

Village Voice

Village of Lake Linden Newsletter

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After a long and cool spring, summer has finally started working its way into the area. As usual, we have a lot of things on our plate for the upcoming festivities.

4th of July: The fire department planning for the 4th is complete. The events and entertainment are set and brochures are available around town and on the Village website at www.lakelinden.net. We have received many calls regarding the situation along Calumet Street. MDOT has assured us that, although the street will not be paved by the holiday weekend, it will be cleaned up and well marked. At issue, of course, is the Grand parade. It is still being held at 9:30 on the morning of the 4th along Calumet St. as originally planned. It was determined that altering the route would cause more problems than the obstacles on the current route. Those marching will be reminded of the issues along the route as thoroughly as possible. Games and events will run throughout the day in the park as scheduled in the brochure. The bicycle parade at 6:30pm is being switched from Calumet St. to Front St. and will run from the school (6th St.) to the park. Fireworks will be at dusk in the park on the evening of Thursday the 3rd. Remember, no personal fireworks are allowed in the park as there are hundreds of small children running around. The LLPD will have a very visible presence that night, so if you are caught you can be asked to leave. We hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday weekend!

Water bills: On July 2nd or 3rd Village water system users will be receiving water bills that will have a whole new look. We will be utilizing a new water billing program developed by IT Oxygen, an enterprise group of students from MTU. These new bills are 8.5" x 3.5", approximately 1/3 of a page and are bright blue. (The layout of these new bills was included in the printed newsletters.)

Consumer Confidence Report: Enclosed is our 2008 annual Water Quality Report. We are required under state law to provide all users of the Village water system a copy of our updated testing and results. This report is also available at the Village Clerk's office during regular business hours and on our website.

FIND IT HERE! Sales: Our community rummage sale seems to have been quite a success! Not only did we have 35 registered sales but the event spawned several other sales as well. Although I have had several requests for another sponsored sale in the fall, I think we will limit it to once per year in the spring. There was certainly enough interest to make it an annual Village event. Next year we hope to add a few other attractions and will continue to sponsor the ads and flyers as we did this year. Please give me any feedback about the sale (or constructive criticism) at vll@lakelinden.net. We will begin registering sales in late winter next year so make sure to get involved!

Large Item Stickers: As you know, we have large item stickers available at the Clerk's office for \$5. These are intended for a single household item that is too large to fit into a garbage bag. Exclusions are listed on the sticker. Lately, these stickers have been used for other purposes as well. Purchasing these stickers for a "pile" of loose items is not acceptable. If you have debris of this type do not put it at the curb expecting it to be picked up. If you have several items place them in a large box and affix the sticker to the box. If you have items larger than that we have the rental dumpsters available for \$35. If you do not have enough to fill a dumpster perhaps your neighbor can share the cost of the dumpster. Also, drivers have been instructed not to pick up items that are not bagged or do not have stickers. Questions about what can be picked up should be directed to the Village office at 296-9911.

Trees and lawn clippings: Trees, branches and yard waste are picked up during special “clean-up dates” in the spring and fall. These will not be picked up during the entire summer so **do not empty mowers or pile branches or wood at the curb!** Also, some have taken advantage of the “brush pile” by hauling their biodegradable items there. This gate will be locked from now on since there has been items dumped there that had to be removed. A gate key will be available at the clerk’s office for sign-out *to Village residents only* and the gate must be relocked after dumping.

Park Vandalism: The summer has only just begun and we have already several instances of vandalism in the Village park. If this continues we will be forced to lock facilities and further restrict park hours to curb this problem. We are urging anyone who sees any type of vandalism or has information regarding any instances of vandalism to contact us. By calling 296-9912 you can notify the Village Police or Clerks office anonymously at any time of day or night to leave a message.

Fire Dept. Auxiliary: We want to take a moment to welcome back the Lake Linden Volunteer Fire dept. Ladies Auxiliary. It has been quite some time since the group has organized and we look forward to working with them on many worthwhile projects. Look for their concession stand in the park over the holiday and help support their cause!

July Meeting Change: The Village Council meeting originally scheduled for Thursday, July 10th has been moved to Monday, July 7th at 6:30 pm at the Lake Linden Village Hall.

Email newsletters! If you would like the email sent to you via email please let me know at vll@lakelinden.net. We will try this with the upcoming newsletter at the end of September.

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