, 2/16 and 3/29 from noon – 5 p.m. Cost is \$30/Lombard resident team and \$35/nonresident team. Cash prizes will be awarded.

### Cheerleading Clinic

Girls grades K – 6 should wear their biggest smiles, warm-up their loudest voices and get ready for a R-O-W-D-I-E time at this clinic, which includes instruction in basic cheers, jumps and stunts. Participants should wear gym shoes and loose-fitting clothes and will receive a T-shirt. (9 weeks)

#### Administrative Office

227 W. Parkside Avenue  
(630) 627-1281

#### Sunset Knoll Recreation Center and Fitness Center

820 S. Finley Road  
(630) 620-7322

#### Western Acres Golf Course

2400 W. Butterfield Road  
(630) 469-6768

## NEW!

The Lombard Park District is pleased to announce the availability of a new and improved online registration system that will allow users to create a profile that includes contact and payment information, view remaining spots in programs and events, and see up-to-the-minute program additions and cancellations.

**CHECK IT OUT TODAY!**

**[WWW.LOMBARDPARKS.COM](http://WWW.LOMBARDPARKS.COM)**

## Get the News!

Do you want to receive updates about Lombard Park District programs, events and special facilities? Then sign-up to be included in the weekly e-mail list. Join the mailing list at [www.lombardparks.com](http://www.lombardparks.com).

### Chili Open Golf Outing

*Cold winds and low temperatures don't stop a true golfer. Warm up with a hot bowl of chili and steaming cornbread while you play a round of golf at Western Acres Golf Course on 12/22/07 at 11:30 a.m. This outing includes prize-winning raffles and contests. Cost is \$15/person.*

## Fitness Corner

Visit [www.lombardparks.com](http://www.lombardparks.com) for schedules, program information and to register.

### Walking Club

Participants age 15 & up can learn the skill of walking for exercise on Monday and Wednesday ten-week sessions, 1/7 – 3/12 from 6 – 7 p.m. Dress for the weather. The cost is \$18 per session. Classroom discussion on poor weather days.

### Gentle Yoga

Ages 15 & up

Participants age 15 & up can gently restore the mind and body on Monday and Wednesday ten-week sessions, 1/7 – 3/12 from 9:45 – 10:30 a.m.! Develop fundamental postures, breath control and relaxation. Great for those new to yoga or participants revisiting yoga after many years. Participants will be responsible for bringing their own yoga sticky mat. Cost per session is \$45/Lombard resident and \$60/nonresident.

### Wake Up Call

Ages 15 & up – All fitness levels

Participants ages 15 & up can start the week off right on the Monday 10-week session with a high energy class that alternates cardio and weight segments for maximum caloric burn, then continue to the Wednesday 10-week session for plenty of cardio with 15 minutes of step, 15 minutes of aerobics and 15 minutes of weights and abs and finish on the Friday 10-week session with all-over strength training, followed by flexibility exercises. From 5:45 – 6:30 a.m., 1/7 – 3/14 for a cost of \$45/Lombard resident and \$60/nonresident per session.

### Senior Exercise & Senior Strength Training

Ages 55 & up

Participants age 55 & up can maintain flexibility and physical fitness in the Monday, Wednesday and Friday Senior Exercise class of fun-loving seniors. You'll maintain muscle tone and develop strength by working with light weights in the Senior Strength Training class on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Both sessions are from 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. at the Lombard Community Building. The cost is 5 classes for \$11; 10 classes for \$21 and 20 classes for \$33.

**For more information or to register for classes events and programs, call (630) 620-7322 or visit [www.lombardparks.com](http://www.lombardparks.com).**

NEWS BITS

Direct Dial Numbers

Public Works  
620-5740

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Department  
620-5750

Community  
Development  
620-5749

Water Billing  
620-5920

Police (Non-Emergency)  
873-4400

Fire Admin. (Non-Emergency)  
620-5738

All Other Village Calls  
620-5700

[www.villageoflombard.org](http://www.villageoflombard.org)  
EMERGENCY 9-1-1



No Solicitors, Please

Residents may post a "No Peddlers/Solicitors Allowed on Premises" seal on their front door. Seals are available at the Village Hall for \$.50. It is a violation of Lombard ordinance if peddlers or solicitors fail to leave at your request.

Public Works Department Is Ready For Snow

The Public Works crews are ready for snow.

"The plan is to begin plowing streets once the first inch of snow has accumulated," stated Keith Surges, Superintendent of Operations. The Village attempts to get as much warning as possible on approaching snow storms.

Depending on the type of snowfall, the Village is prepared to complete snow plowing within 10 hours after the snow stops falling for a snowfall under eight inches.

"For example, if we get eight inches of snow in two hours, it will take about 12 hours after the storm passes to complete plowing," said Surges. "It's important for residents to understand this process and be patient with us during snowstorms."

Please bear in mind that heavier snows take longer to clear and often times a storm event begins at rush hour which

causes delays for both the snow fighters and traffic.

The following are some commonly asked questions regarding snowfall:

Why does the Village spread salt on the streets?

Salt application begins when precipitation (either snow or ice) starts to accumulate and cause unsafe travel conditions. To completely salt the Village streets takes approximately five hours. Public Works uses rock salt as the initial response for winter precipitation. When temperatures drop below 29° liquid calcium chloride is used as a pre-wetting agent to accelerate the effectiveness of the rock salt. It is the most efficient and cost effective method of snow and ice control for smaller amounts of winter precipitation. The amount of salt used is determined by total accumulation, temperature and traffic conditions. Vehicle traffic

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Shout Out!

To the wonderful Lombard Park District and Village of Lombard,  
...we have thoroughly enjoyed the use of the Party Wagon and the ease in requesting our date through the lottery system as well as the visits from the Police and Fire Departments.

Thank you for having the wagons available. We have really gotten to know and care about our neighbors by the Village making it so easy for us to get together.

**Darlene Garrett**  
Block Party Planner