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TOGETHER WE TELL ONE STORY

s the holidays draw nearer and the communities Connections magazine supports begin to push it into high gear to close out the semester or the year, it becomes increasingly important to stop, breathe and remember the reasons we each do what we do.

In reality, it isn't until time slips away that we each individu-

ally begin to reflect on the experiences of the past, the relationships of the present and the prospects of the future. Instead, we look back and say "well, were did all the time go."

Instead of that feeling, it becomes increasingly important to stop and smell the roses, so to speak, and recognize the value of what we all have in common in the present in order to

improve upon our collective futures. What you will find in this issue of Connections magazine is just that: a celebration of what is, what was and what will be as it relates to our bustling communities.

Within the pages of this newly redesigned magazine are sto-

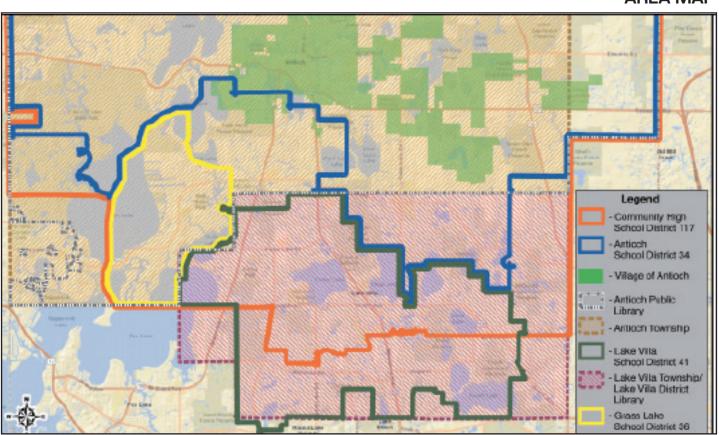
ries of transition and change, growth and spirit, invigoration and heart, and triumph and support. Connections magazine, despite looking a little different, still maintains the same philosophy: to cover the communities of Antioch, Lake Villa and Lindenhurst in the best possible way we can. And it is that philosophy that you will see within the pages of this magazine

the vitality of this community.

From the Antioch Village welcoming a new COMMUNITIES Director of Parks and Recreation to senior citizen trips and experiences, our communities have a lot to see and experience. Our schools are also full of zest and accomplishment; whether you look at athletic success or academic achievement, the students in our communities are thriving.

> In the end, as the cover image (photographed by Antioch senior Jillian Everett) shows, we are a community of many parts, and when looked at together, much like Connections does, we are one beautiful work of art.

AREA MAP



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ONE PROMISE:

TO MAKE A

DIFFERENCE

INVESTMENT FOR THE LONG HAUL

In the Fall of 2015, Community High School District 117 engaged in a comprehensive strategic planning process. In the end, the committee developed a Strategic Plan that is aimed at guiding the practices, work, decisions and initiatives within the District and in both Lakes and Antioch Community High Schools.

One of the most exciting components of the process was the development of a new CHSD117 mission statement: *Ignite Passion and Discovery in Every Student*. This statement has been the driving force behind

our collective focus and progress for approximately the last eighteen months. Being intentional about fostering and nurturing relationships allows us to get to know our students so that we are able to provide that which ignites their individual passions and discoveries.

As part of the planning process, we fundamentally believe that achievment and growth of these are maximized when:

- * The unique potential of each child is cultivated
- * School climate is safe, supportive and respectful
- * Rigorous, relevant and engaging curriculum is delivered
- * All staff members are highly skilled and compassionate
- * A strong partnership between school and home is fostered
- * Resources are managed responsibly and efficiently

The committee was able to identify and articulate six categories of goals that will help us move toward accomplishing our mission:

- * Student Support
- * Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment
- * Professional Development for Continuous Growth
- * Technology
- * Community Collaboration & Culture

* Finances & Facilities

Individual goals were set forth to be addressed in various years of the multi-year Strategic Plan. Please visit www.chsd117.org to see the plan and our progress. Some of the incredible work that has been done includes:

- * Partnership with District Management Group (DMGroup) to study and identify best practices in support of struggling students.
- * Partnerships with outside agencies established to meet the social and emotional needs of our stu-

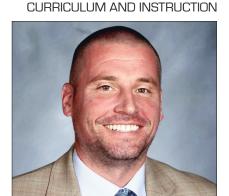
dents.

- * Expanded curricular offerings: AP Capstone and Advanced Adventure Education.
- * Added a fifth counselor at each building.
- * Expanded athletic offerings: boys lacrosse and girls gymnastics.
- * Identification and purchase of a resource to support our Integrated Math curriculum.
- *The adoption and implementation of a professional development tracking tool.
- * Acceptance into Lead Higher's Equal Opportunity Schools program to examine and create equitable opportunities, access and enrollment in AP courses.
- * Fiscal decisions that resulted in the highest financial rating for a seventh year in a row from the State of Illinois; five of which have been highest rating and highest possible fiscal score.

Finally, we have identified "Greatness Indicators" that will monitor our progress and our ability to *Ignite Passion and Discovery in Every Student*.

With the support of our Board of Education, partner-ship with parents/guardians and community, expertise of staff, and privilege of working with, and on behalf of our incredible students, CHSD117 is excited about what its future holds.

BRADFORD HUBBARD, ED.D.



BRADFORD HUBBARD

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

'Tis the season for giving and sharing beyond the classroom.

s the winter holidays are approaching, there are many gifts for which I am thankful. I am especially thankful for my family and for the opportunity to join the Sequoit and District 117 families. Many people told me that there is a sense of family at ACHS, and that feeling has truly come through. My wife and daughters were honored to ride with me in the Homecoming Parade and the community response was awesome. Even more impressive is the sense of family support the students have shown to athletes, performers, and one another. This sense of family has also been demonstrated outside of the classroom: clothing donations for Houston, coins and new socks for Open Arms Mission. Continually, you will find students helping students, staff helping students, and staff helping staff. Family is first and foremost and will continue to be the foundation on which we grow and advance.

As we move into the heart of winter and into second semester, I am inspired by the students and staff at ACHS. Helen Keller said, "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." By supporting one another, the school and the community are working together, extending our Sequoit family, and producing im-

ERIC HAMILTON PRINCIPAL ANTIOCH COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL



pressive results. These results are seen academically, as our students achieved a 1071 average on this past year's SAT, which is the equivalent of a 23 on the ACT. This is the highest score over the past five years. Outside of the classroom in the athletic arena, we have won conference and regional championships in a variety of sports. The performing arts continue to impress us with their talents at concerts and theatrical productions. Furthermore, in the community we are demonstrating the tenets of respect, responsibility and pride through our actions. These actions manifested themselves in the Interact Club helping at the Rotary Pig Roast and the Cardinal Crazies cleaning up the bleachers after every game (home or away). Regardless of how cold it is or will be, these actions warm our hearts. They show the quality of student we have at ACHS and that starts at home and in the community.

I am full of optimism and pride, as I anticipate the great acts of achievement and kindness that our students will produce throughout the rest of the year.

ERIC HAMILTON

ACHS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER 7 //
Board of Education Meeting
6:30 p.m. at ACHS

DECEMBER 14 // Winter Concert 5 p.m. — ACHS

DECEMBER 15 // 24-Hour Play Festival, 7 p.m. at Lakes

DECEMBER 20-22 //
Final Exams

DECEMBER 25 // Winter Break Begins

JANUARY 8 //
No School, Institute Day

JANUARY 9 // School Resumes

JANUARY 15 // No School, MLK

JANUARY 17 //
Open House: Class of 2022

JANUARY 18 //
Board of Education Meeting,
6:30 p.m. at Lakes

FEBRUARY 7 //
Jazz/Orchestra Concert, 7 p.m.

FEBRUARY 8 //
Progress Report 5

FEBRUARY 13 // Enrollment Night: Class of 2022

> FEBRUARY 14 // Mr. ACHS, 7 p.m.

FEBRUARY 15 // Enrollment Night: Class of 2022

FEBRUARY 15 //
Board of Education Meeting
6:30 p.m. at ACHS

FEBRUARY 17 // Winter Formal, 7 p.m.

FEBRUARY 19 // No School, Presidents Day

FEBRUARY 22-24 Winter Play, 7 p.m

FEBRUARY 25 Winter Play, 2:00 p.m.

SEQUOITS KICK OFF THE YEAR WITH A BANG (AND AN ECLIPSE)

THE FIRST FRIDAY OF THE SCHOOL YEAR WAS FULL OF PEP RALLIES AND CELEBRATIONS OF ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES..



Students, athletes and community members enjoyed Kick-off Night held August 15. The night showcased performances by dance, cheer and more, as well as scrimmages from several fall sports teams. Sequoit Pride provided a DJ for all students to enjoy following the scrimmages.

Thanks to **GREG BAYS**, **PATRICK JOHNSON**, and all involved, in hosting a successful and fun Eclipse/Pep Rally, on August 21. Bays, along with Sequoit Pride, purchased Solar Eclipse glasses for the entire school along with instructions to make the event safe and fun for everyone. Following the Solar Eclipse, the Cardinal Crazies and Johnson, got the crowd pumped up for the Pep Assembly. Some highlights from the assembly included the senior tunnel for freshmen, the moment we were able to finally see part of the eclipse and the performances by all of the student groups (band, cheer, dance, students and teachers).

SUBWAY AWARDS GRANT TO ACHS TEACHER

JOHNSON GIVEN MONEY TO IMPROVE TECHOLOGY IN THE CLASSROOM.



Congratulations to **KELLY JOHNSON**,

special education teacher, who received the 2017 Subway Fresh Films Technology Grant worth \$300 to be used for classroom needs. Antioch Subway also provided sandwiches for the staff to help celebrate Johnson's grant.

HOMECOMING GOES TO THE BEACH

ACHS STUDENTS CELEBRATE ANNUAL TRADITIONS AND DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY WITH A NEW DJ EXPERIENCE..

Homecoming week festivities started off with a bang on Friday, September 15 with a pep rally at the end of the day announcing the homecoming court. The week followed with the powderpuff game, parade, pep rally, bonfire, dodgeball, and a dance hosted by Boom Productions.

Queen & King: ELLA ROBERTS & RJ VAZQUEZ

Princess & Prince: **ELENI SAKAS** & **KEVIN TEBBE**

Duchess & Duke: ADALIA TATE & TRESHAWN WATSON

Lady & Lord: CHARLOTTE BONGRATZ & KYLE MILLER



EKG AT THE HEART OF AWARENESS

OVER 600 STUDENTS RECEIVED FREE TESTING WITH PARTNERSHIP.



Approximately 610 students received an EKG thanks to the ACHS partnership with the MAX SCHEWITZ FOUNDATION. A special thank you to TERI KLOBNAK, physical education department chair, who organized, promoted and secured parents, along with KATHY **RUANO** who also recruited many parent volunteers.

TEACHER FINDS RECOGNITION IN BEST PRACTICES

KARNSTEDT JOINS 200 TEACHERS FOR D.C. CONFERENCE AND LEARNING EXPERIENCE

Antioch's **MELISSA KARNSTEDT** was selected to attend an all-expenses paid opportunity in Washington D.C. The Society for Science & the Public welcomed the group of science research teachers at all levels of experience to share best practices, troubleshoot challenges they face in supporting students in independent science research, and learn more about the Society and the Regeneron Science Talent Search.



IN OTHER SEQUOIT NEWS

Source in late October. With these donations, we were able to help save 627 lives. A special thank you to PE teacher **GREGG HENNING** for coordinating the day.

In conjunction with the Lake County Superintendents, Antioch Community High School and District 117 collected donations in September for the Houston Independent School District (HISD) for disaster relief. Donations are to help the students of HISD recover and prepare for the coming school year. All area schools collected donations, which were then loaded onto a semi and transported to HISD.

No cold feet in our community was the goal of special education teacher **LEONA SWIETON** and her class. They ran a week long Socktober Sock Drive in hopes of donating 150 pairs of socks to Open Arms Mission.

The Congress of Future Medical Leaders 2017 have awarded ACHS junior JOHN WARE with The Award of Excellence from The National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists for outstanding academic performance, leadership potential and dedication to serving humanity through the profession of medicine. ■

SEQUOIT FALL ATHLETIC SUCCESSES

Boys' Golf

Alex Riedel, Regionals.1st place

Girls' Golf

Samantha Brown, Sectional Qualifier

Girls' Tennis

Kelsey Neville, 6th in State. Neville became the sixth athlete in school history to qualify for state four years in the same sport after taking 3rd at IHSA Sectionals.

Boys' Cross Country

This is the first conference championship since 2001 for the team.

Charles Smith finished 10th in state.

Girls' Volleyball

Regional Champions

Football

Beat Grayslake North to take NLCC Championship for second year.

Field Hockey

Karina Steitz and Zoe Semersky were selected to participate in the Illinois High School Field Hockey All-Star Game held in October, at Northwestern University.

CRAZIES EXHIBIT RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY AND PRIDE

CLEANING UP THE STADIUM BECOMES PRIORITY TO IMPROVE SCHOOL SPIRIT AND CULTURE.



After every football game, home or away, the **CARDINAL CRAZIES** cleaned the bleachers. It is an impressive display of respect, responsibility and pride. It was noted by other schools and by Sequoit parents that these students took ownership in making sure they left the bleachers clean and their environment safe.





WAGNER, DUFFIE-WALKER TAKE ON NEW ROLE SENIORS TO REPRESENT ACHS AT SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS.

CHARLES WAGNER and **ZA'TOZIA DUFFIE-WALKER** were selected as this year's student ambassadors to the Board of Education. Wagner and Duffie-Walker will represent ACHS at the monthly meetings.

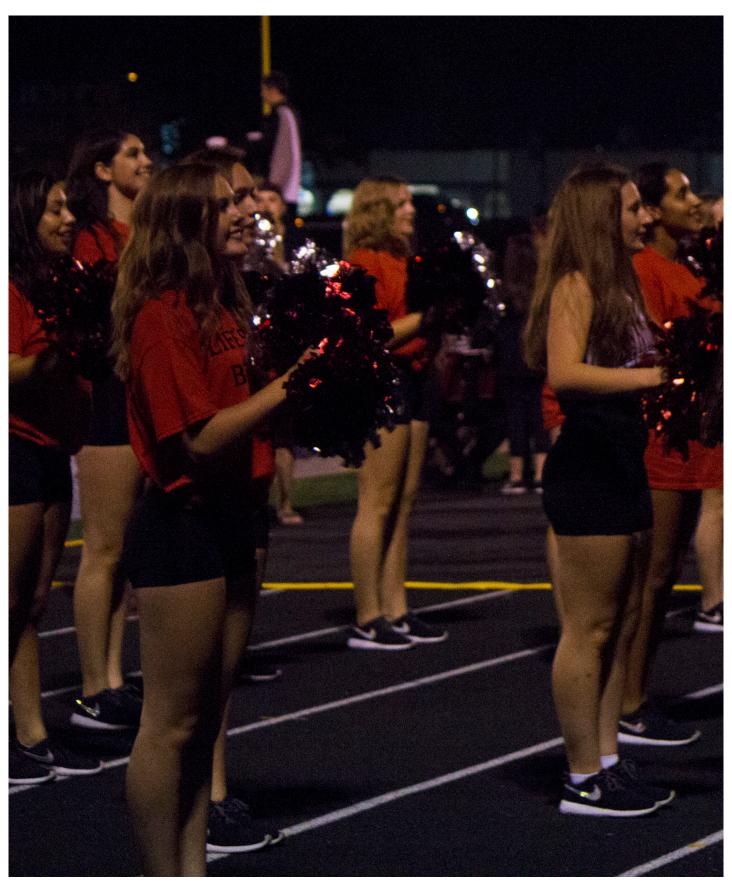
ACTIVITIES ROUNDED OUT OCTOBER TESTING TECH CAMPUS PRESENTATIONS, EOS AND SPEAKER FILLED DAY.

On October 11, the freshmen, sophomore and junior students engaged in multiple activities throughout the day. The day began with PSAT/NMSQT testing. In the afternoon, students participated in an EOS survey, which provides information that will allow the school to better determine if students are being appropriately challenged academically. Students also heard presentations from social workers, deans, a JOSTENS representative, and Tech Campus representatives. The afternoon concluded with a speech by BILL COON.



DANCE TAKES THE FIELD FOR HOMECOMING BON FIRE

ACHS JUNIOR JESSICA NETTGEN CAPTURES A MOMENT OF STILLNESS OF THE VARSITY SEQUOIT DANCERS



A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

DAVID NEWBERRY PRINCIPAL LAKES COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL



Learning outside of the traditional classroom is the Eagle way.

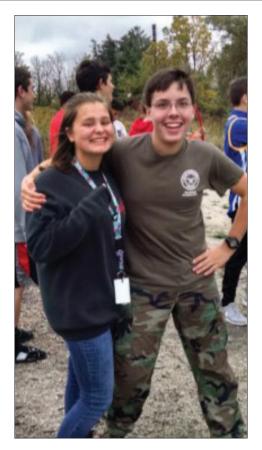
hen students connect what is being taught in the classroom to what they've experienced outside of the classroom, true learning and understanding takes shape. This is not always easy or effectively done while in a traditional setting with many other students. As leaders in education, we must support our teachers as they continue to think outside of the classroom walls and extend the general context of traditional learning experiences. Our teachers at Lakes have embraced this concept and have provided wonderful experiences for our students to connect their lives with what is being learned. Most recently, our sophomore class embarked on Survival Day, which showcased what true experiential based learning is all about in school.



Survival Day is an experience that one of our English teachers, BRY-AN PLINSKE, created in an effort to provide students with hands-on learning experiences based in William Golding's novel, *Lord of the Flies*. During Survival Day, students relate what they have read in the book to real life through various activities. The students spent three hours outside rotating through a variety of lessons from a wide range of outdoor enthusiasts who share their passion for all that nature has to offer.

As teams of 20 students rotated through stations, they were challenged to perform different tasks using non-traditional means. Our faculty-led stations showcased interdepartmental talents by sharing their expertise in fire making, archery, signaling and team building. English teacher PAUL COOK showed students how to create fire without the use of matches, while physical education teacher RAY GIALO shared his expertise and guided students on the archery range. Science teachers DAVE AUSTON and PAUL STRZYINSKI taught students how to signal for help using household items and those found in nature. Math teacher BRIAN PHELAN led students through interactive team building exercises that students were still talking about two weeks later. Collectively, English and math department team members led groups of students through the rotations and participated in the presentations as well.

Various community members also participated in the fun by creating relevant connections for students. Firefighter and Paramedic **EDWARD KOFOED** of the Lake Villa Fire Department came out to teach students







about first aid in the field and how to stay hydrated in dire conditions. Of-ficer COLLIN VAUGHN of the Department of Natural Resources shared his experiences trapping, hunting and fishing in local areas and showed students the benefits of learning these skills. SSGT MATTHEW PIRRELLO of the Round Lake Beach Army Recruiting Center built various types of shelters and taught the students about how to battle the elements in extreme conditions. A student favorite was the non-profit organization Pheasants Forever. The group built bird blinds and brought their retriever dogs to put on an amazing display of obedience training while teaching students about the benefits of conservation. The end of the event was a pig roast where all students and staff enjoyed some delicious BBQ from the Crystal Lake Rib House after a full day of activities.

What was truly outstanding about Survival Day was the enthusiasm and organization with which our faculty approached and embraced the day. In the English Department, many people pulled together to contact organizations and to secure presentations that would be relevant and educationally sound for our students. Teachers created excitement for the day by talking with students about the activities and made connections to class analysis of the text of *Lord of the Flies*. Lakes is very proud to have teachers who want to create relevant, hands-on learning opportunities for our students.

Proud to be an Eagle,

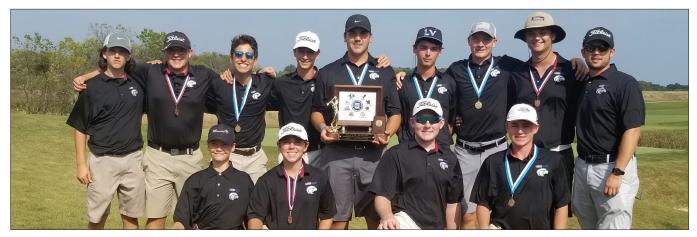
DAVID B. NEWBERRY

EAGLE ATHLETIC NEWS

he Lakes athletic department hosted an all-sport, all-season information night at the start of the fall season. All head coaches and over 900 student athletes and parents were in attendance to kick off the 2017-2018 school year. The focus of the meeting was simple, yet impactful to all in attendance: "all we have is each other."

Since that initial meeting, Lakes athletics enjoyed its most successful fall sport season in school history. The focus this season of all 11 fall sports teams has been about depending on one another for strength, support and encouragement. The student athletes, along with their head coaches, started a sibling sport program focusing on students supporting students. Every program was paired with a randomly selected program within the fall sports season. Student leaders did an incredible job of attending contests, decorating lockers or offering encouraging notes to athletes before competition, among many other acts of sibling support.

The fall season witnessed broken records, conference championships, regional and sectional titles and another



state playoff run for the football program.

Girls golf enjoyed a successful season finishing with a final dual meet record of 8 wins and 2 losses. The program also won the D117 Girls Golf Invite. CAM-RYN JONES and RACHAEL SPECK both qualified to the sectional round. The most exciting part of the season comes in the fact that all girls golfers will be back next season.

Boys golf completed the most successful season in school history. The program won its first ever conference championship, finishing the season with a 9-1 conference record. The boys also qualified three student athletes to the sectional round. ADAM NUXOLL, CHANCE ANDELL and BRADLEY BIES all qualified out of the regional round.

Girls cross country won the first conference championship in program history with five of their top seven runners earning all-conference honor—accomplishing a feat that has not be done since 2008. The girls earned the right to compete for a team state championship and finished fourth in the toughest

BOYS SOCCER



sectional in the state; they qualified as a team for the state meet.

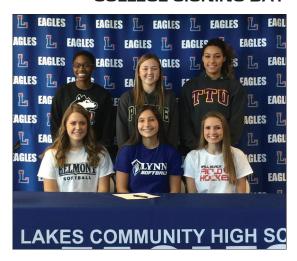
Boys cross country finished second in the NLCC Championship with five of their top seven runners earning all-conference honors. The team finished third in the Antioch Regional and competed in the IHSA Sectional October 28 for a chance to qualify for the state meet.

Girls volleyball ran the table in the NLCC and won the NLCC Championship with an undefeated conference record. The program was ranked as high No. 3 in the state. The girls won the prestigious Libertyville Crosstown Classic to start the season and won its second regional in three years; they finished the season with a record of 29-4, which is an incredible mark that sets the bar high for all future volleyball players.

Boys' soccer finished in second place in the NLCC, but won the IHSA regional over Grayslake Central in front of a massive crowd at Polley field. The soccer team enjoyed a great season and will return a number of key athletes to the team for next season.

Field hockey enjoyed another successful season that saw over 55 student athletes participating in the sport. The program was led by team captains GILLIAN VETTESE, ANNIE GLASSEY and LINDSEY KUZMANOVICH. Kuzmanovich was also named the team's most valuable player for the season; she will be continuing her studies and playing career at Ball State University.

COLLEGE SIGNING DAY



The football program finished the regular season with a record of 8-1 and qualified for the IHSA playoffs for the eighth straight season. The program hasn't missed a beat under new head coach **JORDAN EDER**. Lakes played host to Westinghouse College Prep on Saturday, October 28 to begin their

quest for an IHSA state championship and won in convincing fashion. At the time of press, the program moved on to play Lemont on November 4.

Girls tennis enjoyed the best season in school history, winning the school's first ever girls tennis sectional team title. Three athletes qualified for the IHSA State Championship tournament. The doubles team of KYLIE JOZWIK and MELISSA VARINY played in two tough matches at state, but came up just short of victory. Freshman ME-**GAN HEUSER** had a record-setting season. She set the program record for most wins in a season, best record in a season and finished in thid place overall at the IHSA State Championship. Heuser is recognized as an all-state athlete for her finish. She is on pace to break not just local and conference records, but also state records over the next three years.

ATHLETES SIGN FOR COLLEGE

GIRLS SOFTBALL
Rachel Becker
Purdue University
Georgia Ohren
Lynn University
Molly Dietz
Belmont University

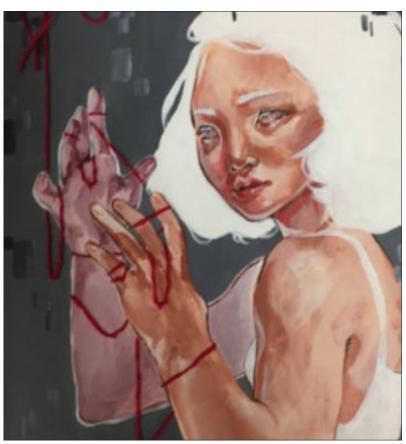
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Erica Grant
Tennessee Tech

TRACK AND FIELD
Taylor Tilmon
Northern Illinois
University

FIELD HOCKEY
Lindsey
Kuzmanovich
Ball State University

EXHIBITION RECOGNIZES ACHIEVEMENT IN THE VISUAL ARTS

STUDENTS FOCUS MAKING POSTSECONDARY CONNECTIONS.





On Friday, October 13, the Illinois High School Art Exhibition Board of Directors hosted an art exhibition at the Merrimont Social restaurant in Milwaukee, Wis. The exhibition will be on display for the rest of the month, and it features artwork from four Lakes students: SOFIA GARCIA, EMILY BEALL, NOAH MELTZER and AARON KUMPULA. The goal of the exhibition is to connect students to art colleges and to provide students with an amazing opportunity to showcase their art.

SENIORS RECEIVE HIGH HONORS

EAGLES RANKED AMONG MILLIONS OF ENTRANTS.



Four Lakes seniors have received recognition in the 2018 National Merit Scholarship Program for their impressive performance on the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) that was taken in the fall of 2016. From the approximately 1.6 million program entrants, the four students are among the 50,000 highest-scoring participants.

BENJAMIN HENDERSON and **CHAHNA SARAIYA** are Commended Students in the 2018 National Merit Scholarship Program.
Commended Students placed among the top five percent of all student taking the PSAT/NMSQT.

JAKE COZZA and ERIKA MCCORMICK were named to the list of semifinalists, and they will have the opportunity to continue in the competition for a National Merit Scholarship.

RED RIBBON WEEK

LAKES STUDENTS UNITE AND TAKE A VISIBLE STAND AGAINST DRUGS AND ALCOHOL.



ANNUAL ASSEMBLY HONORS VETERANS

EAGLES CONTINUE PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE RICH MILITARY HISTORY.



On November 10, 2017, Lakes hosted an all-school assembly to honor those who have served in the nation's military. This assembly featured student organizations, veterans, contest winners and community members. This years speaker was Lakes Alumnus NICK ILICH, who is currently serving in the 128 Air National Guard Unit out of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Social studies department chair JACLYN ORLOV and the social studies department planned the event and invited over 200 veterans to attend.

Each veteran was introduced with a short description of what branch they served and any conflicts that they were involved in during their time. It is nice for the students to see the pride in these veterans as they stand for their section of the US Military Medley. We thank our veterans for their service to this great nation.

In partnership with RedRibbonCampaign.org across the nation, Lakes SAP Coordinator, **HELEN PAPAS**, coordinated a theme week for Lakes students to have opportunities to talk and learn about leading a safe and healthy lifestyle. Red Ribbon Week 2017 was celebrated the week of October 23.

Students participated in activities like signing "promises/pledge" to making healthy choices, viewing and discussing "What Would You Do?" during study halls, and SAP Trivia in the cafeteria during lunch periods. Students participating in activities had the chance to enter a raffle for prizes. Freshmen and sophomores attended a presentation from ANDY DURAN and the organization LEAD about the risks and dangers of substance use and abuse.

DISTRICT 34 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER 7 //

Regular Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 15-16 //

Evening Parent Teacher Conferences

NOVEMBER 17 //

Follow Wednesday Early Dismissal Schedule

NOVEMBER 20 //

No School Thanksgiving Break Begins

NOVEMBER 27 //

School Resumes

NOVEMBER 28 //

Regular Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 12 //

Regular Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 19 //

Regular Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 22 //

Follow Wednesday Early Dismissal Schedule

DECEMBER 25 //

No School Winter Break Begins

JANUARY 8 //

School Resumes Regular Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

JANUARY 9-29 //

NWEA Testing

JANUARY 15 //

No School Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

JANUARY 23 //

Regular Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 6 //

Regular Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 19 //

No School Presidents Day

FINDING A NEW VOICE

New leadership and old traditions come together at Antioch Elementary School.

AES COMMUNITY MEETING



ntioch Elementary School (AES) is in a period of transition over the next two years and with that has come new leadership. The new principal, DAVE SHEPHERD, came to AES ready to refine its continuous improvement efforts with a focus on collaboration and shared leadership. AES is proud to be the oldest school in town, yet strives to be on the forefront of the educational world by providing a high quality 21st century education for its students.

With that said, many of the traditions that AES holds so dear remain and are

being strengthened. Shepherd recognized the importance of the AES community meeting when he first visited the school last May and vowed to the staff and community to carry on its traditions.

AES continues to meet as a whole school community every Monday. Student accomplishments are continuing to be celebrated, along with students participating in the meeting by presenting to their peers on topics such as responsibility, kindness and cyber bullying. Shepherd plays his alto saxophone at community meetings, continues to practice songs played at the first community meeting of the year and demonstrates the positive effects of growth mindset.

The "old" building should not fool anyone—academically the school is continuing to lead the charge in implementing current educational processes. Teachers collaborate with one another and provide differentiated instruction, while also bringing in student voices to decision making in the classroom. Students are participating in goal setting not only for themselves, but also for the class as a whole. When difficulties arise, students analyze the problem and come up with solutions together as a class. AES even has teachers that offer students homework menus—a list of activities every week with the power to pick the activities they want to complete.

The AES community is preparing for a new chapter in the school's history the next two years; however, the work continues to provide students with high quality education that offers the opportunity for continuous improvement and growth both academically and socially. AES may be changing in fewer than two short years, yet its legacy and strong traditions will continue to live on through its students and staff.

EARLY START PROGRAM EARNS BLUE RIBBON

DISTRICT 34'S PREVENTION INITIATIVE PROGRAM FOR AGES 0-3 COMPLETES QUALITY ENDORSEMENT PROCESS.



Affiliates with the **BLUE RIBBON** designation are recognized as being exemplary affiliates, delivering high-quality services to children and families in the field of early childhood learning and parent engagement. The Early Start program completed the self study process during the 2016-2017 school year. In order to earn the Blue Ribbon designation, the affiliate must meet all 17 essential requirements as well as 75 percent of the quality standards. These standards are divided across three areas: organizational support and continuous quality improvement, staff competence and parents as teachers services. Through the self-study, affiliates demonstrate fidelity to the Parents as

Teachers model and quality of their services and operations, recognizing strengths and addressing areas needing improvement. The program was rated at 90-100 percent in service initiation and parent participation, assessment and goal setting, group connections, screening, and resource networking.

JENNIFER DZIUBLA and MARNIE PEDERSEN are the Parent Educators for the program. Their hard work and dedication to this important program have allowed the district to be honored with this Blue Ribbon recognition. The program will hold Blue Ribbon designation until September 22, 2022, as long as the performance report is submitted annually, the affiliation fee is paid annually, the program continues to meet the Essential Requirements, and the program maintains any applicable organizational licenses.

The Early Start program offers free developmental and social emotional screenings for children living in Antioch School District 34 from two months through age three. Areas of assessment include social emotional, communication, fine and gross motor, personal social and problem solving. Early Start is a home visiting and community group program for parents and caregivers with children age 0-3 for families who qualify. The purpose is to strengthen families and promote the well-being of children through parent education and support.

Please call Dziubla or Pedersen at our Early Start program for a free screening at 847-838-8032.

STUDENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS ACHIEVEMENT AND SUCCESS

STUDENT CAPITALIZED ON EXPERIENCES, OPPORTUNITIES AND SUPPORT TO MAKE IT MATTER IN HIS COMMUNITY.



LUKE LARSEN is a third grader who is currently attending a SEDOL placement school: **JOHN POWERS CENTER**. Larsen has made many accomplishments this school year and we couldn't be prouder of him. He was nominated for the S.T.A.R.S (Students Taking Academic Responsibility Seriously) SEDOL Student of the Month award in January 2017.

He has shown tremendous amounts of growth over the last two school years. In prior years, Luke had difficulty participating in activities which he found to be too difficult for him. He didn't even want to walk over to the reading area or pick up a pencil to write his name and date on his paper. Through perseverance, hard work, support from his educational team, and the wonderful

CHARACTER COUNTS AT HILLCREST ELEMENTARY

OCTOBER MEETING FOCUSED ON SELF-CONTROL

guidance at home, Larsen developed a true love for reading. He now goes willingly to any reading activity and participates in all class reading lessons; he is making solid progress with his reading. Larsen initiates reading at home as well. He is working independently in the classroom and at home. Larsen's entire team is very proud of him.

Powers Center visited the Field Museum thanks to Larsen, who was selected last year to be principal for the day based on the essay he wrote. In his essay, Larsen thought if he were principal he would improve the school by taking everyone to the Field Museum. Students chosen to be principal for the day at Powers have the opportunity to implement their ideas. Larsen helped plan the trip and was very proud of his idea.



Each month kindergarten and first grade students participate in community meetings to learn more about being the best they can be inside and outside of the school. Students learn about self-control, perseverance, effort, honesty, kindness, courtesy, sportsmanship and motivation. Students are introduced to a different character trait each month and learn how they can show these traits in school and at home.

Classroom teachers recognize students who are displaying the character trait of the month. These students are recognized by Hillcrest Principal LEE GAISER during morning announcements and have their picture displayed for all to see. Classrooms also have the opportunity to be selected by their specials teachers to earn the Golden Gotcha award for the monthly trait.

This month, Hillcrest had their first community meeting in October and students learned all about self-control. Students learned they need to stop, think, and then decide if they should act or not. They also learned it might mean doing what's right, even when you don't feel like it.

OAKLAND PROMOTES POSTIVE BEHAVIOR

STUDENTS AND STAFF WORK HARD TO PROMOTE NURTURING ENVIRONMENT WITHIN THE SCHOOL



There is ample research that supports the idea that a positive climate and culture within the building supports student learning and cognitive functioning.

Oakland has introduced community celebration assemblies this year with the goals of celebrating student achievement, promoting belonging and unity, and reinforcing positive behavior. The first community meeting held in September was a tremendous success.

Students were nominated by their teachers and peers to be named the Student of the Month for their class. These students exhibited tremendous improvement, high achievement, good school citizenship or a combination of all of these. Students also recited the Oakland school poem to reinforce the high expectations Oakland has for all learners.

In addition to the Community Celebration Assembly, teachers and parents have been fundraising to provide incentives and rewards for our exceptional students. Lawn Doctor of Antioch has donated a bicycle to be raffled to students demonstrating positive behavior throughout the year.

Students are excited to see who will ride off in the spring with a brand-new bicycle. Culver's of Antioch hosted a fundraising night as well as generously donated kid's meal certificates to be awarded to the Student of the Month recipients. These community partnerships have helped reinforce the positive and caring behavior shown by so many of the students. Oakland is well on our way to ensuring that each and every student knows they are supported, loved and that they belong.

FACILITY PLAN MOVING FORWARD

District 34's long-term master plan focuses on site and building development, as well as deciding new boundaries for a new K-5 grade configuration and next steps.

ight & Company worked closely with Lake Villa and Antioch municipalities to improve the sites at both Oakland and W.C. Petty to align with local zoning ordinances in various areas such as parking, landscaping, storm water detention and utility connections. The updated site plans and exterior building elevations were submitted to both municipalities for review and public hearings as required.

Noticeable updates made to enhance student safety include W.C. Petty having an expanded car drop off/pickup lane and Oakland adding approximately 35 new parking spaces, an enhanced bus staging area and the playground area being relocated further east.

BUILDING DEVELOPMENT // Construction document and technical specification development is proceeding according to schedule. The project team, **WIGHT & COMPANY** with **GILBANE BUILDING COMPANY**, are currently focusing on the phasing schedule to define the specific construction activities at each school on a month-by-month basis beginning in Spring 2018 and ending Summer 2019. The team is targeting interior renovation of the existing buildings to be completed during summer breaks when students are not inside the buildings in order to minimize student disruption.

The interior planning of the classrooms, gymnasiums, learning resource centers, music and strings rooms, and student support services are being detailed to locate technology and storage casework with each space. New mechanical, electrical, plumbing, fire protection and communication systems are being detailed to ensure healthy, comfortable learning environments.

The exteriors of both schools are taking shape. Emphasis is being placed on including uplifting colors for the new materials that will complement the existing brick at each school while providing an inviting image for the students and the community.

BOUNDARY DEVELOPMENT // The District began the process of drafting boundary changes as the 2019-20 school year will host a new K-5 grade configuration. The District Leadership Team consisting of teachers, support staff, parents, and representatives from the Village of Antioch and District 117 provided initial feedback that is being considered in the school reboundary process. District 34 hopes to communicate the new school boundaries by Spring 2018.

NEXT STEPS

November 6, 2017- Construction documents will be 75 pecent complete December 30, 2017 - Construction documents will be 100 percent complete January 2018 - Bidding process will begin

March 2018 to August 2019 − Construction at Oakland and Petty ■









LAKE VILLA ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS AWARDED GRANTS FOR EDUCATION

TEACHERS RECEIVE OVER \$3,000 TO IMPROVE STUDENT EXPERIENCES ACROSS THE DISTRICT

Over the past year, Lake Villa 41 teachers received over \$3,000 in grants from the Meemic Insurance Foundation. Since 1992, The Meemic Foundation for the Future of Education has been supporting educational excellence and innovative programs in public schools.

Martin Elementary teacher SUSIE MILLER received a \$500 classroom grant to purchase flexible seating, goal-setting materials and classroom and student supplies. Thompson teachers KAR-EN LENNES and LORI BRUMM received \$1,000 to further integrate flexible seating options into their classrooms. The flexible seating allows students to collaborate with one another in an inviting and comfortable learning environment. Thompson School also received an additional \$1,500 to purchase binders for academic and social-emotional goal-setting activities, a storage unit and bins for communal STEM materials, as well as consumable materials to support leader-



ship activities. Hooper teachers **KELLY DATA** and **ANNIE VINSON** each received a \$100 classroom grant to purchase flexible seating and a variety of reading games, books and word storage boxes.

This fall, Thompson kindergarten teacher MICHELLE LYON received a \$400 grant from the Illinois Retired Teachers Association. The grant will be used to purchase a mobile tool to provide greater opportunities for students to interact in various literacy activities.

PALOMBI ADDRESSES DIVERSITY WITH PBIS

iddle school can be a challenging time for students just entering young adulthood. The Palombi Middle School staff recognizes this, which is why they make a concerted effort to create and sustain a positive, enriching learning environment that is sensitive to the students' changing needs. This year in advisory class, students are tackling sensitive topics such as diversity, equity, compassion, bully prevention, adversity and empathy. Students and staff complete climate surveys to ensure that administration understands Palombi's strengths and where improvements can be made.

During the past three years, Palombi instituted a new research-based behavior program called PBIS - Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support. The purpose of PBIS is to establish a climate in which appropriate behavior is the norm. The staff recognizes and rewards students for positive behavior by handing out REP (Respect, Effort, Pride) tickets. Last year, Palombi staff handed out 2,842 of these tickets, recognizing middle school students for being hard workers and positive contributors.

PTO BUBBLE RUN TO BECOME NEW STAPLE IN DISTRICT

OVER 1,000 PEOPLE EITHER WALKED OR RAN THIS 3-MILE NON-COMPETITVE COURSE AT LOFFREDO PARK.



DISTRICT 41 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER 13 //

Board of Education Meeting, 7 p.m.

NOVEMBER 20 //

No School Parent/Teacher Conferences

NOVEMBER 21 //

No School Parent/Teacher Conferences

NOVEMBER 22 //

No School

NOVEMBER 23 //

No School Thanksgiving

NOVEMBER 24 //

No School

DECEMBER 11 //

Board of Education Meeting, 7 p.m.

DECEMBER 22 TO JANUARY 5 //

No School Winter Break

JANUARY8 //

School Resumes

Board of Education Meeting, 7 p.m.

JANUARY 15 //

No School – Martin Luther King's Birthday

JANUARY 22 //

Board of Education Meeting, 7 p.m.

FEBRUARY 12 //

Board of Education Meeting, 7 p.m.

FEBRUARY 16 //

No School Teacher's Institute

FEBRUARY 19 //

No School President's Day

FEBRUARY 26 //

Board of Education Meeting, 7 p.m.

ENERGY SAVING A DISTRICT PRIORITY

Siemens partners with Lake Villa schools to improve environment and reduce energy use.

ake Villa District 41 is excited about the upcoming building improvements that will be completed over summer 2018. The major work will consist of upgrades to the temperature controls at Thompson and Martin Elementary Schools, a new intelligent fire alarm system at Palombi Middle School, various mechanical repairs at Palombi and Martin schools. District 41 schools will undergo basic repairs including building cracks, weather stripping and sealcoating to mitigate thermal deficiencies.

The District partnered with Siemens Industry in Buffalo Grove to help develop a facility master plan that will help to satisfy state required life safety needs, as well as identify equipment that is well past its useful life expectancy.

One of the many school board initiatives is to always ensure the safety of the students and staff and improve operational efficiency through cost saving reductions while doing so in the most fiscally responsible manner. After over a year of working with Siemens, the administrative team and Board of Education worked through ten different project scenarios before agreeing to a scope of work that met all the above criteria. At the September board meeting, the final contract was approved and the pre-construction work is already underway.

From an environmental standpoint, this project will have a significant impact on the District's carbon footprint and being a "green" community. The savings that will be recognized each year is equivalent to the elimination of 16.8 passenger vehicles driven, 27.3 tons of waste recycled, instead of put in a landfill, and 78.2 metric tons of carbon dioxide kept out of the atmosphere.

KINDNESS ROCKS AT LV41

NEW EXPERIENCE PROVIDES STUDENTS WITH INSPIRATION.



A little kindness goes a long way. At Lake Villa 41, kindness is taking an unusual twist in the form of brightly painted rocks with inspirational messages. These rocks are placed by an anonymous person at school entrances, on drinking fountains, window ledges and other places throughout the schools. The rocks serve to brighten up the day of the person who finds them by sharing a positive message. Students, staff and parents have started posting pictures of the rocks on social media and sharing those pictures with others.

A NOTE FROM DISTRICT33

EILEEN CONWAY
SUPERINTENDENT
EMMONS SCHOOL DISTRICT 33



Emmons receives EXELON Grant

Emmons has received the EX-ELON STEM grant that will help bring lessons and activities to the classroom that are focused on energy and how to conserve it. By addressing all types of renewable and nonrenewable energy sources, students will be able to dive into many STEM challenges about energy use at our school and community. It will show our children ways to save and conserve energy.

Two of our teachers attended the Energizing Student Potential workshop in Chicago to learn about the details of this grant by going through the lessons, kits and activities students will have the opportunity to do in their classrooms this year. Emmons will be hosting an Energy Fair at the end of the school year to feature the projects created by the students.

D117 & Emmons 33 Infinite Campus Implementation

Emmons and Community High School District 117 have partnered to implement Infinite Campus as the new student management system at Emmons. The high school has been using the system for many years and offered to bring Emmons into their system in a continuous joint effort to help our families and ease costs on our taxpayers. The group effort has been extremely successful due to the collaboration between districts.

Emmons Athletics News

Though small in number, Emmons is mighty in accomplishments. Emmons is well represented in a variety of sports and has enjoyed the unwavering support of the community. Emmons students participate in girls volleyball, cross country, coed soccer, boys and girls basketball, and track and field. Some of our 2017 accomplishments include:

- * The eighth grade girls' basketball teams went the entire season undefeated, and the eighth grade boys basketball team only had one loss in a tournament.
- * The boys track team took 5th place in state.
- * Our very own Emmons Raider, Athan Kaliakmanis, placed first in state at the long jump.
- * The cross country team has made the Emmons community proud by performing well at the state championship meet.

The school has hosted the annual boys and girls invitational basketball tournament for the past 12 years. This has been an increasingly popular event for the surrounding schools in Lake County. We have hosted as many as 20 teams representing both private and public schools. Even a school district from Wisconsin elects to participate. We look forward to an exciting 2017-2018 year in athletics.

Play-Based Learning Classroom

This past summer, as a result of the state mandated KIDS assessment for kindergartners, Emmons School developed a "Play-based Learning Room" for students. We accepted a number of generous donations from our community and purchased many new "toys" to create a space for students that contributes to the healthy development of our young learners. This space is available for students to explore and learn through play and allows staff the opportunity to observe and learn about their students. It has been informative and thought-provoking to see the students using their imagination and creativity during play.

EILEEN CONWAY

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Why not to forget shopping local in the future.

LAWRENCE HANSON MAYOR VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH



efore you rush to large retailers for holiday gift-giving, or search the internet for amazing deals on sites like Amazon®, remember the local merchant down the street, around the corner, on your way home. That spot for so much—unique things, great customer service, and friendly conversation—all that you'll be glad you remembered to stop in for. Local, small businesses are truly champions of our community, and now is a great time to remind ourselves to shop locally and support the businesses that support our community, yearround.

Local businesses are the cornerstone of so many things, beyond the transaction. They help support and fund programs and events, extending what we can offer. Partnering with the Village for such events as the "IT'S THURSDAY" summer concerts, residents enjoy a rich depth of free music and cultural performances, thanks to businesses sponsoring and giving

SHOPPING LOCAL SHOULD BE A PRIORITY THIS SEASON

BUSINESS AROUND TOWN ALLOWS FOR COMMUNITY VALUES TO BE REINFORCED AND TOWN IDENTITY TO BE SHAPED.



back. They are a valuable part of our community fabric, beyond the work day, playing key roles in mentoring, fundraising, coaching, outreach, and cause marketing. Things like police, fire/safety, streets and infrastructure updates—can come at considerable cost. However, the impact is lessened when businesses place roots, generate revenue, invest, and pay taxes.

Small businesses are often very customer-oriented, and many customers remain loyal to those favorite small businesses. Think how great you feel when the sales associate or restaurant host knows your name or your favorite dish. You're sure to go back with good service. This "circle" within own community can translate to better schools, additional community services and improvements.

SHOPPING AND SHAPING WHO WE ARE

Small businesses are vibrant and unique, and these merchants lend to our identity and brand—shaping the individuality that makes us special.

They make us that "destination" spot, whether it's for a one-day excursion, a quick drop-in, or a planned summer retreat to the **CHAIN O' LAKES** area. From antique shops, restaurants and clothing boutiques, to hobby shops and resale, they all attract the consumer. In 2016, the Village collected \$3.9 million in sales tax revenue from 487 entities in the Village. Encouraging the "buy local" philosophy, could be exponential. "When shoppers buy local, those dollars stay in the community," said Village of Antioch Director of Economic Development, **MICHAEL GARRIGAN**. "They get hometown service. They get called by name. There's great value in what they purchase, and also the overall experience."

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY, a movement started in 2010 to encourage holiday shoppers to patronize brick-and-mortar businesses that are small and local, has become readily recognizable on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. The date serves as a reminder to shop and support locally, with towns and villages across the nation dependent on this revenue to thrive and prosper. But, that's just one day, and the importance is ongoing and year-round. The businesses' contributions are not solely at sale or point-of-purchase, but by growth and innovation as well. The small-andlocal help attract talent and experienced workers, who invent new products or implement solutions for existing ideas. Did you know that Antioch is home to PICKARD CHINA (www.pickardchina.com), ranking among the finest china made anywhere in the world? Pickard was selected by the U.S. Department of State to manufacture the official china service used by embassies and other diplomatic missions around the world. On display in their showroom on Pickard Avenue, you can see the design with special decoration and embossed gold border of stars and stripes, and an embossed reproduction of the Great Seal of the United States. Their painstaking craftsmanship and skilled handwork has produced top quality through four generations. Their employees average 18 years on the job; stability for our workforce and contributions for our community. The Pickard factory is a rarity with small family business manufacturing high quality chinaware in an era of huge companies merging and acquiring, becoming larger than ever. I highly recom-



mend you stop by and see these fascinating pieces.

LARGE BENEFITS

Benefits can be large and far reaching. Local businesses also tend to invest and make their community a priority, volunteer and participate in local civic groups. They are also the same to engage in local sports and athletics, cultural and special events, by sponsoring teams or donating to charities. Just take a look at our local schools' scoreboards and you'll recognize those great contributors, not to mention the many "silent" donors who give generously without wanting to be named. Larger businesses and chains, here and a short drive away, reap benefits as well. The small business can help support their larger cohort's supply lines, moving goods faster, saving on shipping costs, and providing talent and outsourcing options for additional workers.

I'd like everyone to remember the importance of shopping local and utilizing the services of our area's small businesses, year-round, beyond just the "Small Business Saturday"-type of events. These businesses are run by your family, your friends and neighbors, the long-time resident who calls Antioch "home" just like you do. Their livelihood, and our economic growth and success, is impacted by your purchasing power and decision-making—so, think local.

Remember your local resources, too. Reach out to

the ANTIOCH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (www. antioch-chamber.org), a great community resource, and consider joining if you're a business. Or, connect with our team at the VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH and the DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (www.antioch.il.gov).

Wishing you all the best this season and in the new year. ■

LARRYHANSON

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LOOKING TO BE FASHIONABLE?

FASHION AND JEWELRY AT SELINA'S SECRETS LOCATED IN DOWNTOWN ANTIOCH, IS JUST ONE OF THE MANY OPTIONS.



MEET THE DIRECTOR

Village office of Parks and Recreation welcomes a new face to the community and job.

e're rolling out the welcome mat for new Director of Parks and Recreation for the Village of Antioch, ROBBIE SPENCER. Spencer is an exciting addition to the Village leadership team, coming on board in August and bringing along a depth of parks, recreation and programming experience that will play a key role in the success and vision for the Village.

An Ohio native, Spencer brings with him a wide-array of skills in his "toolkit" including serving as the youngest director of parks and recreation in his previous position. His strong-set includes a depth of athletic and coaching expertise, for middle and high schools, as well youth program opportunities, which will be key as he looks to enhance and reshape the Parks and Rec Department's programming mix. He has also been instrumental is sourcing funds for parks facilities and

grants to underwrite events.

You could also say that his experience is far reaching—literally. He began his career with the Manatee County Parks and Recreation Department in Bradenton, Florida, as recreation/facility coordinator. Later, he headed west, serving as athletic director/assistant director for the Sheridan Recreation District in Sheridan, Wyoming. Most recently, he was director of parks and recreation for the City of Lakeland, Tennessee. A graduate from Ohio University, he earned a B.S. in Recreation Management, and was a Division 1/Mid-American Conference football player, receiving the team's All-Bobcat Award.

"I am excited to be in this role and help guide our vision for parks and recreation. Antioch's Parks and Recreation provides outstanding benefits to the community—programs for all ages and interests, events, activities, ways to get involved,"

ROBBIE SPENCER
DIRECTOR OF PARKS
AND RECREATION
VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH



said Spencer. "My team and I look forward to providing the best mix of programs, quality customer service, and great experiences."

Spencer enjoys staying active, whether with programs like those offered in Antioch, a game with neighbors, or a ball toss with his son, Jett. He and his wife, Brittany, Jett, and dog, Tahoe, are enjoying learning about and exploring their new community.

Spencer is a member of Illinois Park and Recreation Association (www. ilipra.org), and the National Recreation and Park Association (www. nrpa.org) and featured in its quarterly publication: *Young Professionals*.

AMAZING THINGS WE SHARED: 2017 RECAP

The 125-Year Celebration...sports teams take the lead...Centennial Park spruces up...popular special events...a "time"-ly addition and soon-to-be tradition added to the downtown landscape, and more. It was a quite a year, and these are just a few of the milestones.

In the numbers, we shared:

125 years celebrated by Village of Antioch (incorporated 1892)

4 community parades with over 6,000 visitors enjoying

50+ flags adorning downtown for July 4 festivities

2 youth sports teams and special recognitions for Patrick Schoenfelder and Athan Kaliakmanis

Out of the 4,877 households, approximately 75 percent visit Downtown Antioch once a month or a minimum of 3,657 people.

Downtown Antioch continues to be the SECOND most popular shopping destination, behind the Walmart-Menards shopping area. Residents patronize the downtown on a weekly basis at a substantially higher rate than shopping in Gurnee, Round Lake, or Lake Geneva. A popular spot,

respondents in the recent Downtown Strategic Plan identified their desire for additional casual dining opportunities.substantially higher rate than shopping in Gurnee, Round Lake, or Lake Geneva. In fact, the respondents in the recent Downtown Strategic Plan have identified the need for additional casual dining opportunities.

48+ acres of commercial development

5,000+ participants served with parks and rec programming

3 new outdoor programs including Sunrise Yoga at the Bandshell

99 days of summer season at the Antioch Aqua Center, with 6,444 visiting the pool

preschoolers enrolled at Camp Crayon Preschool











305 summer day campers

200 community volunteers, 1,200 hours donated, and 165 yards of mulch planted at Centennial Park

\$23,900 matching funds and grants received in the police department

400 area residents served with our partnership with Antioch Area Healthcare Accessibility Alliance, an organization dedicated to improving healthcare for area residents by offering access to health education and support programs (aahaaforhealth.org)

200 estimated new residents to Antioch

45 new housing/development (new housing starts)

5 new business licenses in the Village of Antioch

650 building permits issued

4 Antioch Police Department new hires

280,829,000 gallons of drinking water provided to residents

61 vehicles serviced and maintained by Public Works, including police, heavy-duty, pickups, and all-purpose, saving thousands

by performing work in-house

300 trees planted 119 diseased or declining trees removed

2 facility improvements, including Village Hall landscaping and the installation of the Village clock with hardscape and landscaping

120 lane miles of roads and cul-de-sacs and infrastructure maintained

miles of roads paved with the 2017 Road Program

8,000 Easter eggs hidden for the annual egg hunt

120-ft. -- the longest distance of the winning rolled pumpkin at the Monster Mash Bash

53,622 visits to the website (antioch.il.gov) with 187,815 page views

500 new followers on Facebook, 1,620 new followers on police department Facebook page

MILLIONS of smiles to go around!

Learn more about your Antioch community and things taking place, year-round, at antioch. il.gov, attending a Village meeting, or calling 847-395-1000.

ANTIOCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER 5-8 //

North Pole Express, 10:45 a.m. Antioch Metra Train

DECEMBER 7 //

Winter Wine Walk Tickets on Sale, 6 p.m. at Antioch Parks Dept.

DECEMBER 11 //

Village Board Meeting, 7 p.m. Village Hall

DECEMBER 12-15 //

North Pole Express, 10:45 a.m. Antioch Metra Train

DECEMBER 14 //

Daddy Daughter Dance Tickets on Sale, 9 a.m. at Antioch Parks Dept.

DECEMBER 19-22 //

North Pole Express, 10:45 a.m. Antioch Metra Train

DECEMBER 27 //

Committe of the Whole Meeting 7 p.m., Village Hall

JANUARY 8 //

Village Board Meeting, 7 p.m. Village Hall

JANUARY 20 //

Winter Wine Walk, 1 p.m. Downtown Antioch

JANUARY 24 //

Committe of the Whole Meeting 7 p.m., Village Hall

JANUARY 25 //

Mother Son Game Show Luncheon Tickets on Sale, 9 a.m. at Antioch Parks Dept.

FEBRUARY 3//

Daddy Daughter Date Night 5 p.m., Antioch Upper Grade

FEBRUARY 5 //

Easter Egg Hunt Wristbands on Sale, 9 a.m. at Antioch Parks Dept.

FEBRUARY 12 //

Village Board Meeting, 7 p.m. Village Hall

FEBRUARY 28 //

Committe of the Whole Meeting 7 p.m., Village Hall

MARCH 4 //

Mother Son Game Show Luncheon Antioch Senior Center, 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

MARCH 15 //

Mother Daughter Bingo Luncheon Tickets on Sale, 9 a.m. at Antioch Parks Dept.

MARCH 29 //

Flashlight Egg Hunt for Pre-Teens and Teenagers, 7:30 p.m. at Centennial Park Pavilion

MARCH 31 //

Easter Parade, 10:30 a.m., Downtown Antioch

Easter Egg Hunt, 11 a.m., Williams Park Pavilion

GEARING UP FOR NEW EXPERIENCES

PARKS AND REC LOOKS TO CONTINUE TRADITIONS
BY ADDING MORE PROGRAMS TO IMPROVE
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT.

In the new year, Spencer and the department will be gearing up to rollout new programming for youth and adult sports and recreation activities. This will include such things as adult softball, flag football, basketball and co-ed volleyball. Youth sport classes will be replaced with league-based sporting programs, and new outdoor programming such as kayaking and canoeing, nature hikes, outdoors classes and more, will be in the lineup. Plans also include informal meet-n greets with residents to gain feedback, interest, and heighten registration.

Spencer is also a strong proponent of connecting and extending that "welcome" philosophy along to residents and the community. He encourages reaching out to share ideas, questions, or comments, and looks forward to hearing from you. Spencer can be reached at 847-395-2160, or rspencer@antioch.il.gov.



KidBuck\$ GAME \$HOW Sunday, March 4

Moms, sons, nephews, grandsons—come on down for the fun!

11:30 a.m. OR 1:30 p.m.

Antioch Senior Center

Hotdog Lunch Included •

9 lucky kids will be chosen by lottery to participate and the audience will help out!

\$12 each • Tickets on sale January 25
Online or at Parks & Rec

847-395-2160 • email: parks@antioch.il.gov

ANTIOCH PUBLIC LIBRARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The Antioch Public Library District will close all day Christmas Eve & Christmas Day aswell-as New Year's Eve & New Years Day.

DECEMBER //

Children's Winter Reading program registration begins

DECEMBER 11, 7 P.M. //

Performance - Children's - Holidays Around the World Pre-registration required

SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH, 6:30 P.M. //

Chess & Cookies: All ages and skill levels welcome

JANUARY 3, 6:30-8 P.M. //

Get Familiar with your New Electronic Device

JANUARY 2-7 //

Escape Room II

Preregistration for groups and individuals required

JANUARY 15, 9 A.M.-2:30 P.M. //

SafeSitter®

Pre-registration and \$30 fee required

JANUARY 20, 9:30-11 A.M. //

SAT Practice Test Pre-registration required.

JANUARY 22, 23, 29, 30 //

Discovery Your Ancestry for Seniors 4 day workshop Preregistration required

JANUARY 25, 6:30 P.M. //

Getting the Most from Your Retirement Money: Registration suggested

JANUARY 28, 2 P.M. //

Concert - The Music of Peter, Paul, & Mary/Kingston Trio

JANUARY 31, 6:30 P.M. //

Learn Facebook for Mobile Devices

FEBRUARY 8, 7 P.M. //

Talking to Your Doctor

FEBRUARY 11, 2 P.M. //

Concert - Mardi Gras Cajun Music

FEBRUARY 14, 6:30 P.M. //

Basics of Photoshop Pre-registration required

FEBRUARY 16, 4:30 P.M. //

Super Smash Bros. Tournament Pre-registration required

FEBRUARY 22, 7 P.M. //

The Science of Climate Change

FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH, 12-4 P.M. //

Magic The GatheringTM: Open Play

THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH

MONTH, 7 P.M. //
Antioch Writer's Group

DECEMBER 16, JANUARY 30, FEBRUARY 27, 7 P.M. //

Library Board of Trustee Meeting Public Welcome



SENIOR EVENTS: FEB. TO JULY 2018

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

DOCKERS NORTH LUNCH AND ENTERTAINMENT

11:30 a.m. - \$5.00 per person (No Bus) at Dockers North in Antioch.

Marcos will have a wonderful lunch prepared for us. Come out and visit with your friends and meet some new ones.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT: LUNCH & SHOW

9:30 a.m. - \$55.00 per person (Bus leaves 9:45a.m.) at Drury Lane in Oakbrook..

The meteoric first collaboration of Tim Rice & Andrew Lloyd Webber, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor® Dreamcoat. The classic story of Joseph is paired with exuberant music, featuring favorites such as "Close Every Door," "Go, Go, Go Joseph" and "Any Dream Will Do."

If you do not make a lunch selection below, CHICK-EN will be chosen for you.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 18

KEMPER CENTER LUNCH AND TOUR

8:30 a.m. - \$40.00 per person (Bus leaves at 8:45a.m.)

We will be touring the Kemper Center Campus in Kenosha, Wis. A beautiful 17.5 acre campus located on the shores of Lake Michigan. The tour will include the 1861 historic Durkee Mansion, The Kemper Center Chapel, Kemper Hall and The Simmons Auditorium. The Anderson Arts Center is also included. We will have lunch at the center and then travel to Downtown Kenosha for a ride on the beautifully re-

stored electric streetcars. The 2-mile loop, provides a scenic tour of the Lake Michigan shoreline, Harbor Park, two historic districts and the downtown business district.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9

"MEMPHIS" SHOW, LUNCH AND SHOPPING

8:30 a.m. - \$65.00 per person (Bus leaves 8:45a.m.) at the Ruth Page Center and Water Tower in Chicago..

From the underground dance clubs of 1950s Memphis, Tennessee, comes the Tony Award winning Best Musical that bursts off the stage with explosive dancing, irresistible songs and a thrilling tale of fame and forbidden love. Inspired by actual events, Memphis is the story of a white radio DJ who wants to change the world and a black club singer who is ready for her big break. Their incredible journey to the ends of the airwaves is filled with laughter, soaring emotion and a roof-raising musical score by David Bryan.

THURSDAY, JUNE 7

SUMMER LUNCH AND ENTERTAINMENT

11:30 a.m. - \$5.00 per person (No Bus) at Maravela's in Ingleside.

Welcome summer! Let's luau our way into the summer season. A great lunch, music and a luau dancer will help.

THURSDAY, JULY 12

BINGO AND BAGELS

9:00 a.m. - \$1.00 per person (No Bus) at 1625 Deep Lake Road in Lake Villa.

Come and have some morning refreshments and play some BINGO. The last game will be a treat.

NAME:	Mark your selection			
	Roasted Chick	asted Chicken Breast or Sautéed Tilapia		
ADDRESS:	<u>EVENTS</u>			
	February 8	March 21	April 18	
PHONE:	\$5.00	\$55.00	\$40.00	
email				
	May 9	June 7	July 12	
For information or to check availability contact Anita Dyer 847-687-4157	\$65.00	\$5.00	\$1.00	
(Please note Antioch Township Residents will have first availability)	Total amount of Payment \$			
Non-resident additional fee for bus trips \$5.00	All payments must be received with reservation.			

A NOTE FROM THE TOWNSHIP

STEVE SMOUSE ANTIOCH TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR



and the entire Antioch
Township Highway Department for a summer and fall
of outstanding service to all of us.
Starting with windstorms with
heavy damage, record flooding and

still completing our paving for the year it was a great job.

The township goes into the winter in great financial condition and we will again freeze our tax levy to assist all in keeping property taxes down. Even with the freeze we are increasing programs and services to assist everyone with the increased complexities of living in the modern world.

New programs starting this fall include LIHEAP, the Low Income Housing Energy Assistance Program, and SHIP, the Senior Health Insurance Program, that is designed to help people navigate through the overwhelming amount of information of Medicare. If you are in need of help with your energy bill(s) you can come here to apply. Please call for an appointment.

Antioch Township residents who meet the income guidelines can

apply for Emergency Assistance. The Emergency Assistance Program is administered through the General Assistance Program. Emergency Assistance can only be issued once in a 12-month period and must meet the definition of an "Emergency" or "Life Threatening" situation such as, evictions, utility disconnections or food.

Spring Break is just around the corner make your appointment now to get your passport.

Coming January 19th is "The Secretary of State Super Senior" event. Get your driver's license or ID, license plate sticker or take the Rules of the Road course. Call 847-395-3378 for more information or sign up for the class.

For all things Antioch Township find us on Facebook or join our email newsletter.

STEVE SMOUSE

ANTIOCH TOWNSHIP CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER 12 //

Township Meeting, 7 p.m. Antioch Township Center

JANUARY 11 //

Township Meeting, 7 p.m. Antioch Township Center

JANUARY 11 //

Catholic Charities Book Club 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Antioch Township Center

FEBRUARY 12 //

Township Meeting, 7 p.m. Antioch Township Center

DECEMBER 8 //

Catholic Charities Fire Safety and I-Cash, 12 to 1:30 p.m. Antioch Township Center

A NOTE FROM THE ANTIOCH TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

The Senior Freeze income limit will be increasing to \$65,000 from \$55,000 for the year 2018.

You can check our web page www.antiochassessor.com for our additional services, along with a list of the different exemptions.

We have completed our 2017 assessment year. We will begin working on the 2018 assessments after the 1st of the year.

We are working with Lake County on the conversion of our current assessment program (ProVal) to the new program (Tyler). Lake County is anticipating the conversion to be complete by December 2018.

We hope to be up and running on Tyler for our 2019 Quadrennial year.

If you have any questions, please call our office at 847-395-1545.

Have a wonderful season!

HEATHER KUFALK-MAROTTA

NEW LOCATION 1490 MAIN STREET ANTIOCH, ILLINOIS 60002

ELECTION JUDGES NEEDED

From the desk of Anita Dyer, Antioch Township Clerk:

ELECTION JUDGES are needed. Judges are responsible for administering the proper and lawful conduct of all elections by serving in local voting sites. Join the Lake County election judge team and be the proud face of democracy in action. You will thank yourself – so will your community.

Requirements

- * Lake County registered voter
- * Fluently speak and write English
- * Great customer service skills
- * Attend free training class

FEBRUARY 20, 2018:

Last day to register to vote at Antioch Township

MARCH 5, 2018:

Early voting begins at Antioch Township - 1625 Deep Lake Road, Lake Villa, IL 60046

- * Monday through Friday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- * Saturday: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Details

- * Process voters in March and November 2018 elections
- * Serve in your community
- * Bilingual English/Spanish applicants encouraged
- * Pay based on completed training & assignment

STUDENT ELECTION JUDGES: Junior and senior high school students are eligible to apply, be trained and work as election judges if currently enrolled in school. Students must provide written permission from a parent or guardian and the school principal and must have at least a cumulative GPA of 3.0.

Call 847.377.2408 for more information. ■

MARCH 17, 2018:

Last day for early voting at Antioch Township

MARCH 20, 2018: ELECTION DAY

Voting sites are open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

To find assigned voting site, logon to LakeVoterPower.info

MARCH 20, 2018 GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION

Lake County voters will elect Federal, State and County candidates by an established political party in the March election. Important dates to know:

SMOUSE LEAVES TOWNSHIP LEGACY

THOSE ARE

GOING TO

BE PRETTY

HARD SHOES

TO FILL.

particularly to the Antioch Township Office as the Township Supervisor, Steve
Smouse will no longer be working his post.
However, it isn't because Smouse lost an election or chose to step down from serving his community. Rather, Smouse passed away Sunday, November 5, after a battle with cancer.

fter years of service to the Antioch community,

The news of his passing shook a number of community members as they took to social media channels to show their support for both his family and the Antioch Township office. A number of posts showcased the love that members of the town

had for Smouse and the work he not only did to improve the Antioch community, but also the legacy he left on his town and his family and friends.

> "Steve was beloved," Peter Grant, a township trustee, said to the News-Sun. "He was a figurehead in the community. Those are going to be pretty hard shoes to fill. But let's not rush into that—right now, it's time to morn."

Visitation for Smouse occurred November 18 at the Township Center. Until a succes-

sor is named, the plan is the most senior trustee will fill the position. \blacksquare

DANIEL VENTURI

LAKE VILLA TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR



TOYS
FOR TOTS

TOWNSHIP HOPES DONATIONS TO INCREASE THIS YEAR.



Please donate a NEW unwrapped child's toy or a gift for a child age 12 or under

All gifts will go to less fortunate children in Lake Villa Township

Final pick up will be Monday December 11th

We also collect new, unwrapped toys for children 12 and under. This allows families to select a gift for their children that may not otherwise get one. You can drop off any unwrapped toys at Lake Villa Township or the State Bank of The Lakes at either their Lake Villa or Lindenhurst locations.

LAKE VILLA TOWNSHIP REIMAGINES WINTER PLAYGROUND

HOCKEY RINK AT CABOOSE PARK ADDED TO ANNUAL EVENT.







The hockey rink was donated to Lake Villa Township by Al Stensrud owner of Couture Surfaces, a West Dundee based flooring company. The 40 foot by 70 foot hockey rink will be a welcome addition to Lake Villa Township's Caboose Park that serves as a winter playground with a popular sled hill and toboggan slide with snow making capabilities.

LAKE VILLA TOWNSHIP OFFERS TRANSPORTATION SERVICES THROUGH TOWNSHIP TRANSIT SERVICE

SERVICE RUNS REGULAR SHOPPING TRIPS TO WALMART, ALDI AND GOODWILL.



The Lake Villa Township program started in 2004 and in a Pace partnership we received a new bus in 2007. That bus was in very poor shape. So we are excited to announce that we received a brand new 2017 Pace bus.

FOOD PANTRY LOOKING TO PROVIDE MANY MEALS FOR THOSE IN NEED

THIS YEAR'S GOAL TO EXCEED 150 PRE-PACKAGE MEALS DONATED TO THE NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION.

The holidays are a busy time of the year for our food pantry. We provide over 150 holiday meals for our less fortunate families during the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons. Our demand has grown, but so has our donation to the Township's not for profit. Lake Villa Township Charities Inc. is a recognized 501 c 3 organization that allows us to support our food pantry without using taxpayer funds.

SENIOR CENTER CELEBRATES HOLIDAY EVENTS

HALLOWEEN PARTY CAPPED OFF OCTOBER FESTIVITIES, WHILE RENO NIGHT WILL IGNITE YOUTHFUL FUN.



Lake Villa Township hosts regular senior entertainment lunches throughout the year. This year for our Halloween lunch we played a spirited game of Family Feud. We encouraged our guests to come in their favorite costume and many did.

On January 13, we will host our New Year's Extravaganza. We play casino games including black jack, dice and the classic rollie pollie. The money is not real but the fun is. Guests can the take their winnings and buy gifts. This year the theme is RENO the Biggest Little City in the World.

The event will be held at noon at the Lake Villa Township West Campus Community Center located at 37850 North Route 59 in Lake Villa. The Township would like you to joing them for an afternoon of fun, gambling (with play money), food and prizes.

The Township asks that you please RSVP and bring a non-perishable food item for the Lake Villa Township Food Pantry. ■

LINDENHURST PARK DISTRICT UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 2 //

Holiday Tree
Lighting
4:30-6 p.m. at
the Lippert
Community Center
Come see Santa light
the Holiday Tree and
join him inside for
many fun activities.

DECEMBER

29 //
Winter Break
Movie "Elf"
10 a.m.
\$1 per person
at the Lippert
Community Center
Gymnasium.

JANUARY 2 //

Engle Junction
Preschool
Registration
Packets Available
at the Lindenhurst
Park District

JANUARY 10 //

Engle Junction
Preschool Open
House
6:30-7:30 p.m.
Lindenhurst Park
District

JANUARY 14 //

Flannels &
Flapjacks Mother/
Son Breakfast
Event
9:30-II:00 a.m.
Ages 10 and under
Sign up at www.
lindenhurstparks.
org

FEBRUARY 10 //

Daddy Daughter
"Belle's Ball"
5-7:30 p.m.
Ages 3 and up
Sign up at www.
lindenhurstparks.
org

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