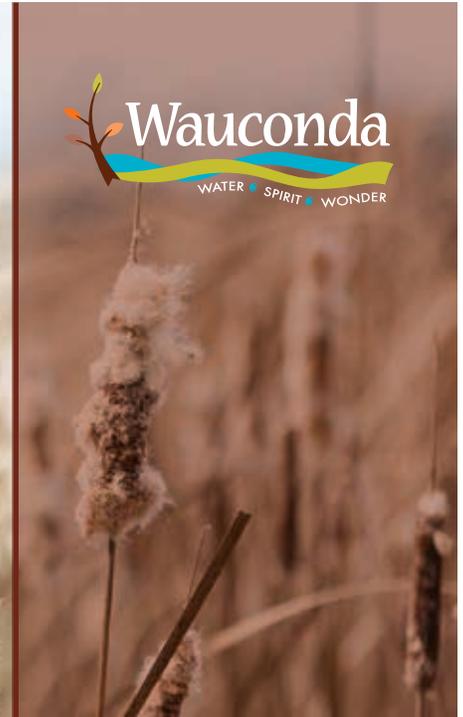


The WAUCONDA WIRE

FALL 2020



Ways to Vote in the November 2020 Election

As we approach Election Day on November 3rd, the Lake County Clerk's office is offering various voting options for residents:

VOTE BY MAIL

Registered voters that would prefer to avoid crowds due to the COVID-19 pandemic may request a ballot by visiting www.LakeVoterPower.com. Residents may choose a hardcopy ballot mailed to their residence or an electronic ballot that can be printed and mailed or emailed back to the Clerk's office. Voter ballots must be postmarked on or before Nov 3rd.

EARLY VOTING

Residents may also utilize the Early Voting sites to avoid crowded areas and long lines. Early voting begins at the Lake County Clerk's office 40 days prior to the election; however, county-wide only 15 days prior to the election. Residents of Wauconda may utilize the early polling site located at the Wauconda Township, 505 W. Bonner Road. For the entire list of Early Voting Sites, please visit www.lakecountyiil.gov/4322/Early-Voting. Grace Registration is also available for eligible unregistered residents at any early voting site.

ELECTION DAY VOTING

Finally, residents have the choice to vote in person on Election Day at their assigned polling location. Polls

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Community Calendar

- Sept 15** Wauconda Cruise Night
Canceled
- Oct 25** Trick or Treat
Main Street
- Oct 31** Halloween
Trick or Treat - *see page 3*
- Nov 3** Election Day
- Nov 11** Veterans Day
- Nov 25** Holiday Street Lighting
- Nov 26** Thanksgiving Day
Turkey Trot 5k Race
Village Hall Closed
PrairieLand Service Delay
- Nov 27** *Village Hall Closed*

**Events are tentative due to COVID-19 restrictions*





Mayor's Message

Lincoln F. Knight

I'd like to start by thanking everyone for working together while we are going through this pandemic. The positive energy, caring and helpfulness has been nothing short of incredible. Most residents are complying with face coverings and social distancing, while still enjoying the benefits of

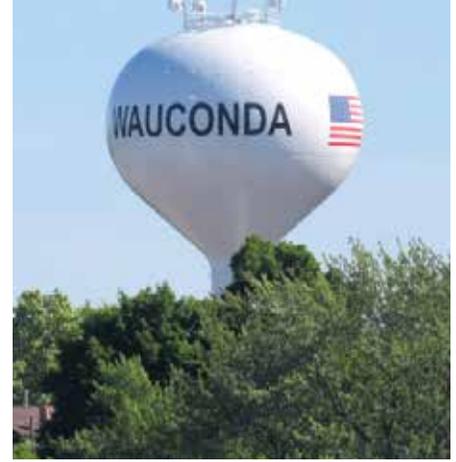
living in this great village! At the Village Hall we are continuously updating the village website with any changes and modifications that the state and federal government mandate to municipalities, as well as updating through social media.

Speaking of website, watch out for our new look and more user-friendly Village website coming soon. We are excited to bring you more information while improving communication.

As you are aware, we've switched our residential waste hauling company from Waste Management to Prairieland Disposal. For some background, the Village's contract with Waste Management was set to expire on August 31, 2020. While the Village attempted to negotiate a contract extension, pricing did not come back favorable and instead we decided to participate in a joint-jurisdictional Request-For-Proposal (RFP) with the Villages of Lake Zurich, Island Lake, Tower Lakes and Deer Park with the goal to not only yield better pricing, but more services. The bids arrived and Prairieland offered the best proposal for Wauconda. Some of the benefits of this new contract include the continuation of leaf vacuuming service, free yard waste pick-up included for all (up to 15 bags per week) without purchasing stickers, single-pass vehicles for the collection of both garbage and recycling with one truck which will help with wear-and-tear on our roads. For more information, please look to the Village website or Prairieland's at www.prairielanddisposal.com/village-of-wauconda/. We thank-you for your patience during this transition.

As I mentioned in the last issue, please remember that no matter our circumstances or political beliefs, we are Wauconda and are in this together. Please continue to support our businesses and neighbors whenever possible. Also, and only if you're able, please support the Wauconda/ Island Lake Food Pantry. These volunteers provide such a great service to our community.

Thank-you again for all you do to help make Wauconda the great village that it is!



Late Penalties and Water Shut-Offs to Resume Oct. 1

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting financial challenges experienced by many residents and businesses, the Village of Wauconda suspended late penalties and shut-offs for water/sewer customers beginning in March of 2020. Effective October 1, 2020 the Village will resume late payment notices, penalties and water shut-offs for all water/sewer customers. If you are experiencing financial hardship and need payment assistance, please contact Utility Billing at (847) 526-9604 or waterbilling@wauconda-il.gov for more information.

Water/Sewer Payments can be made at the Village Hall located at 101 N. Main Street, Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Customers are encouraged to use the payment drop boxes located at the front door of the Village Hall or in the parking lot behind the Village Hall. Please do not put cash in the drop boxes. All cash payments should be brought to the front counter for processing. The Village also offers an Auto Debit Program as well as Green Pay, which allows customers to receive and pay their water/sewer bills electronically. For more information on these payment options, please visit wauconda-il.gov/Payment-Options.

How Do I Get Help?

The last six months have been extremely hard on many people. If you and your family need assistance finding food, paying household bills, or other essential services, Lake County has many to assist those in need:

- 211 Lake County – Resources include: Rent & Mortgage Payment Assistance, Health Insurance and Medical Expenses, Unemployment, Federal Family (SNAP)/Food Stamps, and more. Visit www.211.org/services/covid19#Resources.
- Lake County Community & Health Department: Resources include: Emergency Cash Assistance, Clothing Pantries, Pet Assistance, Legal Assistance, Employment Training and Education, Housing and Related Services, Emergency Utility Assistance, and much more. Visit their “How to Get Help” page www.lakecountyil.gov/4414/How-to-Get-Help and download their printable list of resources.
- Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA): Resources include: Emergency Rental & Mortgage Assistance Programs. Visit the IHDA website www.ihda.org/ to learn more.
- ComEd Assistance Programs: www.comed.com/News/Pages/supportingourcommunities.aspx
- Nicor Gas Bill Payment Assistance Program: www.nicorgas.com/covid-19.html
- Comcast Internet Essentials: www.xfinity.com/support/articles/comcast-broadband-opportunity-program

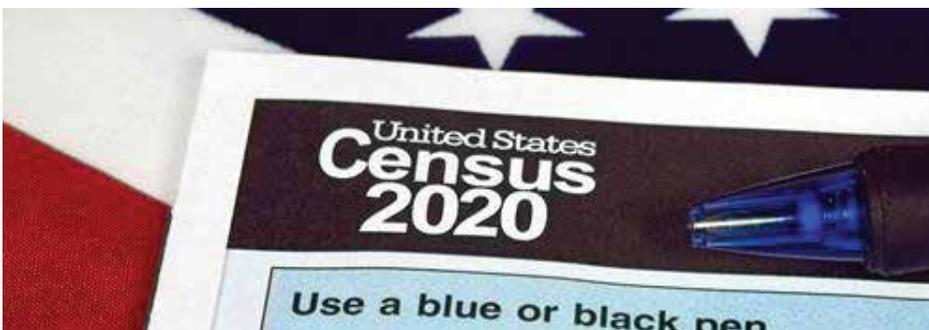


Count On Me Lake County 2020 Census Extended through September 30

Participation in the 2020 Census is vital to ensure that Lake County receives adequate funding to support health care, schools, public transportation, roads, and more. For every person not counted, there is a loss of approximately \$1,400 per person per year!

The Census also impacts the CARES Act distribution. Currently \$121 million is being distributed throughout Lake County to help residents with rent, utilities, food, small business support, and more.

Help Lake County receive our full share of federal resources and investments that directly assist our residents and local businesses. Visit www.2020census.gov or call 844-330-2020.



Halloween Trick or Treating

In the past the Village has permitted Halloween Trick or Treating on October 31st, from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic and as the State of Illinois continues to provide guidelines for safe community activities, the 2020 Halloween Trick or Treat hours have not yet been established. The Village will continue to monitor and provide updates as new information is received by the Governor and public health officials. Please check the Village’s website and social media pages for further updates.





Prairieland Disposal Residential Garbage Service

Effective September 1st, Prairieland Disposal is the Village's new service provider for residential refuse, recycling, yard and food waste collection. The following information highlights what you need to know for the fall season:

GENERAL SERVICE GUIDELINES

- All waste materials should be placed at the curb by 7:00 AM the day of your service collection
- Refuse and recycling should be placed by the driveway and totes should be spread 3 feet apart from each other and from other stationary objects (mailboxes, basketball hoops, vehicles, etc.)
- Cardboard must be broken down and placed in toter; do not jam into the container
- Recyclables should be loose, not in plastic shopping bags
- Additional waste stickers may be purchased from Village Hall, ACE and Jewel for a fee of \$3.10 per sticker



LEAF VACUUMING

- Prairieland will conduct weekly Leaf Vacuuming service from October 12 through December 11th
- Residents should rake loose leaves within two (2) feet of the curb
- Leaves that are raked into the street or near an obstruction will not be collected

BULK ITEMS

- One weekly bulk item is included at no additional charge
- Bulk items shall weigh less than 50 lbs. and measure shorter than four (4) feet in length
- Construction debris is prohibited
- Items that are not acceptable include tires, rocks, concrete, roofing material, white goods, swing set, antenna, metal post/pipe, king and queen mattresses, or electronics
- For a special pick up of such items, contact Prairieland at 847-381-9300 *additional disposal fee may apply*



Discounts

- 10% Senior Discount for residents 65 or older. To apply for this discount, residents should contact Prairieland at sales@prairielanddisposal.com or by phone at 847-381-9300
- Townhomes will receive a 10% discount with the limited service plan B or C



YARD WASTE

- Yard Waste is included with each plan at no additional cost! Residents are allowed up to fifteen (15) bags of Yard Waste per week, from April 1st through the second full week of December
- Additional waste stickers may be purchased from Village Hall, ACE and Jewel for a fee of \$3.10 per sticker
- Residents may use biodegradable Kraft paper bags, rent a 95 gallon toter from Prairieland, or use a personal can, not weighing over 50 lbs. The rental fee for the 95 gallon toter is \$5.00 per month
- Yard Waste includes grass clippings, leaves, tree branches, brush, food organics, cold ashes, shells, bones, non-coated paper products, animal waste and kitty litter
- Items that are not acceptable include plastic bags, compostable plastics, garbage, recycling, liquid waste, oil, grease, household chemicals, take-out containers, rocks, tree stumps, Sudden Oak Death infested materials, dimensional lumber or treated wood
- Bundled brush pick-up is included from April 1st through the second week in December
- Items should not exceed four (4) feet in length and two (2) inches in diameter
- Each bundle must be tied with biodegradable twine or string, no metal
- Bundles should not exceed 50 lbs

DROP-OFF ITEMS

- Residents may drop off the following items for free at the Lake Barrington facility at 21N988 Pepper Road: Shoes tied together, Christmas lights, wine corks, food scrap, electronic waste, batteries (*see website for detail*), and wrapped glass vases ten (10) inch max
- Some bulk items are subject to charge. Contact Prairieland at 847-381-9300 to verify or for a quote

Textile Recycling Reopens

Textile recycling is the process of reusing items such as clothing, linens, towels, and other materials such as second hand clothes, recycled cloths or reprocessed fibers.

Nearly 100% of donated textiles are recycled. They are separated into three grades:



45%
usable clothing



20%
fiber conversion grade



30%
wiping cloth grade

The Textile Recycling Bins have reopened at the Wauconda Public Works facility located at 302 Slocum Lake Road.

Keep Main Street Clean

Help do your part to keep Main Street clean and keep unnecessary waste out of landfills. Use the new "green" trash and recycling bins. As a friendly reminder, animal waste should be placed in the 'trash' depositories.



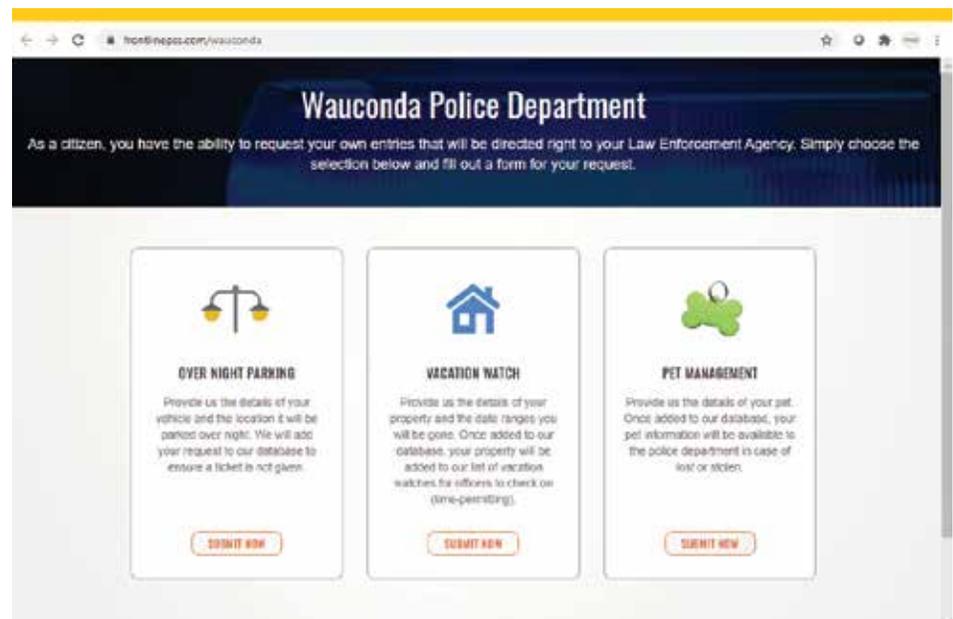


Village Website Gets a New Look

The Village of Wauconda website is currently in the process of being redesigned. The new website, hosted by Revize, will offer more functionality, a cleaner look and more user friendly content. New content include a Transparency page, one stop location for all social media streams, simple sharing tools and an alert pop-up for emergencies or important information.

Overnight Parking

As a friendly reminder, no parking is allowed on Village streets between 2:00 AM and 6:00 AM. If you are unable to move your vehicle, please submit an overnight parking request through Frontline, which is accessible through the Village website or www.frontlinepss.com/Wauconda. This easy to use on-line form asks for basic location and vehicle details so residents can avoid receiving a citation. Please also remember that no parking is allowed on Village streets when there is an accumulation of two (2) inches or more of snow.



Waste Management Yard Waste Sticker Reimbursement



The residential waste, recycling, and yard waste franchise with Waste Management came to an end on August 31st. To assist residents that have unused 2020 Waste Management Yard Waste Stickers, the Village will be reimbursing residents for unused stickers up until Wednesday, September 30th. To obtain a reimbursement for unused 2020 Waste Management Yard Waste Stickers, please bring your unused stickers to the Wauconda Village Hall located at 101 N. Main Street for a full cash refund.

Unfortunately, at this time the Village is unable to reimburse residents for their Waste Management Yard Waste subscription and the Village encourages those customers to contact Waste Management directly by calling 800-796-9696. However, the Village would like to remind residents that the new residential service with Prairieland Disposal beginning on September 1st includes FREE yard waste service for up to 15 bags per week with each service plan. For more information on the new Prairieland Disposal residential franchise please visit www.prairielanddisposal.com/village-of-wauconda/ or call 847-381-9300.

If you have questions regarding Waste Management Yard Waste Sticker reimbursements, please contact the Wauconda Village Hall at 847-526-9600.

Open Burning

As summer draws to a close and temperatures starts to cool, please remember that open burning is prohibited in the Village of Wauconda. Residents are allowed to have recreational fires as long as they meet all guidelines set forth in the Village Code. Devices such as outdoor fireplaces, commercially manufactured steel or ceramic portable fireplaces, chimneys, and portable fire pits may fit the criteria. Stationary fire pits may also be allowed but must be built below-ground with a minimum depth of ten (10) inches and surrounded by noncombustible material. Community or HOA bonfires must be approved by the Wauconda Fire District and permitted by the Community Development Department. An application can be found by visiting the Village of Wauconda website at www.wauconda-il.gov/Bonfire-Application.

Safety Tip: A person over the age of 18 must be present to supervise any type of fire, recreational or permitted bonfire. A hose or fire extinguishing equipment should be accessible nearby and burning shall not take place if winds exceed 10 miles per hour.

Brush Pick Up

Each fall the Village coordinates a FREE curbside residential brush collection for tree and shrub branches. Residents that would like to participate in this program should have brush placed at the curb no later than 7:00 AM on Monday, October 19th. Please note that materials placed at the curb after that date may not be collected. Twigs and branches must not exceed four (4) inches in diameter and must be stacked in the same direction, not bagged or bundled. Piles should be placed within eight (8) feet of the curb but not in the street. Brush resulting from a major project such as contractors hired by an HOA to trim a subdivision do not qualify for this service.

Fall Meeting Schedule

SEPTEMBER

September 15

*License & Administration 4:30 pm
Village Board Meeting 6:00 pm*

September 22

Natural Resources 4:30 pm

OCTOBER

October 6

*Village Services 4:30 pm
Village Board Meeting 6:00 pm*

October 13

Economic Development 4:30 pm

October 20

*License & Administration 4:30 pm
Village Board Meeting 6:00 pm*

October 27

Natural Resources 4:30 pm

NOVEMBER

November 3

*Village Services 4:30 pm
Village Board Meeting 6:00 pm*

November 10

Economic Development 4:30 pm

November 17

*License & Administration 4:30 pm
Village Board Meeting 6:00 pm*

November 24

Natural Resources 4:30 pm

***Times and dates are subject to change. Please check the meeting calendar on the Village of Wauconda website www.wauconda-il.gov to confirm*



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are open from 6:00 AM to 7:00 PM and no identification is required for voters correctly registered with current name and address. To find your polling location, you may either check your voter registration card or visit www.LakeVoterPower.com and enter your name, address and date of birth.

Important Dates

September 24 *Requested Mail In ballots will be mailed out*

October 29 *Last day Lake County Clerk's office will accept ballot applications*

November 3 *Election Day
(voter ballots must be postmarked no later than Election Day)*

For more information on Lake County Clerk services and up-to-the-minute election news, visit LakeCountyClerk.info or call 847-377-2400



Political Signs

With the Election right around the corner, the Village reminds residents to refer to the regulations set forth in the Village Code regarding the size and placement of political signs.

- Political signs may be placed on private property, with the permission of the property owner.
- Political signs are not permitted to be placed in the public right-of-way.
- Political signs may not exceed eight square feet.