

Public Comment on Item 54

Received from: Jim Bolker
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Subject: Open Burning Ban Item 54

Hello,

I am requesting that you continue to impose the ban on burning of open fires in Lake County as issued by the Countryside Fire Protection District which now expires on July 15, 2020. I live in Long Grove and open burning is allowed in the village under specific circumstances. I am a senior and my children suffer from asthma.

The CDC has stated that open burning with its particulate and ash is a hazard to these people. The rationale of not burning during the Covid 19 pandemic is in play now just as much as it was several months ago. The crisis has not abated and Illinois is still not back to normal with most areas requiring face masks. To again begin burning is to again create a serious hazard to everyone's health in the county.

Death from COPD is the third leading cause of mortality in the world and between 16-24 million citizens suffer from COPD in the United States. This affects between 5-7% of the US population. In Lake County that would be about 35-50,000 people. It is an environmentally harmful practice and unless required because of land management and flood control should not be permitted unless absolutely necessary. There are many other ways to dispose of brush and natural waste. I ask that you consider continuing the temporary ban and work toward an environmentally friendly and citizen safe solution to this issue.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Jim Bolker