

LINCOLNWOOD CONNECTIONS



March/April 2022

Village of Lincolnwood

Pool and Summer Camp Registration

The Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Department is always planning and preparing for the next season. Summer programs and events begin in June, but registration for camps, pool passes, swim lessons, swim team and diving lessons is now open. The Parks and Recreation Department offers a variety of program, camp and pool pass options for everyone.

Proesel Park Aquatic Center pool passes went on sale to residents on February 4, 2022 and will continue throughout the summer. In addition to pool pass renewals, first time pass purchases are also available online. We now offer the ability to purchase a youth individual pass for those age two to twelve,

however, youth may still only enter the pool with an adult. Additionally, you may also add a Care pass to any youth or family pass. The Care pass is designed to allow families and pass holders to purchase a pass for a care provider and may be transferable for up to two people. The Care pass is only permitted when present with the family or youth pass holder with which it is associated. The Proesel Park Aquatic Center opens on Saturday, May 28, 2022 and will close for the season on Monday, September 5, 2022.



Summer Camp registration opened to residents on Monday, February 21, 2022. Day camps will begin on Monday, June 13, 2022, offering eight weeks of regular session and two weeks of extended camp (Last Hurrah). All camps are offered Monday through Friday, with both full and half day options for participants ages three to thirteen.

Specialty camps are back by popular demand! Parks and Recreation is offering both new and established specialty camps in 2022. Specialty camps include volleyball, cheer, soccer, mobile app development, and more. Registration for all summer camp options is available online at www.lincolnwoodil.org, in person at the Lincolnwood Community

Center, mail-in, or email at recreation@lwd.org.

Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation is hiring! We are currently hiring energetic and enthusiastic staff to work in our summer camps and at the Proesel Park Aquatic Center. Working for Parks and Recreation can be so much more than a job! It's a place where you can make a difference in the lives of others and makes memories to last a lifetime. If interested, please apply at www.lincolnwoodil.org/employment.

Inside this Issue



President's Message

My fellow residents,

We had a busy first year as a Board, and we have already put together a heavy agenda for ourselves in 2022. We are working on our first budget as a group which will also be the last of its kind as we work to perform a fiscal year change to match the calendar year. The Service First agenda is being met with a staffing review and adjustments as well as software upgrades which, together with our new website, will allow for a more dynamic and user-friendly online experience including permit applications and reviews, program administration, and better presentation of information. If you have not visited the new website be sure to check it out at www.lincolnwoodil.org.



Mayor Patel Enjoying a Workout During a Sub-Zero Morning

We will continue our systematic zoning code review, which in 2021 included the review of Gaming and Cannabis uses, the floor area ratio limit, hardship standards, and other important regulations which affect our residents and business community. With the support of the Plan Commission, we will take up additional zoning code updates with a focus on the table of permitted and special uses in business districts as well as required buffers between commercial and residential zoned properties.

We will utilize our volunteer community and professional staff to enhance our environment through beautification and preservation. Specifically, I aim to work with the staff and volunteers of Lincolnwood's Environmental Commission, the Parks and Recreation Board, as well as the City of Chicago and MWRD to clean up the area adjacent to the North Shore Channel. We will also work to improve pedestrian safety in Centennial Park, maintain and enhance our public art display, and replace the signage at Proesel Park. Our efforts to create a Dog Park and a new pedestrian bridge over the North Shore Channel at Pratt will continue as well.

As we look to secure the assistance of a professional advocate, the members of the Village Board continue to serve as a loud voice for Lincolnwood in Springfield and Washington. I will join several of our Trustees in Springfield this March to attend the Illinois Municipal League's annual outreach event with the Illinois Legislature. With our strong relationships with State Senator Villivalam and State Representative Wang Stoneback, we know that we will have an impact on this year's Legislative Session.

Tucker Development's District 1860 construction is making great progress. The stormwater management system is fully installed as well as the foundation of the main building which will begin to rise in the spring to be the signature development of the vibrant Touhy commercial corridor.

The construction of the Amazon Fresh grocery store will also begin in the spring as we look forward to an opening in 2023. By the time they are done, our Community Development and Finance Departments will conduct over one thousand inspections and will issue millions in construction payments from the approved incentives.

This season, we had several snow events that challenged our residents, businesses, and Public Works Department alike. We are proud of our crews' excellent work, and residents' compliance with the alternate side parking program was a big help in getting the streets cleared. We as a Board are responsive to the needs of the public, so we reconsidered and approved snow and ice management of major sidewalks, a previously denied plan. We look forward to implementing sidewalk clearing as a pilot program beginning at the start of the 2022 winter season. This year, dangerously icy alley conditions, which we saw in January, warranted salting. At an upcoming meeting, we will therefore consider the management of our Village alleyways which are not programmed to be regularly treated with salt.

The construction to relocate the Community Development Department to its originally intended location in the main Village Hall building is nearing completion and will be the first step in ushering a new era of customer service in the Department. Our goal is to be the best-rated Department in the region. Staffing and software will help but we will also work hard to instill the mindset that all of the staff is expected to serve the public needs with attention, concern, and kindness.

Finally, planning for the new Lincolnwood Fest is underway. Thanks to our new event planning contract with Special Events Management we will make great strides to improve the offerings and experience of the Fest. The Parks Department also looks forward to improvements at the pool concession stand which Chicago's Fabulous Freddie's Restaurant operates. New equipment and operational improvements will allow for a better pool experience and offer an opportunity to grow the event programming options at Proesel Park.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jesal Patel".

Mayor Jesal Patel

"Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek." -Barack Obama



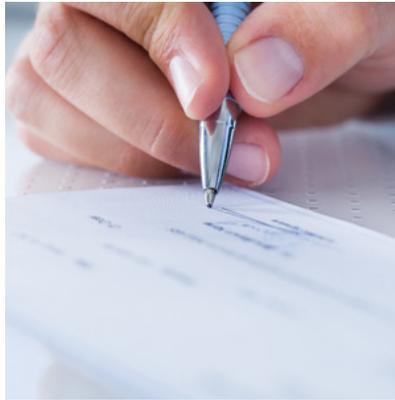
A Photo Taken by Mayor Patel of a Mural Along Irving Park Road, Created by Ryan Tova Katz

Village News

Check Washing Prevention

What is Check Washing?

Check washing is a form of fraud in which a legitimate check's information is erased chemically or electronically, allowing a criminal to rewrite the amount of the check and the name of the payee. Thieves take checks from a mailbox with the purpose of erasing details from the check. The newly blank check will allow thieves to rewrite the "Pay to the order of" to themselves. The check is then used to fraudulently withdraw funds from the victim's bank account.



How do thieves erase information?

The washing process is not especially difficult, although the results can vary widely. The check is typically placed in a pan that usually contains acetone (nail polish remover), paint thinner, or bleach. The chemical dissolves many types of ink found in standard ballpoint pens. Once the ink from the check has dissolved completely, the check is hung up to air dry. The result is a signed blank check, which the con artist can rewrite to suit his or her needs.

How can residents protect themselves from becoming a victim?

Unfortunately, the Lincolnwood Police Department has taken several reports of check fraud as a result of check washing. As an extra precaution, the Lincolnwood Police Department suggests residents write with secure ink that is not erasable. Gel pens are simple and effective in combatting check washing. In an effort to proactively assist our residents in preventing them from becoming victims, we have gel pens available to Lincolnwood residents for FREE at the police station. Please stop by at your convenience, say hi and pick up a secure-ink pen!



PFAS Detected in Water Supply

In 2021, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) began an ongoing sampling investigation of Perfluoroalkyls (PFAS) chemicals in community water supplies. PFAS are human-made chemicals that have been used in industrial and consumer products worldwide since the 1940s, such as non-stick pans, firefighting foams, and other water/oil resistant products.



Evanston results: The Village receives water from the City of Evanston, which performs the testing as they are a water production point. Illinois EPA testing determined that one PFAS chemical was detected in the City's drinking water just above its guidance level of 2.0 parts per trillion (ppt) – roughly equivalent to one drop in 20 Olympic-sized swimming pools. The levels detected for this chemical, PFOA (Perfluorooctanoic acid), were 2.2 ppt (9/2/2021), 2.3 ppt (11/16/2021), and 2.2 ppt (11/16/2021). These concentrations are well below the US EPA published Lifetime Health Advisory Level of 70 ppt.

Next steps: Evanston has informed their customers that they are following recommendations from the Illinois EPA and closely monitoring the latest health-based guidance. At this time, no enforceable federal or state drinking water standard, called a Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL, exists for PFAS chemicals. The Village will continue working with the City of Evanston to monitor these levels and follow the appropriate regulations.

Health Impacts: According to the EPA, "Exposure to PFAS does not necessarily mean that a person will get sick or experience an adverse health effect. Researchers continue working to fully understand the effects on human health. While research on the effects of PFAS exposure on human health is ongoing, current scientific studies have identified possible adverse health effects such as increased cholesterol levels, increased risk for thyroid disease, low infant birth weights, reduced response to vaccines, liver and kidney toxicity, and pregnancy-induced hypertension."

Learn more: Visit www.tinyurl.com/pfasEPA for more information from the EPA regarding PFAS.

Additional questions or comments should be directed to the Public Works Department at (847) 675-0888.

Village Hall Art Show

March Art Show

Throughout the month of March, Village Hall will be featuring the photography of Lincolnwood native Dale Wickum. Dale's artist statement is as follows:

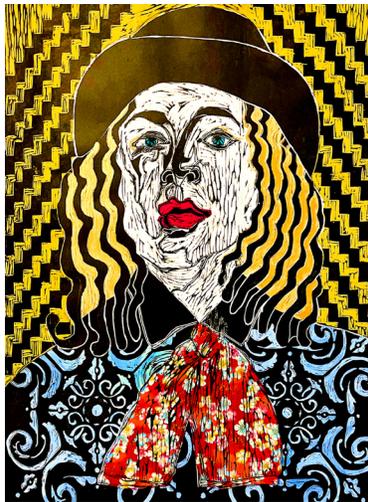


"During the years 1974, 1979, and 1980, I spent time riding the rails, documenting the vanishing and reclusive culture of American railroad tramps. My hope is that I've captured the essence of those who passed through life the hard way, overlooked and wary, and afforded them the dignity of being remembered for who they were, the last of a breed."

April Art Show

Throughout the month of April, Village Hall will be featuring the art of Robbie Malkin. Robbie's artist statement is as follows:

"I am drawn to the figure. Throughout my career as an art educator and artist I have used the figure as the subject in my work. I work in a variety of materials and processes, currently woodcut prints and ceramic sculpture. I use a type of wood called Shina. I cut away the negative areas and when printing add colored papers to areas which is called Chine Colle."



Union Pacific Path Cleanup

Do your part to keep Lincolnwood clean and green! Join the Environmental Commission on Sunday, March 27 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for a spring cleanup of the Union Pacific Path. Volunteers should meet on the Union Pacific Path near North Shore Avenue. Disposable gloves, trash grabbers, and bags will be provided. Volunteers should also wear comfortable clothes, old shoes or boots, and work gloves if you have them. The Commission looks forward to seeing you with family and friends, rain or shine!



Rescue Rangers

The Village is seeking volunteers for the Rescue Rangers program. This is a great opportunity to get involved in the community and provide help for those in need. The Rescue Rangers program is a resource for senior and disabled residents who lack the physical or financial ability to complete daily tasks such as shoveling snow, walking pets, or bringing out and returning garbage bins. Rescue Rangers is intended for local middle and high school students who have signed up to earn approximately \$10 per hour (the exact amount is negotiated between the resident and student).



If you are a local student interested in becoming a Rescue Ranger or if you are interested in hiring a Rescue Ranger, email cdick@lwd.org or call (847) 745-4717.

Sewer Repair and Flood Control Rebate Program

The Public Works Department would like to remind residents about the available sewer repair and flood control rebate programs. If your home experiences backups on your private, sanitary sewer line and repair or replacement of the line is necessary, you may qualify for the Village's Sewer Line Repair Rebate Program. The repair or replacement may be eligible for a rebate of up to \$2,000. In order to confirm whether the need for repair meets the program guidelines, the property owner will need to provide a copy of a sewer televising video taken by a private plumber.

In addition to the Sewer Line Repair Rebate Program, the Village also offers a Flood Control Rebate Program. The rebate is available to help residents make improvements to protect their property from major storm water events through the installation of overhead sewers and/or backflow check valves. This program offers a 50% match of the total project cost up to a maximum of \$2,000.

For those properties that experience rear yard flooding, the Village offers a rebate program to assist homeowners with drainage improvements. Each eligible homeowner is able to receive a rebate up to 50% of the project cost, not to exceed \$2,000. In the event multiple homeowners collaborate on a shared drainage project, each homeowner will be eligible for a rebate of 50% not to exceed \$2,500 of their portion of the overall project cost. Each shared drainage project is capped at \$10,000 in total reimbursements. Program funds are limited and the Village will fulfill requests on a first-come first-serve basis. For more information, or to apply, visit www.lincolnwoodil.org/rebates or call (847) 675-0888.

Public Works Reminders

Animal Control Program

The beginning of spring means wildlife is likely to find its way onto your property. The Village has an animal control cost sharing reimbursement program for possums, raccoons, and skunks. If you are encountering problems with any of these animals, please contact the Public Works Department at (847) 675-0888. The Village's contractor will make an appointment with the property owner to set up appropriate traps. The Village will process a reimbursement of 50% of the cost, up to \$200.00 for qualifying events.

Rat Control Program

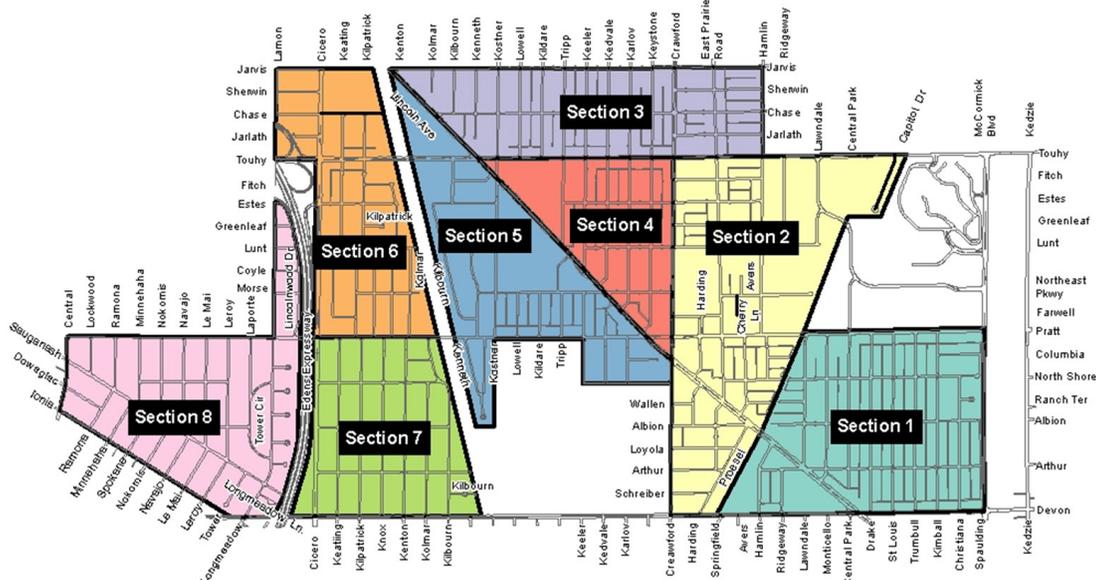
The Village's Rat Control Program is being offered as a method to reduce nuisance rats in neighborhoods. The purpose of the program is not to respond to rat sightings but treat the source of rats (rat burrows) on public or private property. If rat burrows are not present, the Village will not send its contractor. Residents can contact Public Works at (847) 675-0888 if rat burrows are spotted or have questions regarding this program. If the request meets the criteria of this program, this service will be offered at no cost to the resident. Please note this program is different from the existing rodent control program which treats skunks, raccoons, and possums as part of the Village's cost sharing program. The program is on hold through winter and will resume May 1, 2022.

Street Sweeping Reminder

Each year, the Public Works Department performs street sweeping throughout the Village to keep streets clean and prevent dirt and debris from entering the sewer system. Street sweeping is a two day process. Motorists should not park on the side of the street where street sweeping will occur that day. To receive a street sweeping reminder, please contact Public Works at (847) 675-0888 to have your name added to the email notification list.

Residents will have street sweeping performed every month on the same day of the week and will begin on April 5. The street sweeping schedule is listed below.

| Section | Sweeping Date |
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| Section 1 | First Tuesday & Wednesday of the Month |
| Section 2 | First Thursday & Friday of the Month |
| Section 3 | Second Tuesday & Wednesday of the Month |
| Section 4 | Second Thursday & Friday of the Month |
| Section 5 | Third Tuesday & Wednesday of the Month |
| Section 6 | Third Thursday & Friday of the Month |
| Section 7 | Fourth Tuesday & Wednesday of the Month |
| Section 8 | Fourth Thursday & Friday of the Month |



BUSINESS CONNECTIONS



District 1860 Update

As approved, the District 1860 project consists of approximately 85,000 square feet of commercial space with Fatpour Tap Works restaurant and craft beer/cocktail bar and Fat Rosie's Taco and Tequila bar, space for additional retail and service uses anchored by a 38,015 square foot Amazon Fresh grocery store, and 299 luxury residential apartments.

Construction began in the Fall of 2021 and has been steadily progressing. To begin the process, general contractor Power Construction and subcontractors demolished, excavated, and removed the remaining Purple Hotel foundations. Much of the initial site construction activity has been below ground utility work, including the installation of the StormTrap underground stormwater detention system below surface parking areas with reinforced concrete pipe connections to catch basins throughout the site.

Additional preparation for vertical construction has involved concrete pours for columns and foundation walls of both the mixed-use building at the corner of Lincoln Avenue and Touhy Avenue and the future Amazon Fresh grocery store building further west along Touhy Avenue.



Changes in Community Development

In January, the Village welcomed Joseph Wallace III to fill the newly created Building Official position within the Community Development Department. Joe is a licensed architect with more than 13 years of experience as a plans examiner for the Village of Buffalo Grove. He previously worked in the private sector for architectural firms and served in the United States Marine Corps.

Joe is here to help business and homeowners through the process of obtaining a building permit to improve their property. Joe's customer service philosophy is that through an understanding of one another's goals and needs we can help the resident, contractor or licensed design professional through the permit process and onto the path of creating a safe built environment.



Building Permit Process Updates and Analysis

The Community Development Department, and its Building Permit Counter, is moving into Village Hall from the space it currently shares with the Fire Department. The new office will be located opposite the Finance Department public counter making it easier for residents, contractors, and business owners to conduct all of their business with the Village in one stop.

The Village wants to improve the speed in which building permits and licenses are issued to better serve its customers. The Village is contracting with HR Green to review the permitting practices in order to outline the processes that are followed, find areas of improvement, and make recommendations to adjust practices going forward. It is anticipated that through this process the Village will be able to identify inefficiencies and create avenues to streamline processes.

When is a Building Permit Required?

As residents or businesses are considering property improvements, please apply for building permits when required by the Village Code to allow for review of safety and code compliance. The table below is intended to help determine when a building permit is and is not required.

| Building Permit Required | Building Permit Not Required |
|--|---|
| All electrical and plumbing work Air conditioning, heating, and water heaters Lawn sprinkler systems RPZ installation Flood control and drain tile Replacement windows and doors Awnings Driveways, sidewalks, and steps Replacement of kitchen cabinetry Any demolition Trees greater than 8 inches in diameter Fences and dog runs Garages and sheds Porches, decks, and patios Roofing, gutters, downspouts, and chimney work Illuminated and non-illuminated commercial signs Commercial Alarm Systems | Interior or exterior painting Changing ceiling tiles Carpeting, tile, or hardwood flooring cabinet faces or countertops Changing existing light fixtures Normal installation of household appliances Tuckpointing Garage doors and screen doors |



New Businesses

Forever Life Care

3924 W. Devon Avenue

Forever Life Care is a home health agency that recently opened an office in Lincolnwood.

Tuck One Tax

3924 W. Devon Avenue

Tuck One Tax provides accounting, tax, and payroll services.

ForeverYoung MedSpa

7350 N. Cicero Avenue

The mission of ForeverYoung MedSpa Health & Wellness is to restore, revitalize and rejuvenate your skin's appearance, health and function. Services offered include Botox, dermal fillers, microneedling, cool sculpting, emsulpt neo, and laser hair removal.

Onsite Health Care

7301 N. Lincoln Avenue

Onsite Healthcare provides mobile healthcare services.

AxleHire

7020 N. McCormick Boulevard

AxleHire provides driver supply and logistics for the last mile economy, engaging drivers and affording customers instant logistics scalability. Services include same-day, next-day, and freight delivery.

Gemini Labs

6416 N. Ridgeway Avenue

Gemini Labs is an outpatient medical lab providing testing services, including Covid Testing.

Autism Therapy Solutions

7300 N. Cicero Avenue

Autism Therapy Solutions is a therapy clinic that offers clients an individualized plan toward their specific needs. In addition they have a dedicated team that works closely with the parents, schools, and other providers to deliver the best results.

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Board and Commission Meetings

Village Board: 1st, 3rd Tuesday of the Month
Plan Commission: 1st Wednesday of the Month
Park and Recreation Board: 2nd Tuesday of the Month
Zoning Board of Appeals: 3rd Wednesday of the Month
Economic Development Commission: 4th Wednesday of the Month
Traffic Commission: 4th Thursday of the Month
Environmental Commission: 4th Monday of every other Month

Village Board meetings are held in the Council Chambers in Village Hall at 7:30 pm Please check the Village's website at www.lincolnwoodil.org for our most up to date Board and Commission meeting schedule, agendas, and minutes. To receive meeting agendas, send an e-mail to subscribe@lwd.org. All meetings listed above will be broadcast live on Comcast Channel 6, RCN Channel 49, AT&T U-Verse Channel 99. Live meetings are also available at www.lincolnwoodil.org/mediacenter, where you can also find them on-demand one week following the scheduled meeting. Every public meeting includes a "Public Comments" section in which the public can speak on a topic.

Village Hall Closings

Village Hall will be closed in observance of the following holidays:
Good Friday - April 15

Stay Connected

Do you know of all of the ways that you can stay in touch with the Village?

- Download our App – Visit the Apple Store or Google Play and search "Lincolnwood"
- Subscribe to Our Bi-Weekly E-Newsletter – Visit www.lincolnwoodil.org/getlincolnwoodlocal
- Register for our Reverse 9-1-1 Program – Visit <https://lincolnwoodil.org/reverse911>
- Subscribe to receive our Construction Updates - www.lincolnwoodil.org/getconstructionupdates
- Follow us on your favorite social media platform by searching for "Lincolnwood"

Keep in Touch

Have questions about a Village service? Contact us at one of the numbers below or follow us on social media.

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| Village Hall | (847) 673-1540 |
| Public Works | (847) 675-0888 |
| Community Development | (847) 673-7402 |
| Parks and Recreation | (847) 677-9740 |
| Police Non-Emergency | (847) 673-2167 |
| Fire Non-Emergency | (847) 673-1545 |
| Groot | (800) 244-1977 |