



**Dear Neighbor,**

As your County Board Member, I work for you. I'm proud to be part of a board that is committed to taking meaningful action to continue making Lake County a great place to live, work and visit.

**Open Office Hours**

It is important to me that I help you stay informed of news and events in Lake County and to make sure I am aware of your concerns, questions and ideas. I invite you to meet with me during my open office hours. Please stop by and invite a neighbor to join you!

**Lake Bluff Public Library Spruth Room**

Thursday, Sept. 22, 12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Warren Newport Public Library Study Room 6**

Wednesday, Sept. 21, 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**Ride Lake County**

Our borderless, countywide transportation service for seniors and people with disabilities is up and running! This partnership between Lake County and Pace Suburban Bus is a critical program enabling people to get to work, doctor's appointments, and shopping. For more information, including how to sign up, please visit our website at [lakecountyil.gov/563](http://lakecountyil.gov/563)

Sandy Hart  
Lake County Board Chair



**Lake County Forest Preserves**

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



**Sandy Hart**

**Lake County Board Chair, District 13**

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Join me, fellow Forest Preserve Commissioner Paras Parekh, and Forest Preserve staff to learn about the negative impacts of buckthorn on local ecosystems and how important it is to remove this invasive shrub and replace it with native plantings.

**Wednesday, September 28**  
**6:30 pm - 8:30 pm**  
**Lake Bluff Community Room**  
**45 East Center Ave., Lake Bluff**

# Your County Board At Work

I'm proud of our accomplishments. Here are just some examples of our work so far:

## Our Quality of Life

- Working with State's Attorney's Office, law enforcement and community partners to combat gun violence
- Protecting homes and businesses from flooding in partnership with government agencies and Stormwater Management Commission
- Increasing investment in infrastructure to attract and retain businesses and reduce traffic congestion
- Expanding our bike paths across Lake County for greater recreation and connectivity

## Helping Our Neighbors

- Providing rental and utility assistance to keep families in their homes
- Helping small businesses recover from the COVID-19 pandemic
- Launching the countywide paratransit program for seniors and people with disabilities
- Expanding mental health first aid training for community members
- Opening a drop-off center for people experiencing mental health crisis

## Our Environment:

- Created a climate action plan
- Developed a solar energy initiative to increase solar power across the county.
- Passed a clean air ordinance to restrict the burning of grass and leaves
- Procured grants toward construction of Net-Zero buildings
- Eliminated single-use plastics in county operations
- Successfully advocated to be the first county in the state schedule to have electric PACE buses