

# Laketown Neighborhood Association

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## Mark Your Calendar

### Your Neighborhood Association Has Been Busy!

We have lots of events planned for this year, so please mark your calendar and plan to join us!

### Exciting News:

We have been meeting with the Village of Southern View to join together for community events. This will be a first for us and we are hoping our residents will be able to attend.

### MAY EVENTS

**Saturday, May 17th, 9:00am-11:00am in the Magro's Meat Processing parking lot at 3150 Stanton St., SHRED EVENT**

Securely shred your old documents and files! We are asking for donations to benefit Concordia Lutheran Food Pantry and Summer School Program's wish list. We are accepting donations as follows:

- Canned Vegetables: fruit, tuna, chicken, or any other canned items
- Non-perishable food items: Boxed or envelope-style, or pancake mix
- Snack items for Summer School: Pretzels, crackers, juice pouches, teddy grahams, marshmallows, kool-aid, or any other kid-friendly non-perishable items
- Monetary donations will be accepted as well.

**Sunday, May 31st, noon-3:00pm – Public Meeting with Sangamon County to Discuss Neighborhood Concerns**

Sheriff Crouch has accepted our invitation and will be in attendance, along with Officer Osmer. This is a public meeting for all Laketown residents.

*(See More 2025 Events continued on Page 2)*

*A Good Neighbor is a Blessing from Above*

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## More 2025 Events

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### JUNE EVENTS

Saturday, June 7th (Rain date June 14th), **LAKETOWN AREA-WIDE GARAGE SALES**

We will post advertising for this event.

Saturday, June 14th—**Cops and Bobbers**, to be held at Southern View Park from 9:00am-11:00am

This is a Free event and parents are welcome to attend. There is no age limit. No fishing license is required for this day. We will have registration forms available to be completed by individuals interested in attending, so we can turn them in to Southern View. Drinks and chips will be provided. If you have a favorite fishing chair, feel free to bring it along.

Monday-Friday, June 16th-June 20th, **Large Item Pickup**

Please have your items out by the curb before 6:00am on Monday morning. Do not exceed a 10x10 foot area on your property. Items that will NOT be accepted include box springs, mattresses, appliances, paints or stains, tires, cardboard, yard waste, or electronics of any kind.

**CURB APPEAL CONTEST—WATCH FACEBOOK AND NEXT DOOR FOR CONTEST DATES**

### JULY EVENTS

Saturday, July 5th—**Fourth of July Celebration** at Southern View Park, event time TBA

Updates will be posted on Facebook or Nextdoor, so watch for the time to be announced at a later date. Parking will be available on the Park grounds. Food and drinks will be provided. Live music with fireworks after dark. Seating will be limited, so you may want to bring a lawn chair.

### AUGUST EVENTS

Tuesday, August 5th—**National Night Out**, 5:00pm-8:00pm at Southern View Park. Parking will be available on the grounds. Food, drinks, and music will be provided, along with a lot of different activities. Seating will be limited, so you may want to bring a lawn chair.

### AND AS A REMINDER

**Your Neighborhood Association** meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month, 6:00pm-8:00pm, January-October at Concordia Lutheran Church, located at 2300 E. Wilshire Rd (basement). We hope to see you there!

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### IN OTHER NEWS

Just wanted to take a minute to showcase our **Little Free Library** for those of you who have no knowledge of it's existence. Located at the corner of Sheridan and Grant St, in the triangle, and there is also one in the 2500 block of Devonshire Rd. We would love to see them getting some use. Nick put a lot of time and effort into building our libraries for the neighborhood. Feel free to donate a book or borrow a book at any time.



**We Love Our Fur Babies!** Keep our neighborhood and our fur babies safe. Be kind and responsible pet owners and restrain your pets on a leash when outside of the yard. No animal should be allowed to roam outside of the yard without being properly leashed. Practice good manners when walking and remember that Springfield IL Code of Ordinances DO APPLY in Laketown. There are ongoing issues with unleashed pets lately and several attacks have occurred that could have been prevented.

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# 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.

## 2025 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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## 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)

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

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

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### SAFETY FYI

We have two schools (Concordia Lutheran Church and Laketown Elementary) located in our neighborhood. Speed enforcement is the same for our neighborhood as it is in the city on school days when children are present. **Reduce your speed** when you see children present on our streets and stop for school buses that are picking up and dropping off children.

**2025 Laketown Association  
Board Officers**

Lorrie Miller - President

Brad Skinner– Vice President

Pat Haynes – Treasurer

Melanie Trimm – Secretary

**Laketown Association Board  
Members**

Jerry Armstead

Diana Celano

Christina Cottle

Trevor Cottle

Catherine Diczban

Betsy Elmore

Ken Elmore

Vick Jones



**Important Reminders**

**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 VEHICLES IN YOUR FRONT YARD.**

*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.

**Contact Us**

**Email Address:**

**laketownassn@yahoo.com**

And on **NextDoor.com:**

Search “Neighborhood:  
Laketown, Springfield IL”



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