



**Dear Neighbor,**

I am proud to serve as your representative on the Lake County Board. Please know the Board is working tirelessly for you, providing resources to ensure Lake County is a safe, healthy and vibrant place to live and work. If there's anything I can do for you, contact me any time at [twilke@lakecountyil.gov](mailto:twilke@lakecountyil.gov).

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# Lake County: Working for You

The Lake County Board works for you. Look at some of the work the County has done and the priorities set going forward to provide exceptional, fiscally responsible services in Lake County.

## Protecting the Environment

- Commercial property owners will be able to utilize a commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy Program, which give incentives to make energy efficient improvements for their business. The County will advocate with the State to make available a residential PACE program.
- Funding was provided and included in the FY2022 budget to hire a sustainability program manager for Lake County.
- Beginning Jan. 1, 2023, single-use plastics associated with service ware, eating, and drinking, will no longer be purchased, sold, or distributed within Lake County government operations and many County government sites.
- The County has set goals within government operations to take action that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions and divert recyclables and organics from our waste stream.

## Showing Fiscal Responsibility

- The Lake County Board approved a \$602.8 million Fiscal Year 2022 Budget, a balanced budget that reflects the recovery of revenues back to pre-pandemic levels allowing the County to fund current operations and invest in needed building improvements and technology
- The County works hard to hold the county government tax rate flat as we continue to wage battles against inflation and the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Lake County has been challenged due to the pandemic to do more with less and continues to explore opportunities for shared services both internally and externally with other government bodies.

## Improving Transportation

- The County adopted a four cent per gallon local county motor fuel tax that will address the \$1.7 billion backlog in transportation projects to reduce congestion, reduce carbon emission and improve safety. This will leverage millions in State and Federal transportation dollars in matching funds.
- We are proud to dedicate 100% of the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) ¼ percent sales tax to transportation, and we're seeing the results of this revenue source with many completed projects and new projects underway.
- Ride Lake County will offer the first-ever borderless paratransit system in Lake County, ensuring residents that need it most can get throughout all areas in the county.

## Recovering Through the COVID-19 Pandemic

- Lake County distributed more than \$121 million in federal CARES Act funds to help us recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, providing rental and utility assistance, small business grants, and support towards the Health Department response, including operating the mass vaccination clinics.
- Through the American Rescue Plan Act, Lake County can disperse \$135.2 million in federal funds on needs that will improve lives and make the County more resilient to future challenges.
- Lake County vaccine providers have administered over one million doses of the COVID-19 vaccine to Lake County residents. There are over 200 sites throughout the County, so residents can explore their options for vaccination.