

# LINCOLNWOOD CONNECTIONS



May/June 2022

Village of Lincolnwood

## Parks and Recreation Gears Up for Summer

Summer is right around the corner and the Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Department has been hard at work to provide an array of programming and special events for residents and non-residents alike.

### Proesel Park Family Aquatic Center

The Proesel Park Family Aquatic Center is a membership-only facility. Village residents and guests of members/residents may pay a walk-in daily fee to enjoy the facility. Residents are welcome to register for season passes in-person and online. More information is available at [lincolnwoodil.org/pool](http://lincolnwoodil.org/pool).

### Summer Camps

Lincolnwood Summer Day Camps are back to enliven summer 2022. Campers will fill their days with swimming, sports, arts & crafts, STEM activities, and field trips. For more information visit [lincolnwoodil.org/summercamps](http://lincolnwoodil.org/summercamps).

### Summer Concert Series

Grab a lawn chair, a picnic basket, and enjoy music under the stars in Proesel Park - Lincolnwood's front lawn. These FREE concerts feature some of the best performers in the Chicago area! Concerts are held Thursday nights from 7:00 to 8:30 pm under the big white tent at Proesel Park.

### Summer Program Guide

For a complete guide to summer programming and special events, be sure to checkout the Summer Program Guide online at [lincolnwoodil.org/summerprograms](http://lincolnwoodil.org/summerprograms).



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# President's Message

## My fellow residents,

With winter behind us and the flowers already in bloom, summer seems almost right around the corner. Of course, we will have some Spring cleaning to do. In March, we had a group of residents, organized by the Environmental Commission and our staff, perform a clean-up of the Union Pacific Trail. It was a great success and more clean-up efforts will be scheduled for the future. I ask that we all do our part to keep Lincolnwood free of trash and debris. That stray mask or piece of litter that ends up in your yard or gutter will not just disappear, please put it in its place - in the trash. Our street and sewer maintenance programs will continue this year with work beginning soon and set to run through the summer. For details on the cleaning schedule, please visit [lincolnwoodil.org/streetsweeping](http://lincolnwoodil.org/streetsweeping).

We have been hard at work on the Lincolnwood Town Center Development concept plans. Though the mall went through foreclosure in 2021, it remains an active retail hub with over 75% occupancy and nearly 50 stores. Our planning efforts are aimed at securing a developer to transform the site, just as the mall did nearly 30 years ago. Speaking of transformative development, if you haven't been by the corner of Lincoln and Touhy lately, you might want to make a special trip.

District 1860 construction is progressing at a furious pace with most of the concrete structure already in place and the wood construction already going up. In the image to the right you will see the



progress that has been made to the mixed-use building (first floor retail with apartments above). The hotel component of the project was canceled in early 2021, but we are now working with the developer to restore the use of a hotel to the development, bringing back this long needed amenity to our community.

This year, we began a business outreach program focused at growing and retaining existing Lincolnwood businesses. With over 500 businesses registered in Lincolnwood across many industries, there are a wide range of perspectives and issues that we need to understand and address in order to maintain a strong business community. Together with staff and members of the Board, we will be meeting weekly with businesses of all types and sizes on a regular

basis. By meeting with business owners, we can identify issues that may be holding back growth and also have the opportunity to make businesses aware of incentives programs such as PEP (Property Enhancement Program) and GIFT (Green Initiatives For Tomorrow). If you own or operate a business in Lincolnwood and would like to schedule a meeting with your elected officials and staff, send me an email at [jpatel@lwd.org](mailto:jpatel@lwd.org).



*A photo of the tree sculpture located at Pratt and McCormick in Centennial Park, captured by Mayor Patel*

Earlier this year we declared a surplus from the previously closed Northeast Industrial District (NEID) TIF. We look forward to utilizing our existing TIF districts for their intended purposes so they may be used as further examples of properly managed TIFs. We are finalizing our budget and are pleased to report that we are projecting record-setting revenue with sales taxes exceeding \$8 million for the first time in the Village's history. We will continue to budget conservatively as we are mindful of the volatile economic conditions.

In the coming months we will be taking up important discussions on items such as: prohibition of short term rentals, fence code revisions, cannabis uses, transition yard requirements, and the table of allowable uses for all zoning districts. We are making plans to take advantage of a wonderful branding opportunity in line with the planned reconstruction of the Devon Avenue bridge over the Edens expressway being performed by IDOT.

All of our Summer programs return for this year and while pool passes are still available for residents, nonresident passes are sold out. We are hard at work for the return of the Lincolnwood Fest, visit [lincolnwoodil.org](http://lincolnwoodil.org) for updates.

Each year in June, the Village Board honors those who have been recognized by the Illinois State Scholars program for their exceptional academic achievement. To all of our graduating seniors continuing their studies, we are very proud of you and wish you the best of luck. Go out there and show the world that "There's Nothing Gooder, Than a Lincolnwooder!"

Sincerely,

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

Mayor Jesal Patel

*"Don't wait for someone to bring you flowers. Plant your own garden and decorate your own soul."*

*-Luther Burbank*

# Village News

## Bike & Pedestrian Safety Tips

While enjoying the nice weather, the Lincolnwood Police Department would like to share some bike and pedestrian safety tips with the community to help ensure everyone can safely enjoy the warmer weather:

- » Stay alert - use your ears to listen for traffic. Do not wear headphones.
- » Stop and look left-right-left for traffic before entering the street. Bike riders, use your hand signals.
- » Walk on the sidewalk whenever possible, and at crosswalks
- » Bike riders should travel in the same direction as traffic and ride near the curb. Pass parked vehicles with care.
- » Be visible, especially at night. Wear bright or reflective clothing and gear.

## SD 74 Art Show

The community is invited to visit the Lincolnwood School District 74 Student Art Exhibit on display from May 5 to May 22, at Lincolnwood Village Hall, located at 6900 North Lincoln Avenue. The School District is honored to celebrate and showcase the creativity and dedication to the visual arts of Lincolnwood community students. There will be over 100 works on display representing the creative talents of students. There will be a special reception honoring the students and art teachers on Thursday, May 5 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm, which will be free and open to the community.



## Memorial Day

On May 30, join the Lincolnwood community to honor and remember the millions of heroic women and men who served the United States military and the sacrifices they made. The Memorial Day Parade begins at 10:20 am at Pratt & Cicero Avenues. A ceremony will be held at Madeline's Garden in Proesel Park following the Parade.



## Vehicle Sticker Renewal

Current Village stickers expire June 30, 2022. Renewal notices will be mailed/emailed toward the end of May. Stickers will go on sale the last week in May in Village Hall and online. If you do not receive your renewal, you must present a physical copy of your vehicle registration at Village Hall to purchase your sticker. Stickers purchased after June 30 will incur a \$10 per month late fee.

## Coyote Safety

Coyotes pose a problem throughout the United States. These predatory animals have adapted to urban landscapes in addition to their native rural lands. They pose a danger not only to pets but also to humans. For more information on how to deter coyotes and to keep residents and pets safe in the case of crossing paths with one, please visit the Village's website at [lincolnwoodil.org/coyotes](http://lincolnwoodil.org/coyotes).



## Keep the Community Clean

Dogs produce a lot of waste which, if not disposed of properly, can end up in storm drains and waterways. Lend a hand to keep public areas clean and healthy! Bag pet waste and throw it in a trashcan.



Did you know that the average dog can produce nearly a pound of waste each day?

- » Pet waste contains twice as much bacteria as human waste. Pedestrians run the risk of stepping in the waste and tracking it into their homes.
- » If left in someone's yard, pet waste can kill grass and other plants.
- » Adults and children who come in contact with it can get sick.
- » When pet waste washes into storm drains and waterways, it can make the water unhealthy for people and wildlife.
- » Pet waste that ends up in waterways through storm drains and sewage can cause algae to grow, making the water turn an unpleasant green color.

It is important for everyone to fulfill their duty in keeping both public areas and private yards clean!

# Capital Projects Summary

Annually, the Village constructs improvements meant to enhance the Village. In Fiscal Year 2022 (May 1, 2021 – April 30, 2022), the Village completed the following projects:

## Infrastructure Program

The Village completed year three of the Ten Year Resurfacing Program. The Village completed 4.24 miles of Village streets. In conjunction with the Roadway Resurfacing Program, the Village replaced 1.4 miles of watermain. The replacement of these watermains will improve water delivery and service reliability for Lincolnwood residents.

## Street Storage Stage II

The Village completed Stage II of the three stage Street Storage Program that includes improvements to the Village's storm water system to prevent basement back-ups. This project included installing submerged restrictors and on-street berms to manage storm water. Stage II included installation of this stormwater system between Lincoln Avenue to Hamlin Avenue and Lincoln Avenue to Devon Avenue. Design of the Stage III Street Storage Program will take place in Fiscal Year 2023



# Capital Projects Outlook

The following projects will begin in Fiscal Year 2023 (May 1, 2022 – April 30, 2023):

## Devon Avenue Streetscape

The Village will begin Phase II Design of the Devon Avenue Streetscape Project, which is on Devon Avenue between Lincoln Avenue and McCormick Boulevard. The potential project scope consists of landscaped medians, possible lane reductions, enlarged parkways, ornamental lighting and decorative refuse containers. These improvements are meant to improve pedestrian and motorist safety, calm traffic, and install streetscape beautification. This project is 70% grant funded.

## North Lincoln Medians

This project includes construction of improvements to medians on Lincoln Avenue, between Touhy Avenue and Jarvis Avenue. Reconstruction of the existing medians will match the streetscape palate of the medians that were installed on Lincoln Avenue south of Kostner Avenue.

## Pratt Avenue Pedestrian Overpass

The Village will be conducting a Phase I Engineering Study for the installation of a pedestrian overpass over the North Shore Channel at Pratt Avenue. The project has received an Invest in Cook Grant for 50% of the overall Phase I Engineering cost.

## Connector Road Resurfacing

The Village will begin the Connector Road Resurfacing Project which includes improvements to Lawndale Avenue, Central Park Avenue, and the Northeast Parkway between Touhy Avenue and McCormick Boulevard. This project includes resurfacing, pavement patching, new pavement markings, curb repair, sidewalk repair, and ADA detectable warning replacement. This project is 80% grant funded.

## Roadway Resurfacing Program

Year four of the ten year roadway resurfacing program will occur in Fiscal Year 23, with approximately 3.58 miles of roadway being resurfaced. The project will include mill and resurfacing of two inches of asphalt, spot curb and sidewalk replacement, ADA improvements to intersections, and removal of old alley aprons along various streets in the Village. A map of the plan can be found on the Village Website. To view the map, visit [lincolnwoodil.org/infrastructureprojects](http://lincolnwoodil.org/infrastructureprojects).

# Public Works Reminders

## Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

The Annual Water Quality Report for the period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 is available on the Village of Lincolnwood website at [www.lincolnwoodil.org/water-report](http://www.lincolnwoodil.org/water-report). If you would like a hard copy of the report, please contact the Public Works Department at (847) 675-0888.

This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by the Village of Lincolnwood to provide safe drinking water to its residents. The source of drinking water used by Lincolnwood is purchased surface water. For more information regarding this report, please contact the Public Works Department at (847) 675-0888.

## Leaf Blower Regulations

Gasoline powered leaf blowers are not permitted for use within the Village from May 15 to September 30. The use of gasoline powered leaf blowers is restricted from October 1 through May 14 before 7:00 a.m. and after 6:00 p.m. on Monday through Fridays and before 7:00 a.m. and after 12:00 p.m. on Saturdays. Gasoline powered leaf blowers may not be used on Sundays and holidays.

## Rat Control Program

The Village's Rat Control Program is a method to reduce nuisance rats in neighborhoods. The program seeks to address the source of rats (rat burrows) on public or private property. If rat burrows are not present, the Village will not send its contractor. If the request meets the criteria of this program, this service will be offered at no cost to the resident. The Rat Control Program runs from May 1 through November 30. 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.

## Water Conservation

From May 15 to September 15, the Village limits the usage of water from the Village water system for the watering or irrigation of trees, lawns, plants or any other vegetation, and for the washing of sidewalks, driveways, exteriors of buildings, or other outdoor surfaces. The usage of water for the aforementioned reasons is limited to residents who live on the even side of the street on even-numbered days of the month, residents who live on the odd side of the street on odd-numbered days of the month, and is restricted for everyone from 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

# Public Safety Alert

## Police Alert on Scams

Home repair scams can be costly and create problems for home owners. Here are some pointers for residents looking to get repairs or improvements on their residence.

- » Check out a company before you decide to have work done.
- » Get written estimates and compare bids. Instead of deciding to do business with someone who knocks on your door, try to get at least three estimates in writing.
- » Solicitors must be registered with the Village, if there are questions about a potential solicitor, call the Village.
- » Beware of unqualified individuals to perform the work.
- » Contractors must be registered with the Village to perform work that requires a permit.
- » Beware of contractors that say a permit is not required. Call the Village of Lincolnwood's Community Development Department ahead of time to ask if a permit is required.
- » Ask about guarantees and do not pay up-front for the work.

The below link is guide to home repair fraud.

[www.fraudguides.com/consumers/home-repair-scams](http://www.fraudguides.com/consumers/home-repair-scams)

Ruse burglaries are common in the warmer months. No one should ever show up to your home asking for entry unless it is an emergency where you called a utility company or the Village. If someone suspicious is at the door, do not hesitate to call 911.



# BUSINESS CONNECTIONS



## District 1860 Update

Construction at the corner of Lincoln and Touhy Avenues began in the Fall of 2021 and has been steadily progressing. Building A, which will have ground floor retail/restaurants and 299 residential units above, has the precast concrete podium structure put in place, underground plumbing and electrical work in progress, and wood framing of the upper levels is underway.



The precast concrete structure for a 38,015 square foot Amazon Fresh has begun and site work continues on the remainder of the property.

Regular updates are posted at [lincolnwoodil.org/district1860](http://lincolnwoodil.org/district1860).

## National Small Business Week

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) announced that National Small Business Week (NSBW) will take place May 1-7, 2022.



The SBA will co-host a free, four-day virtual summit from May 2 through May 5, 2022, alongside SCORE (the nation's largest network of volunteer, expert business mentors) to honor the nation's 32.5 million small businesses for their perseverance. This year's summit will feature access to critical federal resources, educational workshops, and networking to help our nation's entrepreneurs pivot and grow in the face of any challenge, seize new opportunities, and make sure the dream of starting a small business is in reach for every American.

Details on National Small Business Week event registration and speaker information will be posted on [www.sba.gov/NSBW](http://www.sba.gov/NSBW).

## Business Spotlight - Food for Thought

Food For Thought, located at 7001 Ridgeway Avenue, is a women and minority owned hospitality business started 38 years ago in Evanston, Illinois by two sisters and a brother in law with a simple goal of being the best at what they loved – creating a great experiences for guests and creating a better place for people to work by treating them fairly, giving them the tools to grow, and then letting them grow. It has grown beyond what was ever dreamed of and now operates in Lincolnwood's creative industrial area comprising two distinct brands:



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- » **Food For Thought Event Group:** Provides Event Planning and Catering Services to social and corporate clients. It operates as a preferred or exclusive provider in 100 of the area's venues, museums and cultural institutions in the Chicago area. This group also hosts events in the Wisconsin, Michigan and Indiana markets.
- » **Food For Thought Workspace Solutions:** Provides hospitality solutions to the workspace and office environments including design and management of in-office meal Solutions, company culture and themed events, client meals, and entertaining and conference center management. This group operates in the Chicago area and Washington DC.

The answers to the following questions were provided by Chief Operations Officer of Food For Thought, Tim Garcia.

### 1. What was your inspiration for getting into the food service/event business?

It was more of an "Ask" than an "Inspiration", I had a lunch with ownership, they liked that I had a business and creative background and asked me to join.

I will say that after all these years I am inspired everyday by the ever-changing creativity and solutions we bring to our Event and Workspace clients.

## Business Spotlight - Food for Thought (continued from pg. 6)

The people are true professionals and bring their best every day, it's a thrilling organization to be part of.

### 2. Why did you choose Lincolnwood?

The company was started in Evanston and after out-growing our facility there, we were looking for a site that was close to ownership's homes and convenient to the city as that is where our client base was. As an industrial and production business, Lincolnwood's industrial area met all of our criteria for the transportation and facility type needed for our business.

### 3. What is the most rewarding part of your business?

We have great longevity here and to see our team grow in so many ways is so very rewarding – We serve a family meal each day at lunch and sitting, talking, laughing and enjoying each other over food is what we are about and we get to do it every day.

### 4. Where do you draw your customer base from?

Our corporate and social customers are primarily in the city of Chicago and predominantly in the downtown area. We also draw approximately 5-10% from the suburbs and execute events in Wisconsin, Michigan and Indiana.

### 5. How has your business changed through the pandemic?

The business is still changing as we exit the pandemic – In our social division people are really enjoying gathering again and we are seeing weddings that are larger and more elaborate than pre-pandemic. In the corporate area, employers are working hard at welcoming people back to the office and hosting daytime appreciation and mixer events as many people have not been together for two years and new hires have not met their workmates in-person.

### 6. What has been the proudest moment of your career?

Over the past two years, the leadership team at Food For Thought has had to navigate a 95% loss of staff and business. This was a business cycle like no other and we came out stronger, better positioned, and as a more robust organization. We have added additional product lines, grown the team skills, refined operations, and revenues are back to pre-pandemic levels.

### 7. What is the secret to Food For Thought's success?

- » Always asking ourselves, "How We Can Do It Better?"
- » Working as a team, understanding our responsibility to each other and our clients.
- » Trusting in your teammates and knowing that we are supported.
- » Our collaborative culture - where the best final outcome is the goal and not whose idea was the best.
- » Giving all members the freedom and the tools to grow both professionally and personally.

### 8. What new event or food trends are popular at the moment?

Prior to the pandemic "Food Trends" were changing monthly. The trend side on foods has quieted as people want to sit and enjoy great food prepared and served by professionals. We have been at home or carrying out and the experience is just not the same. On the event side we are seeing great joy as people are coming together again, they are really happy to see each other and celebrating life moments together. There is an electricity and happiness at events like I have never seen before. We can all use some of that, I think.



## New Businesses

### Real Turf USA

7080 North McCormick Boulevard

Realturf has specialized in the manufacture of artificial turf for more than 20 years.

### The Gift & The Curse

3333 West Touhy Avenue

The Gift & The Curse is a novelty store located on the upper level of the Lincolnwood Town Center Mall.

### Davis Imperial Cleaners

7080 North McCormick Boulevard

Davis Imperial Cleaners provides an array of garment and fabric services, including dry cleaning, pressing, and laundry.

### Toke Supplier

6500 North Lincoln Avenue

Toke Supplier is a retail smoke shop.

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## Board and Commission Meetings

**Village Board:** 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the Month  
**Pan Commission:** 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the Month  
**Park and Recreation Board:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month  
**Zoning Board of Appeals:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the Month  
**Economic Development Commission:** 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the Month  
**Traffic Commission:** 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the Month  
**Environmental Commission:** 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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:  
**Memorial Day - May 30**

## 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](http://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](http://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.

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