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OCTOBER

12 PUMPKINS IN THE PARK

Sun. Oct. 12 5:00 – 7:00 PM

Trick or Treat? Bring your family and friends dressed in costume to Dellwood Park to enjoy a spooktacular Halloween party. There will be a DJ playing music and games, a haunted fun house, and pumpkin decorating. And, to end the evening – a ghost hunt in the park. Don't forget your flashlight! Dinner includes hot dog and bag of regular chips, hot chocolate, and for dessert you get to make your very own s'more.

Pre-registration is required and pay the event charge. Please contact the Lockport Township Park District at (815) 838-1183 to register.

12 TRUNK OR TREAT!

Sun. Oct. 12 4:30 PM

Trunk or Treat! Hosted by the Lockport Chamber of Commerce, this fun and free event is a perfect way to start off Pumpkins in the Park. Bring your family and friends to Dellwood Park to enjoy some tricks and treats from themed trunks sponsored by local businesses and organizations.

Dellwood park walking path behind Volz field house

29 GREAT GARDENS HARVEST TO HOLIDAYS

Wed. Oct. 29 6:00 – 7:30 PM

Add interest to your gardens during the colder months. Come to the library to learn how to create welcoming seasonal vignettes from the Prairie Godmothers. Use the fall to bring color to the landscape, amend your soil, and expand garden spaces.



Events take place at the Lockport Branch of the White Oak Library District at 121 E. 8th Street.

18 HAUNTED BOAT RIDE

Sat. Oct. 12 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Come get spooked out of the water on the haunted boat ride at Challenge Fitness's brand new haunted pool (bring flashlight). Swimsuit must be worn. This event can be pretty spooky so only children over 8 years old are encouraged to attend. Small fee charged.

Please call the Lockport Township Park District to register and pay (815) 838-1183.

25 ROXY'S HALLOWEEN MONSTER MASH

Sat. Oct. 25 12:00PM – 10:00 PM

HALLOWEEN PARADE, ENTERTAINMENT, MOVIES & MORE.

Join us on Saturday, October 25th, from 12:00pm-1:00pm for Fall fun and excitement! The Roxy will be hosting a Halloween Parade & Costume Contest down the I&M Canal Trail for adults, children, & pets (cats and dogs welcome)! Then from 3:00pm-10:00pm make sure to stop by Jackie's Pub for Roxy's Halloween Mash, where you can see entertainment and wet your whistle. Finally, from 7:00pm-9:00pm, Roxy Theater will have Spooky Concessions and a 7:30 BYOB viewing of Friday the 13th (1980) - Adults Only.

Additional Details will be available at Facebook/roxylockport, @roxylockport on Twitter, or call 847-373-0040

30 PARANORMAL 102

Thu. Oct. 30 ----- 7:00 – 8:00 PM

Interested in ghosts, ghost hunting, and anything paranormal? The TnT Paranormal Investigators share their methodology and case histories at the Library. Plenty of time for questions, too!

PLEASE REGISTER AT 815-552-4260 FOR ADULTS AND TEENS

24 EXTREME ADULT SCAVENGER HUNT

Fri. Oct. 24 7:00PM – 1:00 AM

Get your team of six together to compete in an extreme adult-only scavenger hunt. You will receive a 2-hour limo service to complete up to 30 questions and/or actions, three hours of open bar and appetizers. Each team must bring a digital camera with a removable memory chip to take 30 pictures. Prizes will be awarded to the 1st place team for the scavenger hunt and the most original costume.

Location: Prairie Bluff Golf Club
Please call the Lockport Township Park District to register and pay (815) 838-1183.

28 LIBRARY HALLOWEEN PARTY

Tues. Oct. 28 5:00 – 7:00 PM

Come one, come all for a Spooktacular time at the White Oak Library's annual Halloween Party! Silly spooky stories, crafts, games, and more! Kids of all ages are welcome! Make it more fun and wear your Halloween costume! Plus "Trick or Treating" throughout the Library. Children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

PLEASE REGISTER AT 815-552-4265

31 TRICK OR TREAT

Halloween Already? Now that's a SCARY thought!!!

Yes, it's true. Halloween is creeping up on us, and it will be here before you can say "BOO!" This year's bewitching hours for Trick-or-Treating will be from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., on Friday, October 31st. We hope you have a "ghostly" time!!!

TRICK OR TREAT TIME
4PM - 7PM



NOVEMBER

07 ▶ **TEEN AFTER HOURS GOLF EVENT** 

Fri. Nov. 7 5:30 – 7:30 PM

The Lockport Branch Library will be transformed into an indoor mini-golf course for teens. Get some friends together and play the course! The lowest scorers get to enter a raffle for fantastic prizes. Admission: \$1.00 donation.

PLEASE REGISTER. 815-552-4265. AGES 13 TO 18.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS
The City of Lockport elected officials, staff and office personnel would like to wish everybody a safe and joyous holiday season.

CHRISTMAS FUN

The following Christmas events are held right here in Lockport. Bring the entire family and celebrate the holiday season Lockport style. Not only will you be in the “Christmas spirit” but also in the “community spirit.”

22 & 23 ▶ **CHRISTMAS CROSSROADS** 
 SAT. NOV. 22 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM
 SUN. NOV. 23 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM

LOCKPORT EAST HIGH SCHOOL
ADMISSION CHARGED • NO STROLLERS
 Christmas Crossroads is the annual event that kicks off our Christmas activities here in Lockport. Sponsored by the Lockport Woman’s Club, it is one of the largest craft shows in the area with approximately 180 crafters and over 10,000 visitors. All proceeds go toward scholarships for local children, medical care and food pantries.
For more information visit www.christmascrossroads.com.

29 ▶ **CHRISTMAS IN THE SQUARE**

Sat. Nov. 29 1:30 – 4:30 PM

CENTRAL SQUARE, 222 E. 9TH STREET
 This is the tenth year for the event, with a growing attendance every year due to the fun holiday activities offered to all ages. Sponsored by the City of Lockport, the Lockport Township Park District, and Lockport Township Government, this free event will definitely put you in the Christmas spirit! There will be live reindeer, pictures with Santa, festive entertainment, carriage rides, train rides, holiday games, crafts, and much more. Also, you can visit the Gladys Fox Museum to vote for the best decorated Christmas tree. Please come out for this day of holiday fun and be sure to stay for the “grand finale” when we light up the big tree and officially kick off the holiday season.

DECEMBER

6 ▶ **JINGLE BELL 5K RACE**

Sat. Dec. 6 7:00AM – 11:00PM

The Jingle Bell 5K Race is certified and accurately marked and measured. The course features mostly rolling terrain with a few hills on paved roads and fairways through scenic Prairie Bluff Golf Course. All participants will receive a shirt and enjoy the post-race party that includes a chili lunch, cookies, and hot chocolate. A fee is charged.

Location: Prairie Bluff Golf Club
Please call the Lockport Township Park District to register and pay (815) 838-1183.

20 ▶ **BRUNCH WITH SANTA**

Sat. Dec. 20 8:30AM- 10AM or 11AM – 12:30PM

You and your family are invited to come make a holiday memory sharing brunch and sweet treats with Santa. All children will receive a special gift, and Santa will be available for pictures. A fee is charged.

Location: Prairie Bluff Golf Club
Please call the Lockport Township Park District to register and pay (815) 838-1183.

A Call For: Volunteers

I have a firm and stubborn belief that Lockport is the best city in the southwest suburbs. We have more assets and unrealized potential than any other city in the area. From our unique and historic downtown, canal walk, parks, schools, housing choices, transportation access, commercial and retail zones, Lockport is hands down the best place to call home. However, one of the biggest problems we have faced in the last seven years is getting investors and developers to look at Lockport and see what we see.

For the past year, I have worked with council members and directed city staff to build the groundwork that will get Lockport back on the map. In that respect, we passed a six year, 48-million dollar infrastructure plan (without raising taxes), letting prospective investors know that we are willing to spend the money necessary to fix our aging infrastructure. We worked to find buyers for our two retail centers, and they are now out of foreclosure and actively pursuing retailers for the first time since the recession started. Housing starts are up, thanks to lower tap-on fees, which are now competitive with other local cities. We brought on retail experts that have clearly defined our trade area, retail voids, demographics, commute times, and other key factors that retailers look for. These in-depth studies have armed us with the clear and concise data necessary when selling Lockport to retailers, and we will put it to good use this fall at the ICSC Retail Conference in Chicago and during our own retail invitational at the end of October. I believe, with these and other efforts, that we will see development begin in earnest through 2015 and beyond.

That said, another effort has been underway as well this past year. A city is nothing without its people and Lockport is

filled with talented and energetic residents. One of my goals has been to encourage and facilitate citizen initiatives. This past year saw a number of new developments that were citizen driven.

These were done by people that shared my optimism and work ethic to make something happen in a city that, unfortunately, had garnered a reputation in recent years of being tired and worn out. With renewed energy and a firm belief in Lockport, we got to work.

3 EXAMPLES

1.) Patti Pastori and Candy Hyrпча approached me about becoming a Sister City with Asiago, Italy. After much hard work by these two ladies, and cooperation from city staff, that vision has become a reality. The Park District is now looking into creating trips to northern Italy for residents, and we are talking with Lockport Township High School about Exchange Programs with Asiago. We will also seek commercial ventures as well.



2.) Wendy Streit wanted to create an art series that could be used to promote Lockport to all of Chicagoland, so she started the Summer Art Series event. Wendy, along with Rosemary Winters, Jerry Adelman, John Lustig, Mitzi Blanchard, and others volunteered many hours to see this new festival become a reality. Over the course of the summer, the SAS drew thousands of folks from as far as Madison, Wisconsin to Indianapolis. Numerous people came from Chicago to the Visionaries Gala, a highlight of the festival, and speaking personally with

many of them, I was told, "I had no idea about Lockport before this. What a great place!" The SAS doubled visitors to the Illinois State Museum, and our local restaurants and establishments benefited from new customers as well.



3.) Renee Lang, Mark Schweikle, Tina Keller, Bob Morris, Lynn and Tom Sperling, Jeff Krohn, and Kathy and Claire McDermott all approached me about getting the Roxy Theatre open again. At my request, they formed a committee called the Roxy Group and came up with a plan to show three movies over the summer. We presented that plan to Trinity Services, the owners of the Roxy, who were happy to see the old theatre put to use on the weekends. Trinity Services is now planning on putting money into long-term renovations to the Roxy. Look for two more movies at the Roxy this fall.



Other examples of citizens working hard to make Lockport a destination include the numerous people who stepped up and helped at Old Canal Days and Heritage Fest; Sean and Sheila Callahan and other volunteers who donated their time to design an 18-"hole" disc golf course in Dellwood park; Ed Smith who formed the popular Artist Guild of Lockport which is now drawing area attention; Andrew Kramer, a local Boy Scout, who is setting up

I BELIEVE IF WE CAN GET 50 NEW PEOPLE TO SHOULDER UP NEXT TO THOSE WHO ARE CURRENTLY CARRYING THE LOAD, GREAT THINGS WILL CONTINUE TO UNFOLD IN LOCKPORT.

historical themed Geo-Cache sites around the city; Bill Molony who works tirelessly with us as a local rail expert to see increased Metra Service; The Limestone Stage theatre group at the Gaylord Building; MainStreet with the popular Bike and Dine event and their ceaseless support of countless other projects.

Now, I would like to encourage and support YOUR desire to see the renewal of Lockport. What is your idea for the City? For those with ideas and leadership skills, I say, "A voice of change is a voice in charge." You want to see it happen? Let's make it happen. Contact either me or Jack Linehan, our assistant to the City Administrator. And, let me be clear, I am not looking for arm chair quarterbacks. I get ten ideas a week from people. Ideas are a dime a dozen. I am calling for people who are willing to be a part of the change. JFK had it right when he said, "Ask not what your country can do for you, but ask what you can do for your country." What better place to do that than in our own backyard?

Maybe you don't have a particular idea, but you want to volunteer your time with an existing team such as the Roxy Group, the Summer Art Series, or the Old Canal Days Committee. I have set up a place on our website www.lockport.org/volunteer where you can submit your contact information to any number of existing groups and become a part of the solution.

Together let's make the City of Lockport a great and shining place in Chicagoland.

OLD CANAL DAYS



VISIT WWW.LOCKPORT.ORG/VOLUNTEER TO GET INVOLVED

HERITAGE FEST



SUMMER ART SERIES



ROXY



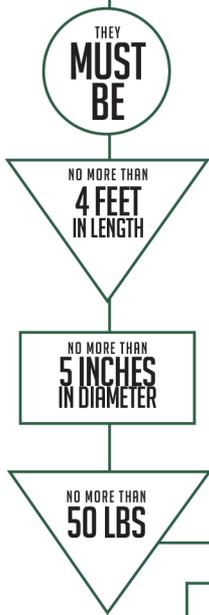
Summer Art Series photos courtesy of The Herald News

FALL IS HERE!

As we say goodbye to summer and welcome the brilliant colors of fall, we must prepare for the dilemma that accompanies the season...**what do we do with our leaves???** Don't fret. The Leaf Pick-up Program begins in mid-October and will run until December 5th, weather permitting. Please note, Waste Management will pick up your kraft bags full of leaves on your garbage day at no additional charge through the week of November 24th. **NO** sticker is needed, provided the bag is filled with leaves only. If you'd prefer to take advantage of the Public Works Leaf Program, **please be patient** as it is extremely difficult to determine when we will be in your area.

Leaves that are placed along the parkway will be picked up as quickly as possible. Please **DO NOT** put leaves in the street or in the curb/gutter, as it will create drainage problems for you and your neighbors. The truck will follow a specific route for safety purposes, as well as efficiency, so we cannot make special trips to any specific address. Also note, the machine can only pick up leaves. If a pile of leaves is mixed with branches, it will not be picked up.

BRANCH PICK-UP



Currently, the City has a contract with Waste Management for branch pickup. Branches that are cut and bound according to the instructions listed here will be picked up weekly by Waste Management through the week of November 30th.

Branch bundles must:

- Be no more than 4 feet in length
- Be no more than 5 inches in diameter
- Weigh no more than 50 pounds
- Be securely tied w/string or twine

Unbundled branches will NOT be accepted by Waste Management.

Residents also have the option of renting a 96-gallon yard waste cart for \$2.00 per month with a 1 year minimum rental agreement.

For more info please call (815) 838-0549

CITGO THE POLICE DOG



Lockport welcomes its newest police member. Citgo, the police dog, went into active service for the city this September. Citgo will be used for public outreach, tracking lost children and adults, and searching large buildings, such as the High School, which he can do in a fraction of the time it takes our two-legged officers.

Special thanks to Citgo Refinery for donating \$12,500 for purchasing Citgo and training both the canine and Officer Andy Ganger. Alsip Nursey has generously agreed to donate food for Citgo. Also, Dr. Paul Navin from All Pets is providing all routine veterinary care free of charge.

The only problem we foresee is when you call out to Citgo, he won't know whether to Sit or Go! (Citgo)

SPECIAL SECURITY ADVICE FROM LOCKPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT.



Be sure to always lock your car and garage doors. Almost all reported break-ins happen when we forget to lock up at night.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

Make sure your house address is visible from the street. Often times addresses are not visible to emergency services due to poor lighting or placement. Be sure your house number is not covered by trees, brush, or decorations. A house number that is not visible can result in response time slower than necessary for the responding officers, paramedics, or fire fighters, in a life or death situation.

PARKWAY TREES

Public Works is in the process of removing all Ash trees from the parkways within the City limits. Please be patient as this process will take a number of years to complete. These trees are being removed as quickly as possible on a priority basis, removing the most fragile/hazardous first. We are continually monitoring these trees and the priority is updated as needed. Trees are being removed first. We will return at a later date to remove the stump, and then the area will be restored with dirt & seed.

For fall of 2014, the City is offering a FREE Parkway Tree Replacement Program on a first come, first served basis. Residents will have the opportunity to select their top 3 tree choices from a short list, and the City will do their best to accommodate while making the diversity of the trees a priority.

MORE INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE WWW.LOCKPORT.ORG.

SNOW REMOVAL PLAN

The City has established a priority plowing system to help traffic move as efficiently and as safe as possible. Priority One streets are those that are main streets, including those in subdivisions, roads that link arterials, and those streets with schools located on them. Priority Two streets are minor residential, side streets, and those cul-de-sacs with steep inclines and/or sharp curves. Priority Three streets include dead ends, cul-de-sacs and alleys. There are a number of roads within the city that are plowed and salted by the Illinois Department of Transportation, i.e., Route 171 (State Street/Archer Avenue), Route 53 (Broadway), and Route 7 (159th Street/9th Street), including the high level bridge. Will County plows Division Street east of Briggs and Briggs Street south of Division. Also, as a reminder, City Ordinance 70.27 states, "no person shall park any vehicle upon public streets at any time after snow begins to fall and for a period of eight hours after snow stops falling on the streets and public parking lots. If the snow on the street exceeds two inches in depth, the parking prohibition shall continue until snow removal operations are complete."



HOW CAN YOU RECYCLE ELECTRONIC ITEMS?

The Will County Land Use Department has a container available at the City of Lockport Public Works facility for residents to dispose of electronic items. This container is self serve Monday – Friday 7:00am to 3:00pm and is located at 17112 S. Prime Blvd., just off of Division St. (167th Street) between Gougar and Cedar Road. There are also 2 recycle containers available for mixed recyclables such as glass, paper, cardboard, plastic, etc., for residents to use. Please note, these are for residential use only. We do NOT accept any hazardous materials such as paint, batteries, or light bulbs.

ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS ARE:

- Personal Computers (PCs)
- Laptops, Monitors
- Keyboards
- Electronic Mice
- Modems
- Hard Drives
- CD ROM/Zip/Tape Drives
- Cords & Cables (power, USB, etc.)
- CDs, DVDs, Floppies, etc.
- UPS (Battery Backups)
- Printers (laser, ink jet, dot matrix, etc.)
- Televisions, VCR, DVD, & Laser Disc Players
- Portable Radio/CD Players
- Speakers/Stereo Systems
- CB's/Two-way radios
- Digital Clocks
- Microwaves
- Adding Machines
- Cameras (film, magnetic tape, digital)
- String Lights (holiday lights on wires)
- Palm Organizers
- Hand Held Games
- Video Game Players
- Joysticks/Game controls
- Typewriters / Word Processors
- Copy/Fax/Scanner Machines
- Postage Machines
- Calculators
- Paper shredders
- Telephones/Cell Phones
- Answering Machines
- Pagers.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFO

To report an after-hours emergency for Public Works, such as a water leak or main break, please call **WESCOM** at **815-838-2131**. (Normal business hours for Public Works are Monday through Friday 7:00 am to 3:30 pm).



RENTED TOTES | MUST STAY WITH PROPERTY.

It is the city's policy that all garbage, recycling, and yard waste totes MUST stay with the property, unless you purchased them outright from Waste Management. You cannot take the rented totes with you when you move! If you are unsure, please call the Water Department.

Capital Improvement Program



Exciting things are happening all over the City of Lockport. Recently, the City's first ever Multi-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) was created and adopted by the City Council. The plan covers the remainder of 2014 thru 2020, and includes multiple Capital Improvement Projects, from roadway reconstructions to water main replacements. This plan is flexible and may be adjusted from year to year, depending on the costs of construction and the availability of funding.

The City also recently received another \$2.86 million in Federal funding through Will County Governmental League's Surface Transportation Program (STP), of which \$1 million was awarded for the reconstruction & widening of MacGregor Road, from Shoals to North, the reconstruction of North Street, from MacGregor to Reef, and the resurfacing & repair of North Street, from Reef to Farrell. This project is currently scheduled for 2017. Also, \$1.2 million was awarded for intersection improvements at Gougar & Division, including signalization, currently scheduled for 2016; and an additional \$664,472 was added to the funding amount received in 2010 for the reconstruction of Read Street, scheduled for 2015.

The 2014 CIP included 10th Street & Jefferson Street water main replacement & reconstruction and Whelan Street water main replacement & reconstruction. Both are currently under construction. The federally funded reconstruction of Garfield Street is also underway; and the federally funded Kelvin Grove Safe Routes to School sidewalk and City-wide sidewalk replacement projects are wrapping up. The replacement of the Division Street bridge and the 13th & State signalization are also near completion.

Other projects planned for this fall are Boehme/State water main replacement, the 2014 Crack Sealing Project, 2014 Roadway Patching project, and the 2014 Sewer Lining Project.

CAPITAL PROJECTS PLANNED FOR 2015 INCLUDE:

- **Bonnie Brae Phosphorus Removal System**
Ready to be let & constructed in early 2015.
- **3rd, Summit & 7th Storm Sewer**
Project on schedule for spring 2015.
- **Summit/Runyan Reconstruction**
Resident Open House scheduled for November 6th.
- **4th Street Reconstruction – Resident Open House**
held August 28th, scheduled for spring 2015.
- **Read Street Reconstruction STP**
Project on schedule for 2015 construction.
- **ITEP – IL 7 Sidewalk & Pedestrian Bridge**
Delayed to spring 2015 construction.
- **ITEP – Briggs/Division/Farrell Sidewalk**
Project currently scheduled for 2015 construction.
- **Phase 1 of the Well 9 Iron Removal System**
Project on schedule for 2015 construction.
- **Briggs Street Water Main Replacement**
Project currently scheduled for 2015 construction.
- **17th & Lawrence Storm Sewer Project**
Project currently scheduled for 2015 construction.
- **7th & Washington Reconstruction**
Project currently scheduled for 2015 construction.
- **7th & Hamilton Reconstruction**
Project currently scheduled for 2015 construction.
- **2015 Resurfacing, Sidewalk, Pavement Maintenance and Bridge Maintenance contracts.**

There will be a lot going on over the next few years, as the City of Lockport gets caught up on some much needed infrastructure improvements. The City Council & City Staff appreciate the patience and understanding of the residents during this exciting and sometimes frustrating time. You will notice a dramatic change over the next few years as the improvements are undertaken, and all of the inconveniences will be well worth it.

THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL HAVE RECENTLY VOTED TO CHANGE THE FISCAL YEAR TO LINE UP WITH THE CONSTRUCTION SEASON. BEGINNING IN 2015, BUDGETS WILL BE APPROVED IN JANUARY TO ALLOW FOR EARLY BIDDING ON CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS. THIS WILL AVOID THE LATE PROJECT STARTS WE HAVE SEEN IN THE PAST AND GIVE THE CITY GREATER CHOICES OF CONTRACTORS WHICH WILL IMPROVE PRICE AND QUALITY.



HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS TRICK OR TREAT HOURS 4PM - 7PM

1. All children should be accompanied by an adult or responsible youth.
2. Use the “buddy” system to watch out for each other.
3. Don’t stray too far from home; set an area limit (2-3 blocks from home) where you are most familiar with the neighborhood and the neighbors.
4. Walk on the sidewalk.
5. Cross streets only at the corner, looking all ways before crossing.
6. Obey all traffic lights.
7. Walk across streets, never run.
8. Instruct children not to eat any treats until an adult (parent) inspects them.
9. Children should wear brightly colored, non-flammable costumes that do not impair sight and mobility.
10. Use reflective materials or reflective tape on your costumes to make yourself visible at night.
11. Carry a flashlight.
12. Never enter a stranger’s house or car.
13. Throw away all unwrapped treats.
14. If you are driving on Halloween, be sure to watch carefully for pedestrians because they may not be watching for you.
15. Most importantly, have a FUN and SAFE Halloween.

TAG DAY PERMIT REMINDER

Any charitable organization who desires to conduct a Tag Day/ Street Solicitation within the City of Lockport shall make application to the City Clerk for a Tag Day Permit on a form provided by the City. No Tag Days or Street Solicitations may be conducted without first having obtained a Tag Day Permit from the City of Lockport, City Clerk’s Office. Tag Day applications can be found on the City’s website.

**Any questions, please call
815-838-0549 ext. 2121.**

RAFFLE LICENSE

The City of Lockport has established a “Raffle and Chances License”, which the License shall be issued only to bonafide religious, charitable, labor, business, fraternal, educational, or veterans organizations that operate without profit to their Members and which have been in existence continuously for a period of five (5) years immediately before making application for the license. All Raffle Licenses shall be classified based upon the aggregate retail value of all prizes to be awarded and will pay the corresponding fee: Class A: Less than \$5,000.00: Automatically licensed without necessity of an application – there is no fee. Class B: \$5,000.00 or greater, there is a fee of \$25.00 submitted along with your application. Raffle License applications can be found on the City’s website.

**Any questions, please contact the City Clerk’s Office
815-838-0549 ext. 2121.**

REMINDER

PEDDLERS, DOOR-TO-DOOR SOLICITORS & CANVASSERS

An application for a Peddlers, Door-to-Door Solicitors, and Canvassers License shall be made by each business entity, as well as each person causing, or intending to solicit, peddle or canvass within the City. All peddlers, door-to-door solicitors, and canvassers need to register with the Lockport Police Department first. The completed application must be filed at least three business days prior to the first date requested. The fee for any peddler, solicitor, or canvasser license shall be \$100.00. No fee shall be charged for any charitable organization.

**Any questions please contact
the Lockport Police Department
815-838-2132.**

GIVE SOMETHING BACK FOUNDATION



Robert Carr, a graduate of Lockport Township High school, is seen here talking with a few of the 131 students who are currently participating in his Give Something Back Foundation Program. GSBF provides FULL college scholarships to kids with solid academic achievement but with limited or no resources to pay for college. To

date, the GSBF has seen 31 Lockport Township High School students graduate from college, with the ambitious and heartfelt goal to pay for a total of 1,000 of our area children to college.

WWW.GIVESOMETHINGBACKFOUNDATION.ORG

METER READING Regulations

PLEASE KNOW

Ordinance 50.30, "Electronic Meter Reading Regulations", states whenever the city has been unable to obtain an inside reading for billing, it will show as an estimated reading. Your bill should always say "ACTUAL". In order to promote accurate billing, it is the policy of the city to require inside readings or to have those readings collected electronically of all metered properties. Estimated bills do not constitute an inside reading. If you are not metered this does not pertain to you.

PLEASE NOTE |

If your bill shows an estimated reading or you are unsure, please call the Water Department at (815) 838-0549 option 3.

VACATION Turn Off

If you are planning on taking a long vacation or leave out of town for an extended period of time and would like your water/sewer/garbage service temporarily turned off, you must complete a request form and submit it to the Water Department prior to the turn-off period. The city has always honored these requests verbally in the past, but we now require residents to complete and sign a request form. The form can be found at lockport.org/water or picked up at the water department.

PLEASE NOTE |

If you have any questions, please contact the Water Department (815) 838 - 0549 option 3.

FALL HYDRANT FLUSHING

HYDRANT FLUSHING IS DONE EACH SPRING AND FALL. THE FALL PROGRAM IS SCHEDULED TO RUN MID-SEPTEMBER THROUGH THE END OF NOVEMBER.



HOW TO CHECK IF YOU HAVE A WATER LEAK

THE PROBLEM

Is your usage on your water bill significantly higher than previous months and you are concerned you may have a leak?

If so, do the following:

THE DIAGNOSIS

Take a meter reading before going to bed and then again in the morning. In theory, this reading should be the same. If not, then:

OTHER CHECKS

- Check for running toilets
- Check for leaky faucets
- Check ice cube maker
- Check humidifier that is hooked up to furnace

CHECK YOUR CHECK PLEASE

Prior to mailing your payment, or dropping it off at City Hall, please do the following:

- ✓ Make sure your signature is on the check
- ✓ Make sure to include the legal written amount and the numerical dollar amount on the check
- ✓ Make sure the date is included on the check

TO INSURE CORRECT POSTING OF YOUR WATER BILL AND FASTER SERVICE PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU BRING IN YOUR WATER BILL.



DIRECT DEBIT PROGRAM TO PAY WATER SEWER & GARBAGE BILLS

Tired of mailing in your monthly water/sewer/garbage bill payments, or driving to City Hall to make your payment? Then you should enroll in the City of Lockport's ACH Direct Debit Program. The City of Lockport offers this program at NO charge.

This program will allow utility customers to provide the City with a checking account number, in which the resident's utility bill will be automatically paid in full each month. Those who sign up for this program will continue to receive their utility bill, but will no longer have to send in or drop off payments.

IF YOU ARE ENROLLED IN THIS PROGRAM AND MOVE WITHIN LOCKPORT, YOU MUST RE-ENROLL WITH YOUR NEW ADDRESS

UTILITY BILLING

AUTOMATIC PAYMENT BANK WITHDRAWAL



NOW AVAILABLE

AS AN ADDITIONAL PAYMENT OPTION FOR YOUR CITY OF LOCKPORT WATER/SEWER/GARBAGE MONTHLY BILL.

HOW DOES THE AUTOMATIC PAYMENT PLAN WORK?

- Read the attached contract.
- Complete the requested information.
- Detach your account/financial information and return it, along with a voided check, to:

The Lockport Water Department
222 E. 9th Street,
Lockport, IL 60441
(815) 838-0549

- Full payment of your utility bill will automatically deduct from your checking account on the due date (15th) each month. In order for this to begin, two bills after you register for this service, your application / voided check must be received prior to the 10th of the month. If received by this date, pay your next bill as usual, and then the following bill will begin your automatic payments.

ADVANTAGES OF THE AUTOMATIC PAYMENT PLAN INCLUDE

- Convenience - No more writing checks.
- Cost Savings - No more paying the cost of stamps and envelopes.
- Elimination of penalty fees for late payments.
- Worry free vacations.

The City of Lockport offers this service at no charge.

You will still receive a monthly bill in the mail; allowing you to know how much money will be deducted from your checking account.

No Checks, No Stamps, No Hassle.

ACCOUNT INFORMATION

PRINTED NAME: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

UTILITY ACCOUNT #: _____ PHONE #: _____

FINANCIAL INSTITUTION INFORMATION

FINANCIAL INSTITUTION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

CHECKING ACCOUNT #: _____ ROUTING #: _____

I have attached a voided check, which shows the account to be debited. I understand that automatic payments will begin two (2) billing cycles following the receipt of the following information.

Customer Copy, Please retain for your records, Automatic Utility Payment Plan Authorization Agreement

I hereby authorize the City of Lockport and the designated financial institution, to deduct directly the FULL amounts necessary to make automatic payments for water/sewer/garbage services provided by the City, from my specified checking account. I understand and acknowledge the following: Automatic payment of the billed amount, via transfer of funds from my designated account, will be made every month on the bill's due date (the 15th of the month). The City will make only one attempt every month to transfer the funds from my account in order to pay my bill. If there are insufficient funds in my account to cover the full amount due on the transfer date, I will be assessed a \$25 insufficient funds fee by the City of Lockport, and may also be charged by my financial institution. If the City is unable to collect my billed amount twice, due to insufficient funds, I will be dropped from the automatic debit program. The City of Lockport will not be held liable or responsible for the payment of any overdraft charges or other bank fees as a result of an attempted transfer from my account containing insufficient funds. I will remain liable and responsible for payment of any water/sewer/garbage bill for services provided by the City, which remains unpaid as a result of an unsuccessful attempted transfer from my account containing insufficient funds. It is my responsibility to contact the City of Lockport and my financial institution to cancel this program upon moving to another location or if I wish to no longer take part in the program. I understand that this authorization will remain in effect until the City of Lockport and the financial institution have received written notification from me terminating this service or until the City or the financial institution has sent me written notice of termination of this arrangement. A written notice from me must allow a reasonable amount of time to allow the City and the financial institution to act upon it. I have attached a voided check, which shows the account to be debited. I understand that automatic payments will begin on my second bill following submittal of my application.



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Lockport, IL. 60441

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