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## President's Message

### Water Main Breaks

As you may have noticed we've had an unusual amount of water main breaks this year. On a normal year we average 3-5, so you may ask why so many? There is no certain way to determine what causes a main break but clues can point to causes. For instance, the soil shifting after a thaw is one culprit that can create breaks on older, stressed pipes or if there is a drought or very dry soil this also can cause the soil to shift thus causing a main break. Main breaks can either create a hole in the pipe, a round break wrapping around the diameter of the pipe or a lateral break running along the pipe. So far this year we have had 14 main breaks with 5 being from aging pipes and 9 being from lateral breaks. An increase in main breaks is also occurring in the surrounding towns and is not just limited to Liberty Park.

Often we are asked how long will this take? Once the main break is located then the repair company is called and they contact Julie who contacts the companies to mark the lines for gas, etc. and the repair company is also called. This process can happen quickly or take several hours but once the area has been marked and the repair company has arrived, the digging begins. From start to finish, each main break can last anywhere from 3-8 hours depending upon what is found and on occasion we have had several main breaks at once thus increasing the repair time.

How much does a main breaks cost? Since each main break can be different that also holds true for the repair solution and therefore varies in the repair cost. The average cost is \$5000.00 per main break and this can be higher or lower, depending upon whether it occurs during normal business hours or in the middle of the night, they type of break and how long the repair takes.

There is no way to predict when a main break will occur but together as a community we can keep our eyes open and if you see anything please report it to me at 630-880-8599 as soon as possible.

**Chris Hohe**  
President

### **Happy Birthday Wishes**

Marie Szabo	November	17
Denis Clouse	Birthday	22
Kim Elliott		25
Dottie Lipe		28
Nicole Kardynalski		29
Crystal Sales	December	2
Ed Collins		4

### **LPHOA Monthly Meeting**

Please join us on Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>.  
Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m., Community  
Meeting immediately  
to follow  
LPHOA Community Building  
4100 N. Washington Street

### **LPHOA Elections**

At the November 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting, the  
following eligible members were elected:

#### **New Members**

Martinez, 3809 N. Williams St.

#### **Text Alerts**

If you're interested in receiving text  
alerts on your phone for  
main breaks, etc. please email your  
name, address, phone number  
including area code and the name of  
your phone carrier to  
LphoaCommunity@gmail.com.

Dottie Lipe, Vice President  
Nancy Tannahill, Treasurer  
Tom White, Trustee  
Jeff Kwasny, Trustee

#### **LPHOA Officials**

Chris Hohe, President	630-880-8599
Dottie Lipe, Vice President	630-971-2182
Janice Collins, Secretary	630-205-2808
Nancy Tannahill, Treasurer	630-964-4397
Joe Bristow, Trustee	630-852-5516
Jeff Kwasny, Trustee	630-963-0327
Gordon Molitor, Sgt at Arms	630-988-2830

#### **Snow Plow Bid**

The bid for snowplowing LPHOA  
owned properties has been awarded  
to J & E Landscaping.

### **Preparing for Winter**

Winterize your vehicle by preparing a winter survival kit. The kit can include a shovel, windshield scraper & small broom, flashlight with extra batteries, water, snack food, extra hats, socks & mittens, first aid kit with pocket knife, necessary medications, blanket, rope, road salt, sand or cat litter for traction, booster cables, emergency flares or reflectors, whistle and cell phone adapter to plug into lighter. Also check tires for proper inflation, keep gas tank level to at least ½ full to avoid moisture build-up and make sure the windshield wiper fluid reservoir is full.

For your home, check the operation of your inside water shut-off. Stake your outside B Box water shut-off valve with a minimum 2' stake before the snow comes and covers it up. Pipes in the crawl space or in an unheated garage should be insulated. Water to the outside spigot should be turned off if there is no anti-siphon valve. Do a quality inspection of all your vent pipes including furnace, space heaters, fireplace, and hot water heaters. Replace any corroded vents.

### **Deepest Sympathy**

We have just learned of the passing of one of our residents, Ludek Cerny of Liberty Blvd. who passed away on July 16<sup>th</sup>. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family.

### **Thankful**

November is a month to be thankful for from Veterans Day where we say thank you to the many veterans who have served our country to Thanksgiving Day where we're thankful for the many blessing in our life including family and friends. November 11th became a legal federal holiday in the United States in 1938 and is dedicated to American veterans of all wars. In 1621, the Plymouth colonists and Wampanoag Indians shared an autumn harvest feast that is acknowledged today as one of the first Thanksgiving celebrations in the colonies. It wasn't until 1863, in the midst of the Civil War, that President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day to be held each November.

### **Thank You**

We would like to thank the residents who joined us for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Pumpkin Painting. Thank you also to the Westmont Fire Department for bringing out their fire truck and the ambulance for the kids to enjoy. They were both a huge hit but I'm sure we'll have more kids thinking about becoming paramedics after this event! Thank you to Janice & Ed Collins and Chris Hohe for their hard work on this event.

### **Ad Space**

If you have a business or would like to advertise in our monthly bulletin, we have 1 large space available for the cost of \$50.00 per year and 1 small space available for \$25.00 per year. Please contact Chris at 630-880-8599, or email us at [LphoaCommunity@gmail.com](mailto:LphoaCommunity@gmail.com) or mail your payment along with your advertisement to LPHOA, P.O. Box 22, Westmont, IL 60559. Each ad must be approved by the LPHOA Board prior to publishing.

### **Upcoming Events**

**Holly Days** – The annual winter festival events begin with opening ceremonies on Saturday, November 25 where Frosty will be teaching a dance, you can get your picture taken with the Grinch, visit Santa's reindeer and elves along with many more fun exciting things happening! Join us for the Frosty and Friends Parade beginning at 5:00 going down Cass Ave. from Chicago Avenue to Richmond. For more information on Holly Days Events, please visit their website at <http://westmontparks.org/events/Holly-Days.htm>.

**27<sup>th</sup> Annual Band Parent Association Craft Show** – Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00 - 3:00 p.m. at Westmont High School, 909 N. Oakwood Drive. The craft show will include handmade crafts, jewelry, etc. and performances by the band.

**Santa's Workshop** – Join us on Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-5:00 p.m. for a holiday event hosted by the Liberty Park Homeowners Association. For more details, keep an eye out on our website at [www.libertyparkcommunity.org](http://www.libertyparkcommunity.org).

# SERVICE DIRECTORY

THE LPHOA ACCEPTS NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR  
SERVICE PERFORMED BY THE FOLLOWING

<p><b>LPHOA Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.</b>  <b>Community Meeting</b>  <b>immediately to follow</b>  1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month  LPHOA, 4100 N. Washington St.</p>	<p><b>Important Numbers</b></p> <p>LPHOA President 630-880-8599  Dupage County Sheriff 911  Non-Emergency 630-682-7256  Cpl. Cliff Seward, Liason 630-407-2367  Dupage Co. Health 630-969-7030  DG Sanitary District 630-969-0664  Comonwealth Edison 800-334-7661  Nicor 888-642-6748  Dupage Co. Public Works/Environment  Greg Phillips 630-407-6800  Alex Baumann 630-407-6700  Julie Locate 800-892-0123  DG Twp. Supervisor 630-719-6610  DG Twp. Hwy Dept. 630-719-6625  YK Twp. Supervisor 630-620-2400  YK Twp. Hwy Dept. 630-627-2200  Groot 800-244-1977  Republic 630-964-3232  Animal Control 630-682-7197</p>
<p><b>LPHOA Community Building</b>  <b>Reservations</b>  Dottie Lipe, Vice President  630-971-2182</p>	
<p><b>Moving/Change of Hands</b>  All assessments must be paid in full.  Current quarter LPHOA Assessment  pro-rated at closing.  Contact LPHOA Treasurer,  Nancy Tannahill at 630-964-4397 or  LPHOATreasurer@gmail.com. Provide  closing date, buyers name and pay  balance due. Information letter, CCR  report may be required for closing.</p>	
<p><b>Pest Prevent Inc.</b>  Mike 630-956-4812  Offers a neighborhood discount  www.pest-prevent.com (718)</p>	<p><b>Electronic Recycling</b>  3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month  8:00 a.m. to noon at  318 E. Quincy St., Westmont  T.V.'s and monitors require pre-paid  coupon purchased at  www.avarecycling.com  Questions? 630-719-6625</p>
<p><b>Garage Doors by Ed</b>  Doors/Openers/Tune Ups  Member of the Community  630-746-7827 (518)</p>	
<p><b>Happy</b>  <b>Thanksgiving!</b></p>	<p><b>Upcoming</b>  Looking for bowlers to join a  mixed league on Friday nights.  Chris 708-878-1552 (618)</p>
	<p>For quick access to  our website, scan  this QR Code.</p> 