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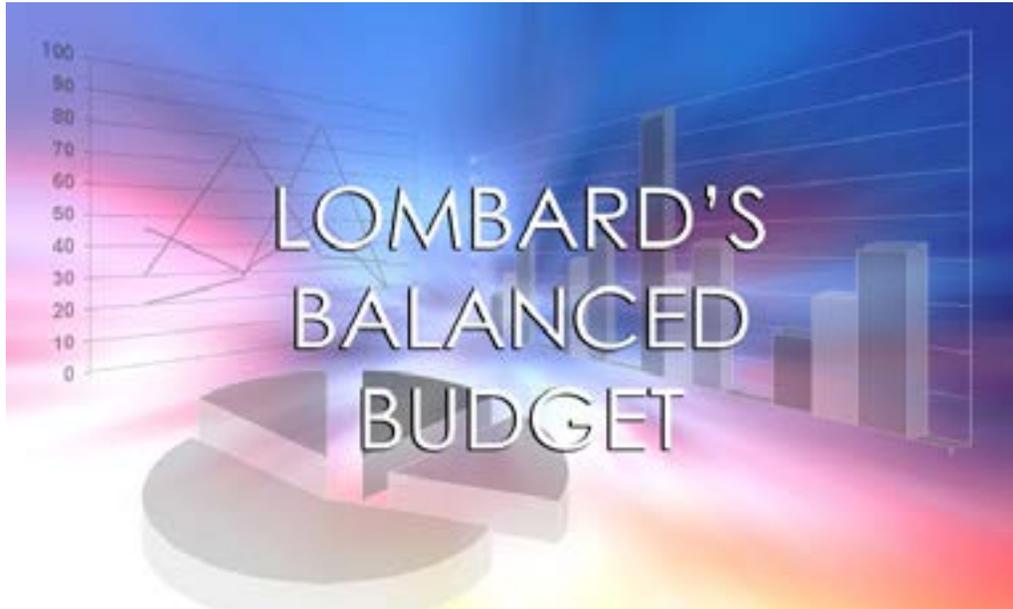


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Lombard Village Board Approves Balanced 2018 Budget

On Thursday, November 16, 2017, the Village Board of Trustees approved Lombard's balanced 2018 budget.

The Village's General Fund is financially sound as a result of the Village Board's action to reduce current and future year deficits.

The challenges faced by the Village are associated with maintaining excellent core service levels to residents and business owners, while expenses continue to increase faster than revenues, due to State mandates beyond the Village's control. In order to address these concerns and to maintain a balanced budget, the Village adopted a Long Range Plan that focuses on fiscal responsibility, prudent planning, and the implementation of resident recommendations via Village Committees, including the Finance and Administration Committee. (villageoflombard.org/committees)

Lombard's Long Range Plan, which was approved in June 2016,

strategically addresses the Village's long term structural budget deficit. The core services that Lombard will continue to focus on include public safety provided by Police and Fire Departments; road, sewer, and water maintenance from Public Works; building and code enforcement from Community Development, and responsible long term financial planning from the Finance Department. (villageoflombard.org/lrp)

Non-core services, or enhanced services, are those that, while still important, are more discretionary in nature and may be the product of historical service delivery, local policy and/or preference.

The Long Range Plan commits the Village to matching dollar for dollar (50/50) revenue increases and expenditure reductions, in order to maintain a balanced General Fund operating budget.

See page 10 for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

2 DEC Jinglebell Jubilee

9 DEC Lombard Fire Dept. Toy Drive

17 JAN Village of Lombard Winter Blood Drive



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For a complete list of meetings with details, visit villageoflombard.org/villagecalendar

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The PRIDE

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Dear Residents,

It's my sincere hope that each one of you had a joyful Thanksgiving with your loved ones. I encourage all residents to focus on being kind to one another, especially during this time of year. We take care of our own here in Lombard, so please reach out to an elderly neighbor or volunteer to help an organization this holiday season. Visit villageoflombard.org/volunteer to find volunteer opportunities.

As we move into the winter season, it's once again time for Jinglebell Jubilee! On Saturday, Dec. 2, I'll be there with Santa and the Lombard Park District to kick off the holidays with the lighting of Lilacia Park at 5:30 p.m. Be sure to enjoy all of the festive stops along the way! Visit villageoflombard.org/jbj.

There are plenty of opportunities to give back to those in need this season. One way is to donate to the Fire Department's 17th Annual Toy Drive and Toy Parade. Bring unopened toys to Fire Stations or Village Hall until Dec. 9, and then join us for the Toy Parade down Main Street (Sat. Dec. 9, 10:30 a.m.), to hand your toys over to the Fire Department! More on page 3. (villageoflombard.org/toydrive)

Give the most precious gift of all, the gift of life, when you donate blood at the Winter Blood Drive on Jan. 17, 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Yorktown Shopping Center and 1:15 – 7 p.m. at Village Hall. More information is available at villageoflombard.org/blooddrives.

Let's keep our loved ones and our town safe by celebrating the holiday season responsibly and driving sober. Lombard Police Officers will receive IDOT grants to fund extra officers on the road, cracking down on impaired drivers. Drive sober or get pulled over Lombard!

Winter weather and icy conditions can lead to dangerous situations on the road. Lombard Public Works will be out in overnight shifts during weather events this winter. Learn about how they keep our roads safe at villageoflombard.org/snow and on page 6-7. The Lombard Police Department is also encouraging residents to brush up on their winter driving skills by following some safety tips, available on page 9. Find more about all things winter at villageoflombard.org/winter.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or if you need information on a specific topic. Please call (630)620-5710 or email giagnoriok@villageoflombard.org.

Lombard First,

Keith T. Giagnorio
Lombard Village President

DECEMBER JANUARY FEBRUARY

December 1

Free Leaf Pick Up Ends
villageoflombard.org/yardwaste

December 2

Jinglebell Jubilee & Lilacia Park Lighting Ceremony, 5:30 p.m.
villageoflombard.org/jbj

December 2-17

Holiday Lights in Lilacia Park

December 9

Lombard Fire Dept. Toy Drive
St. Charles & Main Street,
South to Wilson, 10:30 a.m.

December 25-26

Christmas Observed
Village Offices Closed

December 31

New Years Eve
Drive Sober Get Pulled Over!

January 1

New Year's Day
Village Offices Closed

January 4

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

January 2-12

Holiday Tree Collection Program
villageoflombard.org/yardwaste

January 17

Winter Blood Drive, 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Yorktown, 1:15 - 7 p.m. Village Hall
villageoflombard.org/blooddrives

January 18

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

January 19

Recycling Cords/Light Strands Ends
Public Works, 1015 W.
Hammerschmidt

February 1

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

February 3

Park District Winter Carnival
Sunset Knoll Rec. Center
1:30 - 4 p.m.

February 4-10

National Burn Awareness Week
villageoflombard.org/firesafety

February 15

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

February 19

President's Day
Village Offices Open

February 21

State of the Village Address
Lombard Chamber of Commerce

Featured Event: Fire Department Toy Parade

Residents are invited to attend the Lombard Fire Department's 17th Annual Toy Parade on Saturday, Dec. 9, at 10:30 a.m. The Fire Department, along with volunteers including Cub Scouts from Lombard Pack 42, will depart Fire Station 45 at 50 E. St. Charles Rd., and will proceed south on Main Street to Glenbard East High School.

Line up along southbound Main Street and donate gifts, and items of need to firefighters and volunteers in the parade! Donations will then be brought to Yorktown Shopping Center for sorting. Items requested include new toys (unwrapped), and baby supplies such as formula and diapers. Items collected will benefit the Teen Parent Connection, First Things First and the Lombard/Villa Park Food Pantry. Schools in District 44 and 45 will also collect items. Cash donations are also being accepted and may be dropped off at either Lombard Fire Station. Visit villageoflombard.org/toyparade for more information.



For a list of Village and community events visit villageoflombard.org/villagecalendar

District Trustee Update

Who is your trustee? Visit villageoflombard.org/findmytrustee to find out!



The Village Spotlight



District 1 Trustee Dan Whittington (630) 518-2457



There's something extra special about Lombard this time of year. Despite the cold weather, there's a feeling of warmth in the air. Downtown Lombard is the ideal place to gather, explore and shop this holiday season. Don't miss the lighting of Lilacia Park during Jinglebell Jubilee on Saturday, Dec. 2 at 5:30 p.m. Afterwards, stroll through a winter wonderland in downtown Lombard and see dancers recreating live scenes from the Nutcracker Ballet in store windows!

As the holidays approach, the Public Safety and Transportation Committee is reminding everyone to drive sober. Lombard officers will be out in full force this season. Let's keep the holidays bright this year by driving responsibly.

District 2 Trustee Mike Fugiel (630) 212-0040



The Community Promotions and Tourism Committee's 2018 grant season begins January for events that are partially funded through the Hotel Motel Tax Fund. Events have included: Lombard Historical Society's Special Exhibit and Civil War Reenactment, The Junior Women's Club Lilac Princess Program, Lilac Time Arts and Crafts Fair, Ale Fest, The Garden Club Lilac Sale, The Lilac Parade, Firebirds Soccer Tournament and Lombard Town Centre's Spooktacular. We are looking for community groups to join the application process! If you have a community based program, that potentially includes hotel/motel overnight visits, apply for a grant by Dec. 11. For information visit villageoflombard.org/localtourismgrant, contact Assistant Village Manager Nicole Aranas at aranasn@villageoflombard.org, or myself. Have a great holiday season and feel free to contact me at fugielm@villageoflombard.org or (630)212-0040.

District 3 Trustee Reid Foltyniewicz (630) 621-2861



Lombard's 2018 Budget was officially adopted by the Village Board on Nov. 16. The Finance and Administration Committee has been working on a balanced 2018 budget since 2016 and we are looking ahead to 2019. Challenges will continue but we are committed to maintaining Lombard's long term financial health.

The Yorktown area continues to thrive and there are exciting changes to look forward to. The new apartments at Yorktown Commons are moving along, and we will soon see a new Starbucks, Anthony's Coal Fire Pizza, and Yard House along Butterfield Rd.

Feel free to reach out to me at foltyniewiczr@villageoflombard.org. Lombard Forward, Together!

District 4 Trustee Bill Johnston (630) 346-0039



The Economic and Community Development Committee (ECDC) continued to advance economic development activity. The Village established the Butterfield Yorktown Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District for selected properties along Butterfield Road, including the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary and the northern portion of Yorktown Center. This tool will allow the Village to partner with the development community on projects that warrant Village participation.

In District 4, we are very pleased to see the redevelopment of the former Allied Drywall site as the Windsor Place Subdivision. Emerald Homes will construct 12 new single-family residences on the site, with construction activity already underway.

I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season! Contact me with any questions at bjohnston@villageoflombard.org or at (630)346-0039.

District 5 Trustee Robyn Pike (630) 903-1125



The holidays are a time of year when we celebrate with our loved ones and also look for ways to give back to others. I hope that each one of you will find a way to make someone else's season a little brighter this year. Whether it's helping a neighbor, volunteering, or visiting with someone who is homebound, these acts of kindness will go a long way.

Keep up with the Village by signing up for our weekly e-newsletter at villageoflombard.org/enews. If you would like to know construction alerts or breaking news, follow us on Facebook and Twitter. Share your holiday pictures with us on Instagram with #VillageofLombard!

Happy and safe holidays Lombard!

District 6 Trustee William Ware (630) 319-5805



The Public Works Department's new Lead Water Service Line Replacement Reimbursement Program will help residents replace their lead water services. The ultimate goal is to eliminate all sources of lead in drinking water. The reimbursement will only apply to properties with verified lead water services and will aid in providing 50% of the cost up to \$1,500.00 for private service line replacement. The Public Works Committee reviewed the program and recommended its funding and approval by the Village Board of Trustees. The Board approved the program on Nov. 2, 2017 with an effective date of 1/1/18. Additional details will be available at villageoflombard.org/water.

I hope that you all have a great holiday season! Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns at warew@villageoflombard.org or by calling (630)319-5805.



Veterans Day Ceremony (Left) The Village's Veterans Day Ceremony took place Nov. 11, Next year's event will take place on Monday, Nov. 12, 2018.



2017 Senior Man and Woman (Left) Anna Weselak and Dennis McNicholas were named the 2017 Seniors of the Year on Oct. 4.



Snow Plow Training (Above) Lombard Public Works is preparing for snow! While it's illegal to park on Village streets after 2" of snowfall, it's a good idea to avoid street parking during any winter events, in order to allow snow plows to navigate streets with efficiency.



Fall Blood Drive (Above) Lombard's Fall Blood Drive took place on Nov. 15. The Winter Blood Drive will take place on Wednesday, Jan. 13, 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Yorktown Shopping Center and from 1:15 - 7 p.m. at Village Hall. More information is available at villageoflombard.org/blooddrives.



Lombard K9 Officer Chico (Left) In Sept., the Lombard Police Department was awarded a grant from the Ben Roethlisberger Foundation to replace K-9 Officer Chico who is approaching retirement. Chico's retirement date is yet to be determined, and he will continue to serve the Village of Lombard until that time.



Pink Shirts (Above) Lombard Firefighters present a check to Bohrade Cancer Care Center at a Community Open House in October. The funds were raised through the sale of pink shirts. Email ldpink@yahoo.com for the 2018 event.

2017 Snow Plan
There are 10 priorities when it comes to snow removal. Public Works' Snow Plan helps prioritize which streets get plowed first. It's simple: the busier the street, the higher the priority.

The Snow Plan's top 10 priorities are designed to ensure 1: all streets are accessible for emergency vehicles; 2: arterial & collector streets are cleared, 3: local streets are cleared for general public, 4: all arterial & collector streets are running as normal, 5: commuter parking lots and public buildings are clear, 6: corners within a 2 block radius of schools are clear, 7: local streets are running as usual, 8: alleys are clear, 9: snow windrows from the middle of certain roads (Main St.) are removed, 10: all corners are pushed back.

Winter Parking
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.

Winter and Your Home
To avoid freezing pipes Public Works suggests that homes are kept warmer than 55 degrees. If you are going on vacation or leave your home unattended for a length of time, be sure to turn off the water supply to your home and clear your water lines of any left over water that could freeze!

Houses, apartments and condominium heating systems are required to be capable of heating the dwelling unit to 68 degrees Fahrenheit from Sept. 15 - June 1. If you are renting and the landlord will not make corrections to meet these standards, call Code Enforcement at (630)620-5757.

In winter months all sump pumps should drain to rear yards to prevent icing of sidewalks.



Cold Weather Safety
Wind chill can cause frost bite to exposed skin in as little as 19 minutes. (0 degrees with a windspeed of 15 m.p.h). During cold weather, bundle up and avoid periods of prolonged exposure.

Never leave children or pets in a car unattended, or in a running car in an enclosed space, due to potential carbon monoxide poisoning.

Who should clear sidewalks?
Within 24 hours of a snow storm, public sidewalks adjacent to commercial properties must have a path cleared for pedestrians, especially in areas that are commonly used by pedestrians.

Plan ahead to ensure sidewalks are kept snow free this winter!

Lombard By the Numbers
There are 133 centerline miles of streets in Lombard, which is roughly the same distance to South Haven, MI. Employees drive 18-27 trucks in 9 different zones, in shifts, until the work is completed. For snowfalls up to 8", operations last 10-12 hours after snowfall has stopped. From salting and plowing, to mechanics and office staff, most of Public Works' 56 employees perform duties during winter storms.

Get to know your snow plow driver! Visit villageoflombard.org/myplowdriver.

Snow Event info
Prior to snow or ice events, crews spray a brine solution onto arterial and collector streets, and in school drop-off areas. The solution consists mostly of salt brine, but can also include calcium chloride for low temperatures, and beet juice to reduce the chloride content and enhance adherence. This enables safer travel at the start of a storm, more time for crews to mobilize after hours (especially in the middle of the night), eliminates overtime for minor accumulations, and reduces the amount of chloride entering our receiving waterways. Lombard has decreased its rock salt usage by half by utilizing de-icing techniques!

On certain roads where sidewalks are directly adjacent to the curb, crews will push snow into a "windrow" in the center lane, which melt or are removed by trucks. Property owners may also use windrows for snow storage.

A Green Winter!
Holiday trees will be picked up on normal collection days, from Jan. 2 - 12. Please remove all ornaments, lights, and tinsel. Old holiday lights will be collected by Elgin Recycling at a bin in front of Lombard Public Works, 1051 S. Hammer-schmidt Avenue at any hour from Thanksgiving through Jan. 14. Remove extra plastic ornamentals from the wiring.

Remember that the following items are NOT recyclable and should NOT be placed in recycling bins: plastic bags, Styro-foam, greasy cardboard, ceramics or tempered glass including light bulbs.

It only takes 1 teaspoon of road salt to permanently pollute 5 gallons of water. Limit the use of rock salt when possible. One pound of salt (approximately 1 mug), is enough for a residential driveway.

What is Public Works up to this winter?

Everyone knows that Public Works is busy in the winter with plowing and salting operations that keep the roads open. However, there are also ongoing maintenance programs, repairs and projects happening around town.

Water & Sewer employees repair more water main breaks in winter because colder water and ground temperatures make pipes more brittle. This type of work can happen at any time and involves locating the break, setting up a safe work zone, excavating frozen ground to expose the pipe, installing a repair sleeve, and then backfilling. Although the frequency varies due to the weather, there is an average of one break daily.

Streets employees repair potholes and place cold-patch asphalt over water main repairs. They also mark the Village's utilities for Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators, or JULIE, make repairs throughout the town, replace streetlight bulbs and assist Fleet employees with the repair of vehicles.

Forestry employees focus on trimming trees since it is best to do so while the trees are dormant. They also remove "hangers", which are tree limbs that break due to snow/ice weight and brittleness from the cold. This winter, the Village

of Lombard will be trimming parkway trees north of the railroad tracks and west of Main Street. A map of the 2018 tree trimming schedule is available at villageoflombard.org/treetrimming.

Engineering employees are completing final tasks associated with the construction season, and are preparing plans and contracts for next year. They are also continuing to manage the construction of the North Broadway Pump Station Project, which will divert rainfall runoff from the combined sewers serving over 400 acres of the northeast portion of town, thereby further reducing overland flooding and basement backups.

Water Treatment & Wastewater Pumping employees continue their work as usual to ensure safe and uninterrupted supply and removal of water. They also assist the Engineering employees with projects under design and construction.

All divisions and employees assist with snow events and plowing.

For more information about Public Works, please visit villageoflombard.org/publicworks or contact us at publicworks@villageoflombard.org or 630-620-5740.

Burn Safety Week Feb. 4-10

In conjunction with Burn Awareness Week, the American Burn Association and the Lombard Fire Department Bureau of Fire Prevention are providing information relating to scald burns and some helpful precautions.

Scald injuries are painful and require prolonged treatment. They may result in life-long scarring and even death. Prevention of scalds is always preferable to treatment and can be accomplished through simple changes in behavior and the home environment.

Tap water scalds are often more severe than cooking-related scalds. The American Burn Association recommends the following simple safety tips to decrease the risk to yourself and those you love from tap water scalds:

- Set home water heater thermostats to deliver water at a temperature no higher than 120 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Install grab bars, shower seats or non-slip flooring in tubs or showers if the person is unsteady or weak.
- Avoid flushing toilets, running water or using the dish- or clothes washer while anyone is showering.
- Install anti-scald or tempering devices.



National Blood Donor Month

January is National Blood Donor month and the Village's Winter Blood Drive is on Wednesday, Jan. 17, 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Yorktown Shopping Center and 1:15 - 7 p.m. at Village Hall.

Thank you to everyone who donated in 2017. We collected 621 pints of blood with the potential to save up to 1,863 lives! Book your appointment at villageoflombard.org/blooddrives.

Winter Driving Safety Reminders

The Lombard Police Department reminds drivers to stay safe by changing their driving habits this winter. Please keep the following winter driving tips from AAA in mind:

- Accelerate and decelerate slowly. Don't try to get moving in a hurry. And take time to slow down for a stoplight. Remember: It takes longer to slow down on icy roads.
- Drive slowly. Everything takes longer on snow-covered roads. Accelerating, stopping, turning – nothing happens as quickly as on dry pavement. Give yourself time to maneuver by driving slowly.
- Standard following distance of three to four seconds should be increased to eight to ten seconds. This increased margin of safety will provide the longer distance needed if you have to stop.
- Know your brakes. Whether you have antilock brakes or not, the best way to stop is threshold breaking. Keep the heel of your foot on the



floor and use the ball of your foot to apply firm, steady pressure on the brake pedal.

- Don't stop if you can avoid it. If you can slow down enough to keep rolling until a traffic light changes, do it.
 - Don't power up hills. Applying extra gas on snow-covered roads just starts your wheels spinning. Try to get a little inertia going before you reach the hill and let that inertia carry you to the top. As you reach the crest of the hill, reduce your speed and proceed downhill as slowly as possible.
- Don't stop going up a hill. There's nothing worse than trying to get moving up a hill on an icy road. Get some inertia going on a flat roadway before you take on the hill.
- Stay home. If you really don't have to go out, don't. Even if you can drive well in the snow, not everyone else can. Don't tempt fate: If you don't have somewhere you have to be, watch the snow from indoors.

Links to these and additional winter driving tips can be found at villageoflombard.org/winter.

Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over

If you choose to celebrate the holidays or the Superbowl with a drink, the Lombard Police Department has a message for you: Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over. Follow these tips to keep the holidays safe and happy:

- You can be held liable and prosecuted if someone you serve is involved in a drunk-driving crash.
- Make sure all of your guests designate a sober driver in advance, or help them with arranging rides with other sober drivers.
- If you are hosting a party, be sure to serve food and offer guests non-alcoholic beverage options, including water.
- If you're planning on drinking alcohol, give your car keys to a designated sober driver before the party begins.
- Take the keys away from friends who attempt to drive drunk and call them a ride.

For more information visit villageoflombard.org/drivingsafety.

Overnight Street Parking Requests

Overnight street parking between the hours of 2-6 a.m. is prohibited on Lombard streets. Requests for overnight street parking can be made online at frontlinepss.com/lombard. Click "submit" and provide vehicle information to request overnight parking approval, with a maximum of 4 days per month. If extended time is needed for long term guest parking or due to home construction, call (630)873-4400.

During snow events of 2" or more, the portal will be closed and street parking requests will not be granted. Visit villageoflombard.org/overnightparking for more information.



View video at villageoflombard.org/winter



Village of Lombard Financial Update

The Village Board recently adopted the 2017 tax levy, 2018 municipal budget, and an increase of \$0.30 or 2.05% to the water and sewer rate. A total of nine public meetings were held during which components of the budget were discussed between members of the public, the Village Board and staff.

General Fund 2018 Budget Recap

This year, the Village eliminated a \$700,000 budget deficit. Based on the Village's commitment to matching dollar for dollar (50/50), the deficit was eliminated using a portion of the revenue from the Places For Eating Tax Increase (\$350,000) and internal expenditure reductions totaling \$350,000.

The Village's reductions included eliminating the Code Red program, closing the Village Hall on Monday nights, adjusting the night-time hours for the Police Department lobby, restructuring street lighting operations, reallocating a portion of the expense for consultant engineering service, restructuring some Village positions, and aligning the Village's contribution for Meals on Wheels program to what other communities provide. The budget reduces total Village staffing from 259.30 full time equivalent (FTE) positions in FY 2017 to 254.37 FTE in FY 2018, a decline of 4.93 FTE positions. The reductions are from positions that became vacant in 2017. These positions were evaluated and either restructured or eliminated based on department needs.

2018 Water & Sewer Rate Increase

The total FY2018 proposed Water & Sewer Rate with the \$0.30 increase is \$14.90 per 1,000 gallons. The Village of Lombard would receive \$4.95 per 1,000 gallons (33% of the total rate) for operation, maintenance, and capital improvements.

Water Meter Change Out Program

The Village has secured funding approval from the IEPA for the residential water meter change out program set to begin this year. This program is required for all residences and businesses. For more information please visit villageoflombard.org/watermeters.

Water Cost Comparisons

How does a gallon of water delivered to your faucet compare to other common purchases? The Village of Lombard's 2018 Water & Sewer rate is \$14.90 per 1000 gallons or approximately \$0.02 per gallon.



Lombard History: Maintaining the Sheldon Peck Homestead

The Sheldon Peck Homestead was built from 1837-1839 at the corner of Grace and St. Charles. The original post and beam construction was built on a stacked field stone foundation (pictured). Soon after the original home was built, the Pecks sold a strip of land on the north end of their property for a new railroad. A current theory is that with the sale of this land, the Pecks expanded their home with a new addition on the east side of their home. This newly built room was not built on the same foundation, but was instead built upon large stones which surrounded the perimeter of the home. Over time, the new addition on the east end started to sink (over 5 inches) and repairs are now necessary.

The Lombard Historical Society has been preparing for this repair to the foundation for many years. Preparation included completion of archeological studies, shoring up posts, painting the exterior and repairing rotten wood. In October, the replacement of the foundation began. An entirely new wall was constructed and nine posts will be erected approximately where the original stones were located. The bathroom door will be moved to improve accessibility and more efficient storage will be added for programs. The floors and the pipes will be insulated to improve energy efficiency, without hurting the home's historical integrity. The project cost is estimated at nearly \$40,000.

With a private loan and past fundraising efforts, the Historical Society will have enough funds to complete the project, but the loan will have to be paid off over time. This year, an anonymous donor has pledged \$4,000 in matching

funds. All donations of \$100 or more will be matched up to a combined total of \$8,000. Take advantage of this generous offer to double your donation! Donations may be made at lombardhistory.org/donate (PayPal or credit card). We appreciate your support for the Sheldon Peck legacy, and for local Lombard history!



Above: During the excavation and foundation improvements, the construction team looks through ever shovel of dirt. They have unearthed many interesting artifacts including a perfume bottle from the 1858-1865 and even a boot from early 1900!



Above: Original post and beam foundation of the Sheldon Peck Homestead, which requires modernization.

LOMBARD ART COMES HOME

Shannon Sullivan recently donated a beloved family treasure to the Lombard Historical Society. The painting (pictured top right) was given to Shannon's great grandmother for Christmas 1913 by the artist, Frederick DeForest Schook. The painting depicts an autumn scene at Churchill Woods and the family has always called it "Babcock's Grove". Jim "Sully" Sullivan, Shannon's dad, was a life-long Lombardian, and recently passed away. Shannon decided to honor Sully's memory and his love for Lombard by giving this painting to the museum for everyone to enjoy.

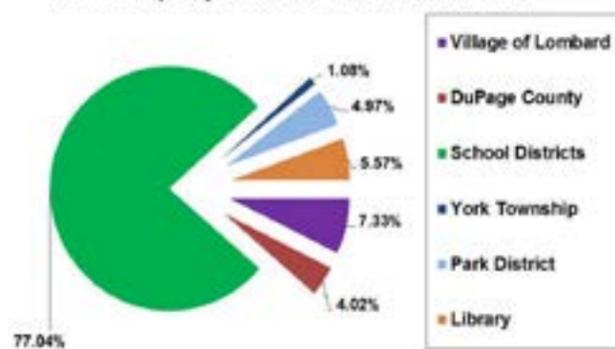
The artist, Frederick Schook, moved to Lombard around 1906, and built his family home on east Hickory Road in

1914. While the family home was being built (pictured bottom right), the Schooks visited Paris and London, where Frederick Schook studied under master artist H.O. Tanner and other noted artists. He taught at the Art Institute and started an artist colony in Door County, Wisconsin. Schook also lectured to various social groups in Lombard and the surrounding communities.

The Lombard Historical Society is very excited to have this new addition to our collection. The Schook oil painting which joins our previous acquisitions of a Schook watercolor of downtown Lombard and an ink drawing of a courtroom scene.



2016 Property Tax Allocation Paid in 2017



Property Tax Levy

The Village Board approved a total property tax levy increase of \$212,820 or 2.37%. The increase for each \$100,000 of a home's market value is \$5.87; for example, for a \$300,000 home, the increase would be \$17.61. The Village's property tax as a percentage of each property owner's total tax bill is less than 7.5% of the total tax bill. The Village's required funding level for pensions is set by state statute. The 2017 levy for Police and Fire pensions decreased \$19,316 or 0.37%.

2016 Property Tax Allocation Paid in 2017. (Left) Chart is based on tax code 6011. Find your property tax breakdown at dupageco.org/PropertyInfo/PropertyLookup.



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Village Manager's Office (630) 620-5712

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Finance Department
(630) 620-5911

Police Department
(630) 873-4400

Community Development
(630) 620-5749

Fire Department
(630) 620-5738

Water/Sewer Billing
(630) 620-5920

Public Works Department
(630) 620-5740

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(for Hearing Impaired)
(630) 873-4595

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(630) 620-5750

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Winter Safety Tips from the Lombard Fire Department

Carbon Monoxide Detectors / Smoke Alarm Safety

Keep your family safe during winter months by installing working carbon monoxide and smoke detector alarms, or change the batteries in your current alarms. These simple devices can play a major role in an emergency situation.

- Approximately 450 people die each year from CO exposure related to fuel-burning and residential appliances. Thousands more become ill or seek medical attention. CO poisoning is estimated to cause more than 50,000 emergency room visits in the United States each year.
- Approximately 80% of child fire deaths occur in homes without working smoke alarms.

Holiday tree fire prevention tips

- Dry trees are fire hazards. Pick a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched. Water tree daily to prevent the tree from drying.
- Set up your tree at least three feet away from any heat sources like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat
- Do NOT use broken lights and follow manufacturer's instructions on how many light strands to link.
- NEVER use lit candles to decorate trees and always turn off holiday lights before leaving home or going to bed.



Additional fire safety reminders

- Make sure your home has at least one working smoke detector in each bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and at least one alarm per floor.
- Extinguish ALL candles when you leave the room and check to make sure before you go to bed.
 - Be sure to have a fire extinguisher in your kitchen when cooking and make sure that it is not expired.

Prevent CO poisoning with these steps

- Install carbon monoxide detectors.
- Make sure appliances are installed and working according to manufacturers' instructions and local building codes.
- Have the heating system, chimney, and flue inspected and cleaned by a qualified technician every year before using.
- Do not heat your home with ovens/ranges.
- Do not burn charcoal, kerosene lanterns or portable camp stoves inside a home, cabin, recreational vehicle.
- Do not operate gasoline-powered engines in confined areas such as garages or basements.
- Never leave car or mower running in a closed garage.
- Make sure your furnace has adequate intake of fresh air.

Stay Safe and Have a Wonderful Holiday Season Lombard!