

# Laketown Neighborhood Association

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## Sangamon County FREE Large Item Pickup

Sangamon County residents who live outside the city of Springfield now have large item pick-up and drop-off services available. The county launched the program this week in partnership with Habitat for Humanity. Eligible residents can schedule pick-up or drop-off of large items not typically accommodated by regular waste management services.

To schedule a drop-off or pickup, residents must call Habitat for Humanity at 217-523-2710, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m, or schedule online at [habitatsangamon.vonigo.com/external/](http://habitatsangamon.vonigo.com/external/)

All residents qualify for free scheduled pickup of up to 6 items per calendar year. Pickups can be divided into two transactions. Participants are asked to place items curbside no more than 24 hours prior to their scheduled pickup.



### Eligible items for pickup include:

- Couches
- Chairs
- Tables
- Appliances (e.g., refrigerators, stoves, washers, dryers, freezers, dehumidifiers and/or dishwashers)
- Water heaters
- Window unit-AC
- Mattresses
- Box Springs
- Doors
- Shelving Units
- Filing cabinets
- 5 X 10 rolls of carpet
- Dressers
- Desks
- Bed frames
- Grills (No Propane Tanks)
- Mowers (Must Drain Fuel)
- Toilets

- Cabinets
- Basketball hoops
- Trampolines that have been broken down
- Pool liners, poles, ladders, etc. that have been broken down

### Restricted Items:

- Automobile parts
- Central AC units, Portable heaters, Furnaces
- Construction debris (e.g., paint, lumber, dry wall, brick, concrete, siding, etc.)
- Hazardous materials
- Hot tubs
- Landscaping items (e.g., large rocks, statuary, etc.)
- Musical Instruments (e.g., pianos)
- Railroad ties
- Tires
- TV monitors/electronics

## THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR KINDNESS

A heartfelt thank you just doesn't seem enough for **Ted Einhauser** and **Nick Whitfield** who have repaired our Little Library after it was badly damaged by vandals. If you see these gentlemen out and about, please let them know how much they are appreciated!

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## Neighborhood Notes & Reminders

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**Please** bag, burn, or remove leaves from last fall. Not cleaning them up detracts from the beauty of our neighborhood. For Safety Reasons, PLEASE do not discard grass clippings from the lawn mower into the street. This is dangerous for traffic and pedestrians. Wet grass/leaves and wet asphalt pavements do not mix!

**Burning:** Is allowed every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 8:00am until dusk. Burning is NOT allowed on holidays. Leaves and yard waste ONLY. Garbage or anything that produces black smoke should not be allowed. To report someone in violation, contact Sangamon County Sheriff's Department (non-emergency), 217-753-6666. PLEASE NOTE: Branch pickup is the 3rd Monday every month.

**Stickers for Leaf Pickup** or excess refuse may be purchased at True Value on Stevenson Drive

**Please refrain from parking your automobile in your front yard.**

**Trash Cans:** On trash pick-up days, your trash cans should be moved home-side and off the street after your trash pickup.

**A Note on Safety:** If you see something, say something! Please report criminal activity to the Sangamon County Sheriff.

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### What is the Laketown Association?

The Association is formed of residents, businesses, churches, and other members who work for the improvement of the neighborhood known as "Laketown". Our boundaries are Westlake Dr, Stevenson Dr, the railroad on our west border, and I-55/I-72 on the south. Neighborhood improvement shall include, but not necessarily be limited to the promotion of public safety, the fostering of a positive environment, the encouragement of mutually beneficial social activities, and the preservation and beautification of the neighborhood character and environment.

### Who can become a Member?

Membership in the Association shall be open to all adult residents of Laketown, non-resident property owners of residential property, and businesses, corporations, partnerships, and not-for-profit corporations located in or near Laketown, supportive of the purpose of the Association.

### How are membership dues used?

- \* Spring and Fall Area Wide Garage Sale advertising and signs
- \* Printing and mailing newsletters to Laketown homes
- \* Annual area-wide clean up days
- \* Curb appeal contest with awards
- \* Holiday Lights contest with awards
- \* National Night Out activities
- \* Easter activities for our kids
- \* Neighborhood Watch Activities & More

## *Animal Rescue Donations*

Laketown Association has expanded outreach efforts to our residents by promoting *Animal Rescue Donations* for our Sangamon County Sheriff K-9 Unit and the Illinois Humane rescue. Illinois Humane is involved with animal abuse investigations, and criminal prosecutions, as well as pet adoption and pet fostering. We have Board approval to match the first \$500 in donations received as a starting point. Your donation amount can be added to your annual dues payment using the membership form below. When writing your check to pay membership dues, please make a notation of the amount of your donation.

**For example:** *Dues Residential \$20.00 + \$15.00 animal rescue donation, then write your check total for \$35.00*

Please contact us at [laketownneighborhoodassn@gmail.com](mailto:laketownneighborhoodassn@gmail.com) if you have questions.

**We Love Our Fur Babies!** Keep our neighborhood and our fur babies safe. Be kind and responsible pet owners and curb your pets when outside of the yard. Practice good manners when walking and remember that Springfield IL Code of Ordinances do apply in Laketown.

## JOIN THE LAKETOWN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

The present Association was founded in 1980 and has been effective for many years since. Neighborhood associations are successful when neighbors share dreams and visions, when they feel empowered to pursue shared goals, and when they are active in pursuing them. If you live in Laketown, but have not been a part of that process, please consider becoming a member and be a part of continuing to make Laketown a great place to live.

We invite you to become a member of the Association, and are looking for individuals who want to be a part of improving our community and who have creative ideas to engage others.

### 2023 Laketown Association Membership Form

The membership year begins in December. Membership dues are paid annually.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership dues:**

*Please circle one!!*

Residential

\$ 20.00

Seniors 65 or older

\$15.00

Made payable to:

**Laketown Association  
PO Box 2543  
Springfield IL, 62708**

Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Important Reference Numbers and Websites

Animal Control  
217-535-3065  
[www.co.sangamon.il.us](http://www.co.sangamon.il.us)

Department of Public Health 217-535-3100  
[www.scdph.org](http://www.scdph.org)

Sangamon County Code of Ordinances  
[www.municode.com](http://www.municode.com)

Animal Registration  
217-535-3101  
[www.co.sangamon.il.us](http://www.co.sangamon.il.us)

Ameren 800-755-5000  
[www.ameren.com](http://www.ameren.com)

Property Tax Information  
217-747-5180  
[tax.co.sangamon.il.us](http://tax.co.sangamon.il.us)

Sangamon County Sheriff  
217-753-6666 (non-emergency)  
[www.sangamoncounty-sheriff.com](http://www.sangamoncounty-sheriff.com)

CWLP Electric Service 217-789-2323  
(Emergencies/Outages)

Report trees in conflict with power lines  
217-789-2121

Woodside Township 217-522-3712

**2023 Laketown Association  
Board Officers**

Ken Elmore - President

VACANT – Vice President

Melanie Trimm – Secretary

Pat Haynes – Treasurer

**Laketown Association Board  
Members**

Vicki Jones

Brad Skinner

Trevor Cottle

Diana Celano

Betsy Elmore



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**2023 Holiday Lights Contest**

‘Tis the season for holiday spirit and merriment!  
Prizes will be awarded.

*Judging will take place on December 11, 2023*

***Drainage Ditch Cleaning and Maintenance***

Drainage issues cost heavily! Consider the labor, machinery, time and money spent for Woodside to clean out the drainage ditches. They clean it and residents fill it back up.

Please continue to do your part to keep the ditch on your property free of debris, lawn cuttings, and burn residue. If you put stuff in there, it is your responsibility to clean it out. Please clean out debris that you have allowed to accumulate in your ditch. After Woodside has completed the cleanout project, please keep these draining ditches open moving forward.

**Join us on the 4th Tuesday of each  
month (January-October) at 6:00pm**

**Concordia Lutheran Church  
2300 E. Wilshire Rd. (basement)**

**Contact Us**

New Email Address:

[laketownneighborhoodassn@gmail.com](mailto:laketownneighborhoodassn@gmail.com)

And on **NextDoor.com**:

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