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Hello Lakeside! The falling leaves turned into falling snow in the blink of a 14617 eye. Winter always sneaks up on me like that here on the southern coast of Lake Ontario.

I wanted to provide some info and updates that may be of interest to my fellow Lakesiders:

- (1) Facebook page is growing
- (2) Deer feeding, reporting to DEC
- (3) Sidewalk plowing
- (4) Waste hauler districts
- (5) Community Choice Aggregation for your electricity
- (6) Food donations
- (7) Winter social

This is a lengthy update. Here we go!



(1) **Facebook page is growing.** We've had more activity than ever on our Lakeside Facebook page and are up to 224 members. It's been a great venue for neighbors to communicate about Lakeside topics. The conversations have been positive and we've tried to keep the page as commercial-free as possible. Join at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Lakeside/>.



(2) **Deer feeding, reporting to the DEC.** Many of you have asked me what can be done to stop neighbors from the well-meaning (but harmful and dangerous) practice of baiting disease-carrying and vehicle-strike-prone deer. I communicated with the NY State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and they recommended the following: [Please notify your local DEC Region 8 office in Avon, NY with the information you would like to share with them so they can send someone to look into and take care of this matter.](#) We do feel it is our responsibility to inform the public about

the negative impacts of feeding deer and provide that information on our website (<https://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/7197.html>). The process in making DEC aware of your findings is sending an email ([Wildlife@dec.ny.gov](mailto:Wildlife@dec.ny.gov)) with the information that we can forward to your local office or by calling them at 585-226-2466.



(3) **Sidewalk plowing.** Hats off to our tireless Dept of Public Works (DPW) crews for all they do! Ever wonder why some sidewalks are plowed by the Town and others are not? Turns out your street has to petition the Town for sidewalk plowing. Read more at <https://www.irondequoit.org/town-departments/public-works/17-departments/96-sidewalks>. I know at least one street in Lakeside is looking to petition for sidewalk plowing.



(4) **Waste hauler district.** One residential waste hauler for Lakeside? I'm intrigued at the possibility and associated benefits. I think this is something to look into which could lead to fewer garbage trucks on the road, less wear on roads, one garbage day per week, more efficient truck routes, and lower prices! Check out a story on the topic at <https://www.rochesterfirst.com/news/local-news/local-towns-helping-communities-create-refuse-districts/>.



(5) **Community Choice Aggregation for your electricity.** Did you make it to one of the sessions that the Town hosted recently? There are more info sessions coming up in Brighton as this is a partnership between Brighton, Irondequoit, and Pittsford.



(6) **Food donations.** Led by Lakesider Mary Garfield, we are looking at putting together another food drive for the Irondequoit Community Cupboard in January. Stay tuned and reply if you'd like to help with the initiative.



(7) **Winter social.** I have been in contact with leaders from surrounding neighborhood associations Maywood, Seneca, and Summerville to put together a joint-neighborhood party at St. Paul Exempt soon. Stay tuned for details and reply if you'd like to assist with the planning.

Whew! That was quite a bit of updates. Thanks for reading, thanks for paying attention, and thanks for all you do for each other as neighbors here in our great community.

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