Lake County Tax Map: The Basics

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HUMANIZING THE HEADSET

Topics

- Municipalities
- Taxpayer info
- Aerial views
- Road maintenance

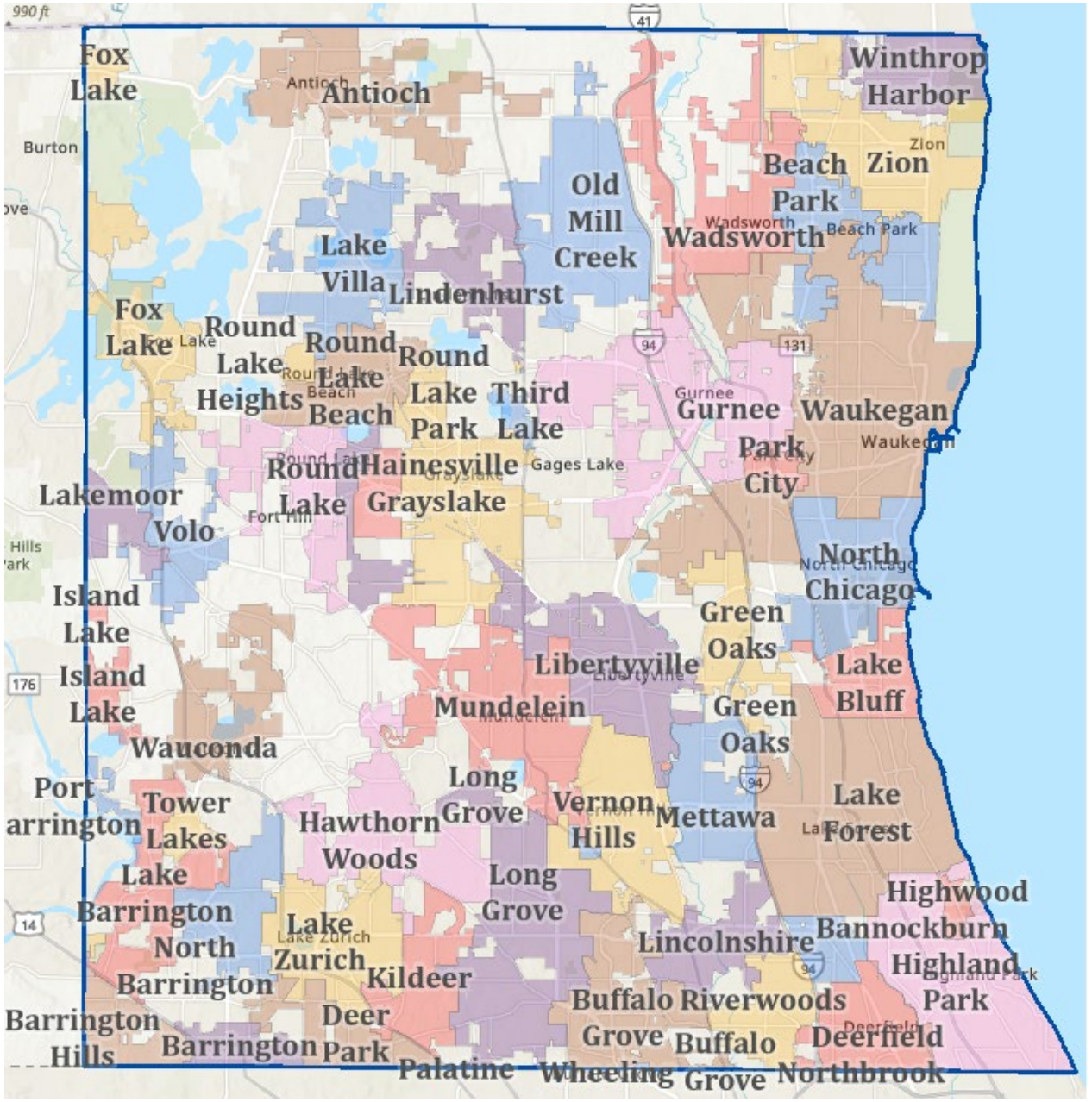
WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

The Lake County Tax Map is a robust mapping system containing dozens of useful features depending on your need. The most commonly-used features for TC's include:

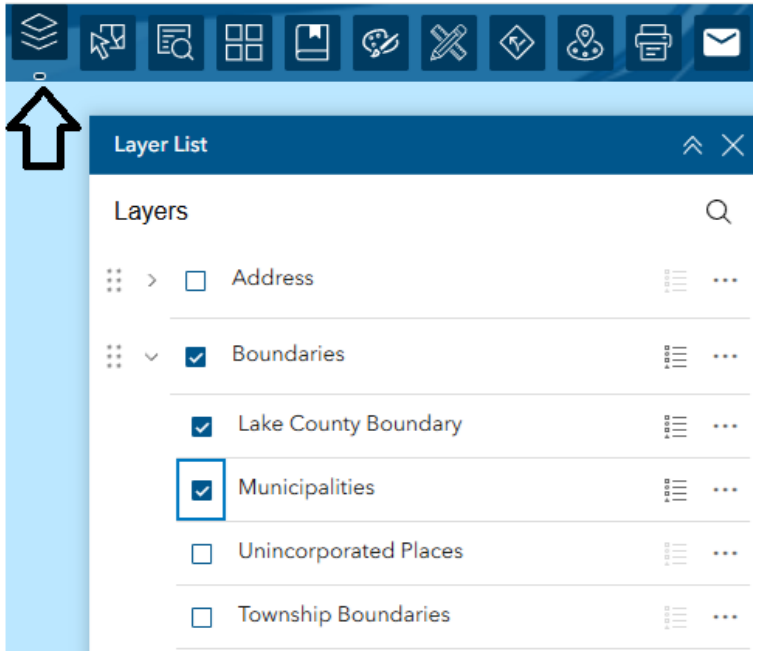
- Municipality boundaries
- Taxpayer information
- Aerial map views
- Road maintenance jurisdictions

This map is free to use and is accessible to the general public. Info contained here is **not** privileged.

Let's go over how to access and use these features.



i. MUNICIPALITIES



To access the tax map, visit and bookmark:

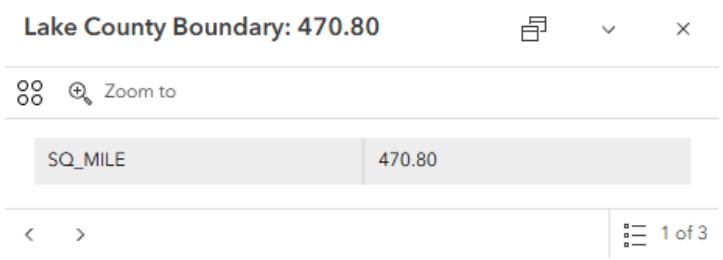
https://maps.lakecountyil.gov/mapsonline/

A pop-up window will appear that says *Graphic Information System* on top. Feel free to read it, or just hit "OK" at the bottom.

On the upper righthand side of the toolbar, hit the LAYER LIST (shown in image).

Expand BOUNDARIES and select LAKE COUNTY BOUNDARY and MUNICIPALITIES. Boundaries are now displayed using different colors and will look like the map on the previous page.

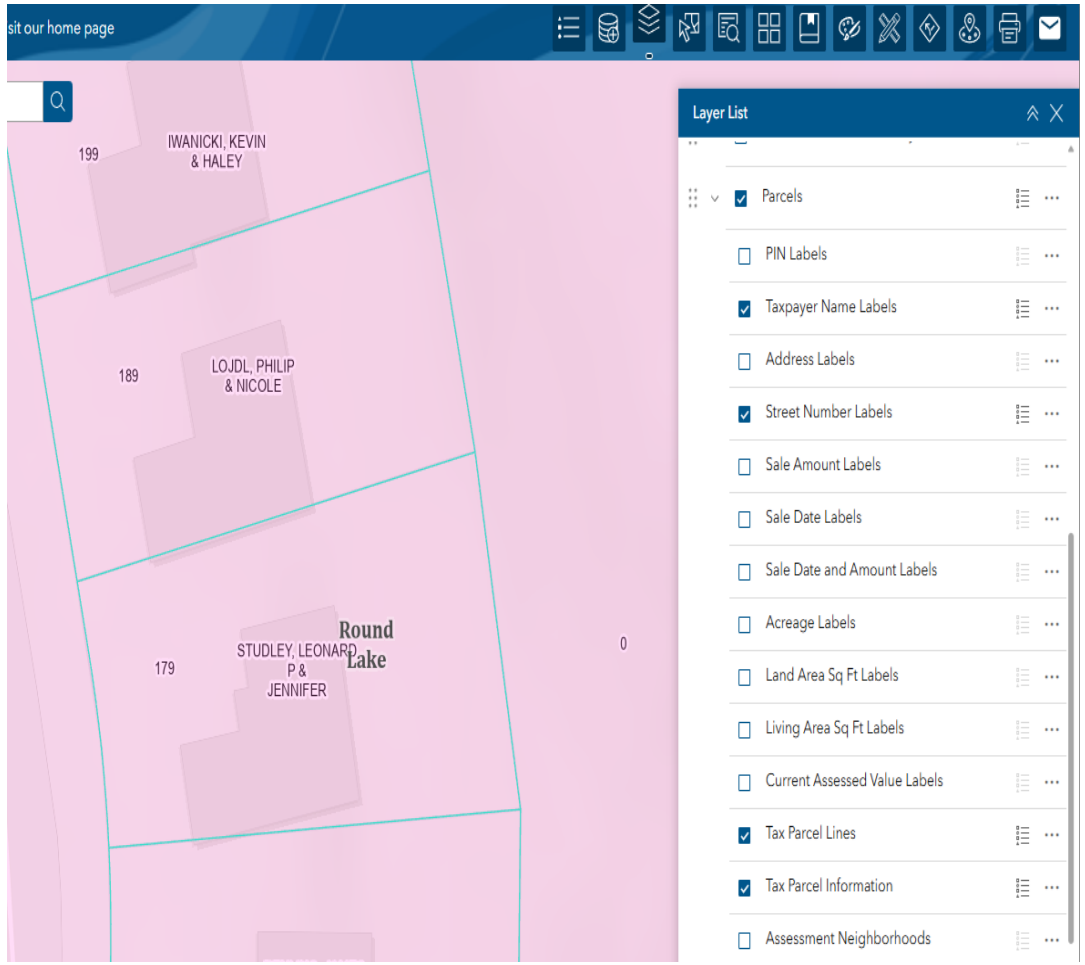
ii. TAXPAYER INFO



In the search bar on the upper left, type 179 Blue Heron Ct, Round Lake. The same address may exist elsewhere in the county, so scan the results to make sure you're selecting the appropriate one .

The search result will appear as a pin on the map. Click on the pin, and a new box will appear on the lower left side of the screen, with a menu on the bottom right of it. You'll see a few options, including TAX PARCEL INFO… Click clicking that will show you who the taxpayer is.

You can scroll through to find info on township, school district, PD/FD/EMS districts, Tax Bill, elected official info, etc. Recently sold properties may take a few weeks to reflect new owner details.

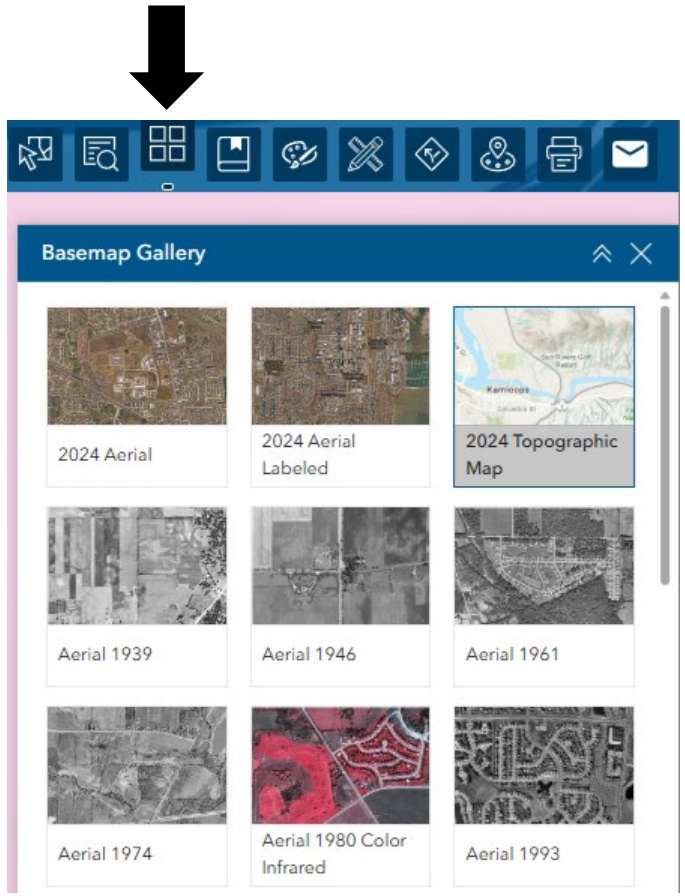


Something new in this version in the PARCEL layer in the LAYER LIST. Some of the most helpful are going to be:

- TAXPAYER NAME LABELS
  - If you're just looking for the taxpayer, this is the quickest route.
- ADDRESS LABELS
  - This gives you the numerics and street name – helpful if you're looking at a building on a corner, otherwise;
- STREET NUMBER LABELS
  - Just provides the address number. It makes it for a less cluttered view.

Zooming in will help it look less cluttered.

iii. Aerial Views



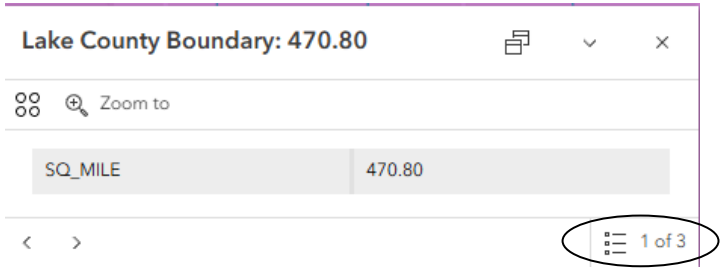
In the same toolbar on the top right of the website, click on the BASEMAP GALLERY tab, which looks like a window. (See image)

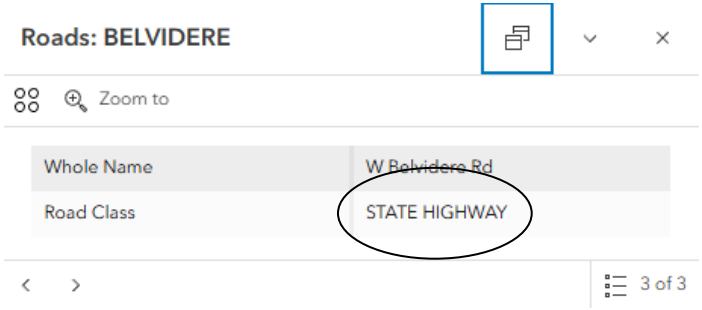
The default view is the Topographic Map. The aerial view is helpful; however, it can make it difficult to see the other information you may be looking for. It might be easier to use Google Maps for your aerial view, and if imagery is what you're looking for, sometimes Google Maps may have a more updated map. The current aerial map is from 2024.

As you can see, there is a wide range of different map views and types, with an aerial view dating back to 1939, and atlas maps back to 1873! It's actually pretty cool to check out how your service area has changed over time. Go ahead… get your nerd on!

Important: don't refresh the page to get back to the default Topographic Map, or you will lose your existing settings. Just manually select the Topographic Map instead.

iV. Road Maintenance





Go back to your LAYER LIST and scroll almost all the way down until you find TRANSPORTATION. Select and expand it. Before moving on, look at your current map view so you can see how the changes you make are going to affect your view.

Next, click ROAD LABELS and ROADS. You'll notice it makes the street names larger and bolder, and the roads are now highlighted as well.

Using R12 x R120 in Lakemoor as an example, click anywhere on R120. The same box where taxpayer info was will appear. Click on the same menu at the bottom right, then click ROADS. You'll see the road class is STATE HIGHWAY (IDOT).

TIPS

1. The tax map provides an excellent opportunity to expand your jurisdictional knowledge and know where to properly transfer calls that are in motion. While it may be leaving *your* jurisdiction, it may only briefly be in the next jurisdiction – meaning by the time you give all the info to that agency, it may already be in another jurisdiction, possibly back in a jurisdiction your agency dispatches for as well. Always think "bigger picture" for rolling calls.
    a. For example, you have a DUI travelling NB on R45 from Peterson in Libertyville. Once it hits the Metra viaduct, it becomes LCSO jurisdiction; *however*, just north of there, past the Does Motel, it very quickly becomes Grayslake's jurisdiction. So, before LCSO even has the chance to create the call, it's likely already in Grayslake.
    b. Another example is WB 14 from Kelsey in North Barrington. Same as before, the vehicle will be in McHenry County before LCSO can create the call, so transferring to Fox River Grove would make more sense.
    c. Eliminating an unnecessary transfer keeps a caller from becoming frustrated and uncooperative, and saves invaluable seconds when time is of the essence.

THANK YOU!

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