Welcome to the Fall/Winter edition of the Village’s Pride Newsletter!

Find out about helpful information, seasonal topics, and upcoming events happening throughout the next few months in Lombard.

Village Departments are preparing for winter weather to help keep our roads and community safe. Learn about Lombard’s Snow Plan, and brush up on reminders related to holiday and winter safety.

Be sure to check our calendar and save the date for upcoming events including the Veterans Day Ceremony, Fall Blood Drive, and Fire Department Toy Parade!

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Hello Neighbors!

I would like to thank everyone who joined us for Lombard’s 150th Birthday Celebration at our Special Village Board Meeting and Ice Cream Social on August 1. This celebratory year has been a wonderful tribute to our Village’s history, and I’m excited for what’s to come for Lombard. For photos and videos, visit villageoflombard.org/150th.

As we enjoy the fall and prepare for winter, I hope you take a moment to read through this issue of the Pride, to learn about community events, safety reminders, and updates on how your Village is working for you.

To receive more Village news, I highly encourage everyone to sign up for our weekly E-Pride Newsletter, at villageoflombard.org/epride.

Lombard First,
Keith T. Giagnorio
Lombard Village President

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**Fall Leaf Collection**

Lombard’s annual six-week free leaf pick-up will run from Monday, Nov. 4 through Friday, Dec. 13, when all yard waste collection will cease for the year. During this time, residential property owners may place an unlimited amount of paper bags containing only leaves, at their curbside, on their normal Waste Management collection day without the need of stickers. The Free Leaf Collection Program does not include bundled brush collection, which requires the purchase of a yard waste sticker. For information on leaf and brush collection visit villageoflombard.org/yardwaste.

**Lombard’s Budget Update**

The Village Board will review the proposed 2020 budget at upcoming Village Board Meetings. This will include a public hearing and first reading on Nov. 7, and the second/first reading on Nov. 21. The Village’s ongoing budget challenges are a result of a changing retail environment, rising inflation, and State Mandates that are beyond the Village’s control. Lombard remains focused on providing residents with ongoing transparency as it comes to Village business, including long-term budget challenges. See page 5 and visit villageoflombard.org/budget for more information.

**NEW WATER BILLING UPDATES**

In the next 10 years, the amount of money needed to fund the Village’s infrastructure improvements will require approximately $31,085,000 for sewer improvements and $14,711,000 for water system improvements. The Village completed a Water and Sewer rate study to help determine the best course of action to fund these projects, and several changes were recommended and approved by the Village Board. Beginning Jan. 1, water billing will change from bi-monthly to monthly, to help residents budget their water billing costs. Additionally, a new, $5 capital fee will be charged each month, to help fund the costs mentioned above. Water rates will also increase by $0.40 per 1,000 gallons. Visit villageoflombard.org/waterbilling for more information.

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**November 3**

- Daylight Saving Time Ends
- Change Your Clocks
- Change Your Batteries Reminder

**November 4**

- Six-Week Free Leaf Pick-Up Start Date
  villageoflombard.org/yardwaste

**November 5**

- Village Board of Trustees Meeting
  Village Hall, 7 p.m.

**November 7**

- Veterans Day Ceremony
  Sunken Garden at Lombard Common Park, 11 a.m.

**November 9**

- Village Board of Trustees Meeting
  Village Hall, 7 p.m.

**November 13**

- Fall Community Blood Drive
  Yorktown, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
  Village Hall, 1:30 - 7 p.m.
  villageoflombard.org/blooddrives

**November 18**

- Plan Commission Meeting
  Village Hall, 7 p.m.

**November 21**

- Village Board Meeting
  Village Hall, 7 p.m.

**November 26 – 29**

- Thanksgiving Day Recognized
  Village Offices Closed

**December 5**

- Village Board Meeting
  Village Hall, 7 p.m.

**December 7**

- JingleBell Jubilee and Lighting of Lilacia Park, 5 - 8 p.m.

**December 10**

- Village Board Meeting
  Village Hall, 7 p.m.

**December 13**

- Six-Week Free Leaf Pick-Up and All Yardwaste Collection Ends

**December 14**

- Fire Department Toy Parade
  Fire Station 45, 50 E. St. Charles Rd.
  South on Main Street at 10:30 a.m.

**December 18**

- Plan Commission Meeting
  Village Hall, 7 p.m.

**December 20 – 25**

- Village Offices Closed for Christmas Holiday

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For more events visit villageoflombard.org/villagecalendar

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**Featured Event:**

**JingleBell Jubilee**

Kick-off the start of the holiday season with JingleBell Jubilee in Lilacia Park and downtown Lombard, on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 5 - 8 p.m. Be sure to get there before 5:30 p.m., when Lilacia Park is lit up by more than 500,000 beautiful lights! Hop on the trolley for a free ride to all of the participating locations. Visit villageoflombard.org/jb for more information.
Proposed 2020 Property Tax Levy
The Village Board reviewed the proposed property taxes at a public hearing and first reading on Oct. 17, with a second reading on Nov. 7. All Village meetings are open to the public. Agendas for upcoming meetings and videos of past meetings are at villageoflombard.org/meetings.

The proposed levy was recommended by the Finance and Administration Committee, which consists of residents. The average increase for a $300,000 home will be approximately $1421. (This varies for each property depending on the value assigned by the Township's Assessor's Office.)

Your Property Taxes
The Village of Lombard receives less than 8% of the total tax bill, meaning that less than $0.08 of every dollar paid in property taxes will go to the Village. Property taxes represent 17.9% of the Village’s projected General Fund revenues. The remaining revenues come from other sources, with sales tax representing the largest portion at 29.7%. These revenues pay for core services that include public safety provided by Police and Fire Departments; building and code enforcement from Community Development; responsible administrative oversight; and roads, forestry and infrastructure maintenance from Public Works.

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Lombard's Budget Update
Promotion and Tourism Committee, three meetings with the Finance and Administration Committee to discuss the Fiscal Year 2020 budget and provide recommendation to the Board of Trustees, and a Village Board of Trustees budget workshop to review the 2020 proposed budget. All committees consist of Lombard resident volunteers.

The Proposed 2020 Budget Overview
• The Village’s entire proposed 2020 budget is $95.1 million, an increase of $2.5 million (2.7%) compared to the 2019 year-end estimated expenditures of $92.6 million.
• The 2020 projected revenues from taxes, fees, and other sources total $101.5 million, an increase of $5.2 million (5.4%) when compared to the 2019 year-end estimated revenue of $96.3 million.
• The primary reason for the increase is capital projects, budgeted in 2020 for $16.2 million, an increase of $3.3 million compared to the 2019 capital project budget of $7.9 million. The Proposed 2020 Budget and 2020-2029 Capital Improvement Plan are available at villageoflombard.org/budget.

The Village’s Ongoing Efforts
The Village will continue to face budget challenges head on and remains focused on providing residents with a balanced budget, while maintaining excellent core services. Since 2017, the Village has made cumulative budget reductions of over $3.6 million. The Village eliminated 9 full-time and 12 part-time positions, totaling $1.2 million in reduced personnel costs and eliminated or reduced funding of various enhanced services and programs.

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Lombard’s Snow Plan

Public Works: All Hands on Deck for Winter Storms
When it’s snowing, Public Works employees in all divisions help with storm operations. Lombard’s Snow Plan, which is available on the Village’s website at villageoflombard.org/winter, divides the plowing and salting of 166 miles of streets into nine zones. During snow events, removal efforts focus on the busier roads, until conditions allow crews to move into the side streets. At the same time, staff and resources must still be allocated towards the other important, on-going duties.

- Water & Sewer employees repair more water main breaks in winter, due to colder water and ground conditions that make pipes brittle. Repairing a water main break involves locating the break, setting up a safe work zone, excavating earth to expose the pipe, installing a repair sleeve, and then backfilling, often in freezing temperatures. In the winter months, there is an average of one break per day.
- Streets employees repair reported potholes, temporarily patch after water main repairs, mark the Village’s utilities for JULIE, replace streetlight bulbs, and repair damages to Village property from traffic accidents.
- Fleet mechanics maintain and repair all fleet cars, police cars, fire trucks, snow plows, and generators.

- Forestry technicians trim trees and remove hangers, which are tree limbs that break due to winter conditions.
- Engineering employees wrap up paperwork from the last construction season, and prepare plans and contracts for next year.
- Water Treatment & Wastewater Pumping operators perform their critical maintenance on storage reservoirs and pump stations, and also take daily water samples.

For more information about Public Works, please visit villageoflombard.org/publicworks or contact us at publicworks@villageoflombard.org or (630) 820-5740.

Winter Street Parking Reminder
It is illegal to park on Village of Lombard streets after 1” of snowfall has occurred. This restriction is in place to help snow plows and salt trucks navigate streets in a safe and efficient manner. After 1” of snowfall, requests for overnight street parking will not be granted. Watch the weather and plan ahead!

Winter Tip: It’s best practice to avoid street parking during any winter weather events.

Holiday Safety and Recycling Reminders

Follow the 9 P.M. Routine
Never leave keys, fobs, or anything of value in cars, and remember to follow the 9 p.m. routine every night!

Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over
Lombard Police will be on the roads with extra patrols, seeking out and cracking down on impaired drivers. Upcoming campaigns include Thanksgiving, Holiday, New Year’s and Superbowl. Drive sober Lombard!

Electronic Recycling Options
Waste Management collects electronic items, including televisions and computers, for up to 180 Lombard residences each year, on a first come first serve basis, for free. Visit wmatyourdoor.com or call (800)449-7587.

Free Recycling Opportunities
Residents may place holiday trees, free of tinsel and decorations, at their curbsides for Waste Management collection, Jan. 6 - 17.

Lombard Historical Society

Lombard Historical Society Announces 2020 Theme
Throughout 2020, the Lombard Historical Society will be celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Women’s Suffrage Movement, that led to a woman’s right to vote in the United States.

Lombard’s Ties to the Women’s Suffrage Movement
Ellen Martin was a lawyer, a Lombard resident, and the first woman to vote in Illinois, in downtown Lombard. 29 years before women were granted the right to vote. After casting her vote, judges argued, but it was determined that because the town’s charter failed to specify gender, her vote, and the votes of the 14 women, were valid. Ellen Martin became the first woman to vote in Illinois, in downtown Lombard. 29 years before women were granted the right to vote.

Ellen died in 1916, just four years before the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution gave women the right to vote nation-wide.

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- Instagram: www.instagram.com/VillageofLombard

Lombard Historical Society

Lombard Historical Society in 2020, the Historical Society will unveil a new, permanent exhibit about Ellen and the Suffrage Movement, that led to a woman’s right to vote nation-wide.

Let’s Get Social!

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Upcoming Events

VETERANS DAY CEREMONY NOVEMBER 11
Residents and community groups are invited to attend Lombard’s Veterans Day Ceremony on Monday, Nov. 11, at 11 a.m., in the Sunken Garden at Lombard Common Park. For more information please visit villageoflombard.org/veteransday.

FIRE DEPARTMENT TOY DRIVE AND TOY PARADE
The Lombard Fire Department’s 19th Annual Toy Drive kicks off Monday, Nov. 25 and will end with a Toy Parade down Main Street, from St. Charles to Wilson Ave., Saturday, Dec. 14.

Residents are encouraged to bring new and unopened toys, and items including (but not limited to) diapers and wipes, books, dress-up costumes, board games, dolls, educational toys, stuffed animals, and sports equipment, to Lombard Fire Stations, Village Hall, Schroeder’s Ace Hardware and Clark Orthodontics for donation.

During the Toy Parade, firefighters will also collect items from residents, beginning at Main St. and traveling south to Glenbard East, on Dec. 14, at 10:30 a.m. Donations will directly benefit the Lombard/Villa Park Food Pantry, the Outreach House, and the Teen Parent Connection. For more information visit villageoflombard.org/toyparade.

FALL BLOOD DRIVE HONORS VETERANS DAY AND FORMER PRESIDENT BILL MUELLER
Lombard’s Annual Fall Blood Drive will take place on Wednesday, Nov. 13, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Yorktown Shopping Center and 1:30 - 7 p.m. at Lombard Village Hall. Walk-ins are welcome but appointments are preferred. Please visit villageoflombard.org/blooddrives for additional information.