

Village Voice

Village of Lake Linden Newsletter

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Ah, summer. This is my favorite three weeks of the year. Well, hopefully it will last a little longer than that but we are certainly off to a good start. Our anticipation at beginning a new streetscape project in the Village has been delayed a little but our enthusiasm certainly has not. And with the Fourth of July celebration coming up we have plenty to occupy our time.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Please note that next week (the week of July 4th) garbage pick-up will be on Wednesday, July 5th. There will be no pick-up on Tuesday. All other rules and restrictions will apply.

Lake Linden Streetscape Project: Well, after hours and hours of meetings, weeks and months and years of ideas, planning and designing, applying for and receiving \$561,000 of grant money for the project, we have been temporarily derailed by the daunting state approval process. The streetscape project has been delayed by the permitting process which, because Calumet Street through the Village is a state highway, has been extraordinarily meticulous. Final plans and budgets have been submitted and bid letting will soon be undertaken. The project is still funded, still anticipated and will be a drastic and exciting change to our downtown area. As always, plans and designs are available for review at the Village office during regular hours.

2006 Consumer Confidence Report: Each year at this time we are required to furnish the Water Quality report included with this newsletter to users of the Village water system. There will also be an ad in the Daily Mining Gazette letting everyone know that the report is available in the Village Clerk's Office for review. Our report passed all testing requirements by the Department of Environmental Quality for this year. As mentioned in the report you are welcome to call the Clerk's Office with any other questions.

Downtown Development Authority: The July meeting of the Lake Linden DDA has been cancelled. The regular August meeting scheduled for August 17th will be held as scheduled. Monthly DDA meetings are scheduled for the third Thursday of each month at 7:30pm at the Village Hall.

Secondary Water Meters: The secondary meter program is run completely through the Torch Lake Area Sewage Authority. Residents buy the meters and install them themselves. Further details on the program are available from Fran at 296-0072.

4th of July Celebration: Once again it is time for our Independence Day celebration! We would like to thank the Lake Linden Volunteer Fire Department for their untiring efforts in the weeks leading up to this weekend. They are responsible for all of the holiday planning and deserve a tremendous thank you from all Village residents. When you see them this weekend make sure to let them know we appreciate their hard work. Your support can also be shown by buying a booster button. Proceeds from these buttons allow the Fire Dept. to host the events, vendors and entertainment throughout the weekend. They are available in the Village office and at many local businesses.

The festivities begin at 6:30pm on Monday afternoon in the Village Park when popular local band *The Edge* plays until 10:30. Concessions and merchandise vendors will be in the park all evening. At approximately 10:30 (dusk for those who prefer not to clock-watch this weekend) the fireworks will begin. This \$7,000 display has been one of the areas best for a long time and is worth every penny. They are fired from just across the lake on the sands and the Village park is the perfect place to watch them.

At 8am on the morning of the 4th, the Lake Linden-Hubbell Lions Club will have a pancake breakfast at the Lake Linden Elementary School until 12:30pm.

At 9:30am SHARP the Grand Patriotic Parade begins. Line-up for the parade starts at approximately 8:30am just north of 10th Street (Calumet hill). The parade travels from 10th Street down to 1st Street near the Village park. There are prizes for the best floats and registration is done during lineup before the parade. Floats will be judged by registration number only.

After the parade head back down to the park where Tom Katalin will be playing. The vendors and concessions will still be there as well. Visit with friends, neighbors, visitors and family until 1:00pm when, at the Veteran's Memorial, the American Legion Post 90 will have a memorial service in commemoration of those who paid the ultimate price for our independence.

Immediately following the ceremony the races and games begin. There are dozens of events for all ages including running races, ball throw, miller and sweep, egg races and the armchair quarterback! Cash prizes will be awarded for these events. Also, listen for the siren throughout the day as \$700 in cash will be given away to the kids at the Tennis court in the park.

At 3:00pm the Grandstand games for kids will begin. Events include balloon and bubble-blowing, banana, pie and watermelon eating and soda drinking with cash prizes for each contest.

At 6:30pm the decorated bicycle parade will begin at the St. Joseph Church to the Village Park. All entries will get \$1.00 and there are cash prizes for the best-decorated bikes.

At 6:00pm at the Lakes Lounge (Williams-Giroux Post 90) will hold their annual street dance, the first at the brand new post on the corner of Front & 4th Streets. The dance goes until...you can't dance no more!

As you celebrate this weekend please take the time to remember the reason we celebrate this day in the first place. I found the following poem on the internet and thought it fitting for the holiday.

INDEPENDENCE DAY

In the pursuit of happiness for life and liberty
Our fathers fought injustice for thirteen colonies.
In purest acts of sacrifice and bravery renown
These 57 patriots opposed the British Crown
To plead the merits of our cause of sufferance untold
Hence called Our Declaration now two centuries old.
And to this day freedom's bell tolls notes of independence,
Forever paying tribute to all those in attendance.
One nation's bondage vanished, victorious o'er her foes
In courage vowed, in triumph sweet amid the tempest's woes.
May God yet bless America with eagle's spirit strong
As she mends her wings and soars in flight for freedom is her song.

Bicycle Registration Program: The Lake Linden Village Police Dept. has instituted a bicycle registration program. When you come in to register your bike, you will receive a sticker to put on your bike and a copy of the registration form. This identifies the bike if it should ever be lost or stolen. It also gives the police a description of your bike that is extremely helpful in acting quickly to find it. Call the police office at 296-9911 with questions or to set up an appointment.

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