

NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 Election Day Town Hall Closed	4 Plan Commission Work Session @ 7:00PM	5	6	7 GenMove Cookie Monsters & STEM Art *details inside
8	9 Redevelopment Commission Meeting @ 6:00PM	10	11 Veteran's Day Town Hall Closed	12 GenMove Thanksgiving Desserts *details inside Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting @ 7:00PM	13	14 GenMove Cookie Monsters & STEM Art *details inside
15	16	17 Town Council Meeting @ 7:00PM	18 Unsafe Building Dept Public Meeting @ 6:30PM Plan Commission Public Meeting @ 7:00PM	19	20	21 Jean Eberle Parade of Lights @ 7:00PM
<u>22</u> 29	<u>23</u> 30	24 Stormwater Board Meeting @ 7:00PM	25 Police Commission Meeting @ 7:00PM	26 Happy Thanksgiving Town Hall Closed	27 Town Hall Closed	28

TURKEY FRYER SAFETY from the Cedar Lake Fire Department

- Keep fryer in FULL VIEW while burner is on.
- Place fryer in an open area AWAY from all walls, fences, or other structures.
- Raise and lower food SLOWLY to reduce splatter and avoid burns.
- COVER bare skin when adding or removing food.
- Check the oil temperature frequently.
- If oil begins to smoke, immediately turn gas supply OFF.
- If a fire occurs, immediately call 911. DO NOT attempt to extinguish fire with water.
- Never use IN, ON, or UNDER a garage, breezeway, carport, porch, or any structure that can catch fire.

For safest operation, consumers should follow these guidelines as they prepare to use a turkey fryer:

- Make sure there is at least 2 feet of space between the liquid propane tank and fryer burner.
- Place the liquid propane gas tank and fryer so that any wind blows the heat of the fryer away from the gas tank.
- Center the pot over the burner on the cooker.
- Completely thaw (USDA says 24 hours for every 4 to 5 pounds) and dry turkey before cooking. Partially frozen and/or wet turkeys can produce excessive hot oil splatter when added to the oil.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions to determine the proper amount of oil to add.

Lakeside BULLETIN

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The Cedar Lake Chamber of Commerce will host the Jean Eberle Parade of Lights on November 21, 2015 at 7:00PM. The parade begins at Hanover Central High School and ends at the Town Complex Grounds. The public is welcome to enter and entries will be judged on creativity and lights. Prize money totaling \$1500.00 will be awarded. Refreshments will be served and there will be the opportunity to visit with Santa in the Town Hall.



From the Office of the Clerk-Treasurer Amy J. Gross, IAMC, MMC, CPM

The 2016 budget was adopted by the Town Council on October 20, 2015. After the approval, the budget is then submitted electronically to the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF). This entity is responsible for ensuring property tax assessment and local government budgeting is carried out in accordance with Indiana law. They will review and approve the tax rates and levies of every political subdivision in the state. It is during the last quarter of a budget year that a municipality begins feeling the pinch of statutory levy limitations, and the timing involved in collecting tax dollars. Two common solutions to avoiding this roadblock are temporary loans and appropriation reductions.

As the 2015 budget year winds down, departments have been put on notice to curb spending. This practice is necessary due to the anticipation of collecting the fall settlement of property taxes from the Lake County Treasurer no later than December 31, 2015. As taxpayers pay their property taxes in May and November, the municipal budget is based on receiving its share in late June and December. Many budgets are also supplemented by miscellaneous revenues; however this may not be enough to cover the expenses necessary to operate. A city or town's general fund relies on a tax levy for a good portion of its sustenance in order to provide services.

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Many general funds are departmentalized, which means that there is one pot of cash to cover the costs of police, fire, open space, recreation, and administration. Each department may have its own budget, but there is only one fund and limited sources of revenue. In order to solve this dilemma, a municipality will often rely on temporary loans or tax anticipation warrants from a financial institution. The loans are repaid as soon as the town or city receives its tax settlement. For Cedar Lake, the general fund has historically borrowed from its wastewater utility. This prevents the taxpayers from having to pay interest on the borrowed money. The Town Council will approve such loans in the form of a resolution during a public meeting.

Another solution to avoiding the pitfalls of levy limitations and limited resources, is to reduce appropriations before year end. The Town Council will approve a resolution making reductions in the line items of various budgets. By cutting back on the appropriations, a municipality builds cash reserves that can then be used towards the approval of the ensuing budget year. The Clerk-Treasurer works with the departments to ensure that their needs are met while maintaining reasonable cash flow. Considering the limitations and state mandates, municipal budgeting can be a challenge. Our departments have been able to manage with proper planning and implementation.

GenMove

Park & Recreation Programs

For more information on Park and Recreation Programs visit www.cedarlakerecreation.com

ADULT PROGRAMS

THANKSGIVING DESSERTS

Thursday, November 12th 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Location: The Clubhouse | Fee: \$12
Let's test out some simple recipes before the holidays that you can make for your holiday season. We will make chocolate almond cherry crisps, church window cookies, and fancy marshmallow s'mores

HOLIDAY GIFTS FOR OTHERS

Friday, December 4th 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Location: The Clubhouse | Fee: FREE
Coffee and cookies will be served as we fluff and stuff 50 teddy bears to donate to the local "presents from Santa" charity. Spend time this holiday season putting smiles on the childrens faces.

FAMILY EVENT

LINCOLN PARK ZOO LIGHTS

Saturday, December 5th 4:00pm - 9:30pm
Registration deadline is November 25th

Location: Chicago, IL | Fee: \$12 per person | Min/Max: 20/44
Enjoy the holiday season as the zoo is transformed into a magical wonderland. Enjoy the animal maze, ice sculpting, storytelling, and holiday crafts.

KIDS PROGRAMS

COOKIE MONSTERS (Ages 4 - 10)

Saturday, November 14th Oatmeal Chocolate Chip
9:00am - 10:30am

Location: The Clubhouse | Fee: \$7
Learn how to mix, measure, and bake your very own cookies from scratch. Kitchen safety and recipe reading will also be part of this class for little cookie monster chefs!

STEM ART - SCIENCE & ART (Ages 4-10)

Saturday, November 14th Explosions & Engineering
10:30am - Noon

Location: The Clubhouse | Fee: \$7
If science explosions are your idea of fun and you enjoy learning the art of chemistry, how to use a circuit board and the basics of engineering including building and testing structures, this class is for you. A wonderful mix of art and science is the goal of this program.

BAKING WITH MRS. CLAUS (Ages 3+ w/Adult)

Saturday, December 5th 9:00am - 10:30am
10:30am - Noon

Location: The Clubhouse | Fee: \$8 per adult/child pair
Mrs. Claus is ready to create holiday cookies with you and your favorite adult! Time will be spent creating special sugar cookie dough, decorating premade cookies, and making a special letter for Santa this holiday season! Space is limited for each time slot so be sure to register early for this memorable holiday event.

HOLIDAY SAFETY

The holiday season may mean different things to people: time spent with family, holiday vacations, and even presents. To burglars, these characteristics can mean empty homes with vulnerable valuables, and often the opportunity to provide holiday presents to their own families. The Cedar Lake Police Department would like to remind people to be on their guard against burglars this holiday season and to take all necessary precautions to safeguard their houses.

- 1 Take the time to trim back any bushes or trees that block visibility through your house. Check all of the entryways into your home (windows and doors) to make sure that they are secured. Secure any sliding glass doors with a lock and a dowel in the door track.
- 2 If your home is equipped with an alarm system, make sure that you and your family are using it. Studies show that alarm systems and visible advertisements (stickers, lawn signs) are some of the best deterrents against burglars. Also, make sure your alarm system is registered with the Town of Cedar Lake and give all of your emergency contact numbers.
- 3 If leaving your home for several hours to visit with friends and family or go shopping, find ways to make your house look occupied. Placing interior and exterior lights on timers or leaving on a radio or T.V. are some quick prevention methods.
- 4 Exterior holiday lights do more than make your house look beautiful: they also light up the areas around windows and doors where burglars may lurk.
- 5 Retain the receipts for all major purchases in a safe place. If possible, record the serial number of the property on the corresponding receipt or on another list for safekeeping. In the event that these items do get stolen, this record will maintain proof of the purchase and aid police in tracking down the stolen item.
- 6 Be cautious about solicitors, especially during this time of year. A stop at your doorway may provide them the chance to scope the inside of your house for valuable items and map the layout for a later return.
- 7 If ordering items to be delivered to the house, schedule them to be delivered at a time when you will be home and able to accept the package. Large packages left on doorsteps are susceptible to thieves passing through the neighborhood.
- 8 Many people love to display a brightly-lit Christmas tree with presents around the skirt. If visible through a window or doorway, this can be tempting for burglars scouting the neighborhood. Reconsider hiding the presents in a secure place and placing them under the tree at the last minute.
- 9 Don't advertise any trips away from your home or travel plans on online social networking sites. Broadcasting your absences lets people know that your house is unoccupied and vulnerable. Make sure that your children are doing the same and that they are careful about discussing travel plans with friends.
- 10 In the event that you are traveling for the holidays, consider finding a trusted neighbor to protect your home in your absence. Have all mail and newspapers collected or have your services suspended. Provide a key to that person so that they can make your house look occupied, either by turning on lights, turning on the radio, or moving a car in the driveway.
- 11 Notify your local police department that you will be away for an extended time period and provide the contact information for the neighbor who will be watching your home.
- 12 If leaving a dog at home for the holidays, consider having a trusted neighbor, family member, or friend pet sit at the house instead of using a kennel. Dogs of all sizes (and barks!) can be a deterrent to burglars.