



## Dear Neighbor,

I am proud to serve as your representative on the Lake County Board. Our board has been working hard to ensure that Lake County residents and businesses have access to the resources they need to help get them through the COVID-19 pandemic.

In May, the Lake County Board created the Financial and Administrative Special Committee on COVID-19 Recovery. I am intimately involved in the decision-making process regarding the distribution of more than \$120 million in federal relief funds that Lake County has received to allocate for programs like rental and utility assistance, small business assistance and more.

## Sign Up for my E-Newsletter

I send out an e-newsletter twice a month full of the latest county news and information. To sign up, email me at [smhart@lakecountyil.gov](mailto:smhart@lakecountyil.gov) or text "Lake Hart" followed by your email address to 468311.

I hope that you and your loved ones have stayed healthy and safe during these unprecedented times. Please know that the Lake County Board will continue to work hard for you. If there's anything I can do for you, feel free to contact me any time at [smhart@lakecountyil.gov](mailto:smhart@lakecountyil.gov).

Take care,

Sandy Hart  
Lake County Board Chair



**Lake County Forest Preserves**

[www.LCFPD.org](http://www.LCFPD.org)



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# Grants for Small Businesses

The Lake County Board invites small businesses in Lake County that have been negatively impacted by COVID-19 to apply online for grants of up to \$30,000 to help cover rent or mortgage payments, utility costs and other expenses. A total of \$10 million is allocated to be awarded through this program. The application deadline is July 20. To learn more about this program and to apply, visit [lakecountyil.gov/forward](https://lakecountyil.gov/forward).



# Financial Help for Residents

To date, the County Board has allocated \$5 million for rental and utility assistance and \$2 million for food needs throughout the county. Residents may soon apply for assistance through local social service organizations and townships. Information about how and when to apply will be posted on [lakecountyil.gov/forward](https://lakecountyil.gov/forward) when it is available.

# Open Does Not Mean Over

While Illinois businesses are reopening with restrictions and many activities are resuming, it's important to remember that COVID-19 is still with us. Please keep doing what you can to protect yourself and others from the virus. Wash your hands often, wear a face covering in public, social distance, and stay home if you're feeling sick. We're all in this together!

**Stay Informed:** Visit Lake County's coronavirus website at [lakecountyil.gov/coronavirus](https://lakecountyil.gov/coronavirus) to stay up to date with the latest developments, where to get tested, resources for getting or offering help, and a data hub with a trove of statistics related to COVID-19 cases in Lake County.

