

LINCOLNWOOD CONNECTIONS



September/October 2022

Village of Lincolnwood

Village Welcomes Incoming Fire Chief

The Village of Lincolnwood is pleased to announce the hiring of its new Fire Chief, Barry Liss. The announcement comes after a nationwide search, coordinated by GovHR, was conducted to fill the position.

Chief Liss brings with him over 40 years of experience in the field of Fire and Emergency Medical Services. Chief Liss served 16 years with the Village of Skokie as Deputy Fire Chief, and seven years with the Village of Oak Brook as Fire Chief.

While working in Oak Brook, Chief Liss was a proponent of interagency cooperation and worked collaboratively with several bordering communities. His efforts led to the creation of the York Brook Terrace cooperative, which comprised the Oak Brook Fire Department, the York Center Fire Protection District, and the Oakbrook Terrace Fire Protection District. The result was a joint response initiative that enhanced safety and accountability, reduced response times, and improved overall service while dramatically reducing operating costs in a fiscally responsible manner. In Skokie, as Deputy Fire Chief, he led the Fire Department toward obtaining full accreditation three times through the Commission of Fire Accreditation International.

Chief Liss holds a Master of Public Safety Administration from Lewis University and a Bachelor of Science in Fire Science Management from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale. He holds a number of certifications through the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal including Chief Fire Officer, Instructor III, and Fire and Arson Investigator. He is also a Chief Fire Officer Designee with the Commission on Fire Accreditation International, and he attended the National Fire Academy for Incident Command and Management of Emergency Medical Services.

Since 1989, the Village's Fire Chief and fire and paramedic services have been contracted through a private company, Paramedic Services of Illinois (PSI). The hiring of Chief Liss marks the first time the Village's Fire Chief is hired as a direct employee of the Village and not contracted through PSI. The Fire Chief will serve as the executive in charge of overseeing state-of-the-art programs and services related to fire prevention, emergency medical response, hazardous materials incidents, and community outreach.

Chief Liss began working with the Village on August 22, 2022.



Inside this Issue



President's Message

My fellow residents,

What a summer! I can't recall when we last enjoyed a summer season with such glorious weather. As always, our Parks and Recreation Department coordinated a myriad of camps, concerts, sports and programs and, of course, Lincolnwood Fest. This year's Fest was a great success, and we look forward to continuing to improve the event each year. If you would like to provide comments or suggestions please email recreation@lwd.org.



Sunset at Evolution Lake in California

Special thanks go to Carol Janossy and the Lincolnwood Youth Strings for playing the beautiful 4th of July Concert put on by the Lincolnwood Multicultural Task Force. We are glad to support events like these which give an opportunity to bring the community together. We continue to mourn the tragedy that occurred on that day in Highland Park just a few miles away and support the effort to eliminate gun violence from our society.

This summer's infrastructure program was delayed due to a quarry worker strike, which delayed the delivery of key materials. The strike has ended and street resurfacing for the year commenced in August while water main replacement work planned for this year will instead be included with next year's work.

Last year, the Village Board took action at a Special Meeting to apply for grant funding for the renovation of Flowers Park. I'm glad to share that we have been awarded that Grant and will receive as much as \$400,000 in funding for the complete renovation of Flowers Park which will include new amenities including a fitness area. The work is anticipated to begin in Spring 2023.

The Lincolnwood Town Center Concept Development Plan was approved, paving the way for a new era of development in Lincolnwood. You can find the plan at www.lincolnwoodil.org/ltc. The Plan shows the tremendous potential that the site offers, and we are hopeful that the seller, with the support of Village Staff and the Village Board, will begin to see proposals for the site in the coming years.

Construction of District 1860 (formerly the Purple Hotel) continues to move forward at a marvelous pace. The exterior brick of the main, mixed-use building is now going up. The single-story building, which will be home to the Amazon Fresh grocery store, is also getting its exterior cladding applied. In addition, interior finishes are being installed with a planned opening of the store in mid-2023. In August, we took an important step in

approving the incentive request for the final component of the development, a 152-room dual-branded Marriott Hotel. Construction is projected to begin as early as this Winter and we will look forward to an opening date of the hotel by early 2025.

The retail sale of cannabis was approved last year. After a delay by the State in the issuance of its licenses, we are anticipating Lincolnwood's first ever cannabis retailer to open at 4656 W. Touhy this Fall. In the last year, approval was also granted for the craft-growing of cannabis at 3477 W. Touhy and we anticipate construction to begin at that site later this year. These two uses are projected to bring over \$400,000 in new revenue annually to the Village while occupying previously vacant and underutilized commercial properties.

The Lincolnwood Police Department hosted their Cops on a Rooftop event in August, an annual event done in partnership with the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Illinois. In August, we celebrated the retirement of Fire Chief Mike Hansen who served the Village in that capacity for 32 years. His record of service here in Lincolnwood will surely be unsurpassed, and we are grateful for his efforts during his tenure and for the great Fire Department that he helped build. We welcome our new Fire Chief, Barry Liss, who joins us after serving as the Deputy Fire Chief in Skokie and most recently as the Fire Chief in Oak Brook.



This year I was able to join three friends on a backpacking trip through the Sierra National Forest and the John Muir Wilderness in California. On our journey, we met many International hikers who remarked on the size and splendor of our nation's landscape from coast to coast. Locally, any time of year, our nearby Cook County Forest Preserves are treasures that are often overlooked. Get out and enjoy them if you are able!

As summer comes to a close, our children are now returning to school. Please be mindful of the changes in traffic patterns and the increased bus and pedestrian activity around the school campus. All of our fall programs are now available on our website at www.lincolnwoodil.org/fallbrochure, and we are well under way on the planning of the Annual Turkey Trot. We hope to see you there!

Sincerely,



Mayor Jesal Patel

"Be practical as well as generous in your ideals. Keep your eyes on the stars but remember to keep your feet on the ground."

- Theodore Roosevelt

Village News

Water Bill Payment Update

Please be advised the Village's address for remitting water bill payments has changed. For future water bill payments, please mail them to the new lockbox remittance address:

Village of Lincolnwood
P.O. Box 1161
Indianapolis, IN 46206-1161.

Please update the new remittance address at your bank institution if your water payment is set automatically. Payments can also be paid online or dropped off at the Village Hall. Additional questions can be directed to the Finance Department at 847-673-1540.

Oaktober Fest Returns

The Environmental Commission is pleased to invite you to its second Oaktober Fest on Sunday, October 23. It will be held in the Lincolnwood Community Center at 4170 W. Morse. The event will take place from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Residents and visitors will be able to meet the Commissioners, learn about recycling and environmental initiatives, enjoy fun activities for kids, and receive a free oak sapling as supply permits. Please feel free to stop by with family and friends to learn more about the exciting ideas the Environmental Commission has planned for the Village and how you can help sustain, grow, and improve the environment through composting, recycling, rainwater maintenance, and much more!



Village Hall Art Show

During the month of September, Village Hall will be showcasing the work of Piotr Antonow. His artist statement is as follows:

“I am a realist painter and paint what I see. My inspiration stems from the studies of studio models and personal photographs. I don't invent lines, shapes, or form, but alter the reality by using layered colors and vanishing 3-D shapes. Using enhanced color detail in telling the story of each image, I present a more realistic portrait. The story within each painting emerges from the shifting forms and multiple layers of paint. Although the process appears chaotic and abstract, the resulting images are realistic and not invented.”



September 11 Remembrance

The Village will be holding its 21st Anniversary Commemoration of September 11 to honor and remember the lives of the first responders and victims who lost their lives during the day's tragic events in 2001. The tribute will be attended by local elected officials and members of the Lincolnwood Police and Fire Departments. It will begin at 8:30 am on Monday, September 12 in the Village's Promenade located between the Police Department and Village Hall. In the event of rain, the ceremony will take place in the Council Chambers at Village Hall.



Village Receives GFOA Award

The Government Finance Officers Association of the US & Canada has awarded the Village a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence



in Financial Reporting for the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR), completed for fiscal year 2021. This award is given to local governments who abide by the spirit of transparency and full disclosure. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by the Village and its management. To view the Village's audit of its spending in fiscal year 2021, please visit www.lincolnwoodil.org/acfr.

Mental Health Crisis Hotline

The Federal Communications Commission has designated 9-8-8 as the new three-digit dialing code that routes callers to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

When people call or text 9-8-8, they will be connected to trained counselors that are part of the existing National Suicide Prevention Lifeline network. These counselors will listen, provide support, and connect them to necessary resources. Please visit www.988lifeline.org for more information.



Parks and Recreation News

46th Annual Turkey Trot

One of the highlights of the fall season is the Lincolnwood Turkey Trot. The Lincolnwood Turkey Trot will be held on Sunday, November 20 at 8:45 am. This CARA Certified 5K and 10K chip timed race features a flat, fast course perfect for novice and more experienced runners. The Turkey Trot also features a popular 5K Fitness Walk and a Drumstick Dash race for children six and younger, grouped by age.



Registration is now available online at www.lincolnwoodil.org/turkeytrotsignup, in person, or by mail at the Parks and Recreation Department, located at the Lincolnwood Community Center at 4170 West Morse Avenue. Don't wait to register! The earlier runners and walkers register, the lower the race entry fee will be.

Volunteer and Be Part of the Fun and Tradition

Volunteering for the Lincolnwood Turkey Trot is a terrific way to give back to the community and participate in all the fun. As a volunteer, you have your choice of assisting with gear check, water stations, or as a course marshal. To join the volunteer team for this year's race, please contact Recreation Supervisor, Nicole Interrante, at (847) 677-9740 or ninterrante@lwd.org.

Sponsor The Turkey Trot

Without our wonderful sponsors each year, the Village would not be able to bring you this event that highlights our great community and its businesses. The Village has sponsorship opportunities at all levels, and also welcome in-kind donations, such as raffle prizes and food and water donations. If you know of a business or organization that would be interested in learning more about sponsoring the Lincolnwood Turkey Trot, please contact Recreation Supervisor, Colleen Broderick, at (847) 677-9740 or cbroderick@lwd.org.

Fall Events & Activities

Fall Programming

Registration for youth, adult, and family programs are now available! Check out the variety of programs being offered such as tennis, dance, martial arts, engineering, coding, basketball, floor hockey, outdoor fitness, and more! Online registration is available at www.lincolnwoodil.org/parksandrecsignup.

Movie in the Park

Parks and Recreation is packing plenty of fun into Fall and is hosting plenty of events for the family. Kicking off fall programming is a movie in the park where Willy Wonka (1971) will be shown on Saturday, September 10, at 7:00 pm.

Touch-a-Truck

For those that love big trucks, Parks and Recreation will be hosting Touch-a-Truck where the biggest and coolest Village trucks will be on display for everyone to experience and explore. Touch-a-Truck features earth movers, dump trucks, police cars, fire engines, ambulances, and more! Join us in the Village Hall parking lot on Sunday, September 18, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm for this family friendly event.



Parent's Night Out

Parents looking for a night out without the kids can register them for Parent's Night Out at the Community Center on Friday, September 9 and October 28 from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm. Kids can play games, create a craft, and enjoy pizza and a movie. Online registration is available at www.lincolnwoodil.org/parksandrecsignup.



VIP Dinner/Dance

The VIP Dinner/Dance is a great way for families to have a fun night out. All parents/guardians and children are invited to attend this magical evening where they will enjoy dinner, dessert, a photo booth, and a candy bar while they dance the night away at the Skokie Double Tree by Hilton. Join the fun on Friday, September 16, from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Online registration is available at www.lincolnwoodil.org/parksandrecsignup.

Halloween

Parks and Recreation will host its annual Pumpkin Picassos and Trunk or Treat Events. Families can pick out and decorate their perfect pumpkins on Sunday, October 30, from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm or 1:45 pm to 2:45 pm. On Monday, October 31, from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm, the Aquatic Center parking lot will be open for Trunk or Treat for spooky fun and lots of treats.

PSA: It Can Wait

Distracted driving occurs any time you take your eyes off the road, your hands off the wheel, or your mind off the primary task of driving safely.

Texting is the most alarming distraction because it simultaneously involves manual, visual, and cognitive distraction. In 2020, 3,142 people were killed in distraction-affected crashes. Sending or reading a text can take your eyes off the road for 4.6 seconds. At 55 mph, that's like driving the length of just over an entire football field, blindfolded.

Here are several recommendations to avoid a potential serious crash:

- » **Turn your cell phone off and put it away while driving:** Switch your cell phone to silent mode or turn it off before you get into your car. Then, put it away so that it is out of reach during the duration of your travel.
- » **Pull over:** If you think the text message is too important to miss, pull your car over to a safe area before reading/returning a text message.
- » **Don't text at all:** It is the law, and for safety reasons, you should *never* text and drive, nor surf the web or read emails, while driving. You cannot concentrate on the road if you have hand held phones or smartphones. It is simply too dangerous, not only to your passengers and pedestrians, but to you, the driver as well.



Public Works Reminders

Fall Leaf Collection

With fall just around the corner, the Village would like to remind residents to help keep catch basins clear of fallen leaves by raking them up and bagging them for collection. Catch basins that are obstructed by leaves prevent the flow of stormwater into the Village's sewer system, which can lead to flooded streets and sidewalks. Leaves should never be placed in piles on the roadway as the Village's Waste Hauler, Groot requires them to be bagged for collection.



Tree Inspections

Residents concerned about dead or hazardous public or private trees are encouraged to contact the Public Works Department at 847-675-0888 for inspection. If Public Works identifies a dead parkway tree, it will be scheduled for removal. The Village retains the services of a consulting arborist for inspections of privately owned trees prior to removal. If the Village Arborist determines a tree is dead or hazardous, the resident can obtain a tree removal permit at no cost.

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 am and after 6:00 pm on Monday through Friday and before 7:00 am and after 12:00 pm on Saturdays. Gasoline powered leaf blowers may not be used on Sundays and holidays.

Lincolnwood in Bloom Contest

The Village invites residents to participate in the Lincolnwood in Bloom Beautification Contest. This program is part of the Village's community beautification activities and encourages property owners to landscape and beautify their homes and neighborhoods all-year long. Any resident within the Village of Lincolnwood's corporate limits can participate. Entries are due by Friday, September 9, 2022. The application to apply can be found at www.lincolnwoodil.org/lwdinbloom. If you have any questions about the application, please contact Public Works at 847-675-0888.

Acceptable Recycling Materials

Groot collects recycling in conjunction with garbage collection on Mondays. The following items are recyclable: newspapers, magazines, paper bags, cardboard, paperboard (tissue boxes, cereal boxes, etc.), plastic food/beverage containers, milk/juice



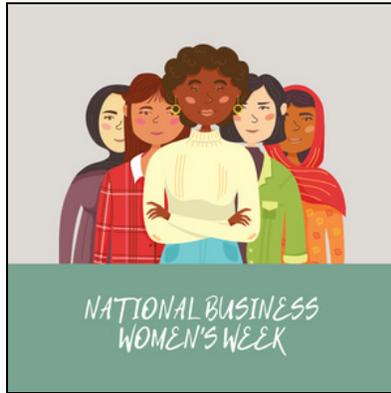
bottles, soap/detergent bottles, metal food/ beverage cans, and glass food/beverage bottles. The following items are NOT recyclable: wire hangers, lightbulbs, mirrors, window glass, ceramics, soiled cardboard or paper (such as pizza boxes, napkins, etc.), batteries, styrofoam, wood, plastic wrap, diapers, and electronics. For more information on what can and cannot be recycled, or on composting, please visit www.lincolnwoodil.org/recycling.

BUSINESS CONNECTIONS



Business Women's Week

National Business Women's Week is celebrated every year during the third week of October. Today there are 7.2 million majority-owned, privately-held, women-owned businesses in the United States. These firms employ 7.3 million people and generate \$1.1 trillion in sales. Only twenty years



ago it was still legal to require a woman to have a male co-signer before receiving a business loan. National Business Women's Week provides an opportunity to call attention to women entrepreneurs, facilitate discussions on the needs of working women, share information about successful workplace policies, and raise awareness of the resources available for working women in their communities. For nearly a century now, this celebration has helped to promote leadership roles for women and to increase opportunities for personal and professional growth.

Manufacturing Month

The first Friday of October is nationally celebrated as Manufacturing Day, and in Illinois, the kick-off to Manufacturing Month. This gives the Village a chance to celebrate and highlight the manufacturing industry's many contributions to the state and nation. It is also an opportunity to build excitement about careers in manufacturing, particularly for the newest generation entering the workforce. Manufacturing today is clean, diverse, high tech, and sustainable. It is no longer the dark, dirty, dangerous work of the past that so many envision.

The manufacturing industry is a powerhouse in our state's economy, contributing more than \$304 billion in annual economic output each year and employing more than 550,000 hard working men and women on factory floors in every part of the state, including here in Lincolnwood. These are good paying, middle-class jobs that help anchor communities and strengthen families.



District 1860 Construction Update

Construction began in fall 2021 and has been steadily progressing. The mixed-use building, which will have ground floor retail and restaurants and 299 residential units above, has had wood framing placed up to floors five and six, including installation of windows with the crane working its way to the west side of the building. Exterior façade work, including masonry and siding, will begin while underground and interior plumbing and electrical work is underway.

Work on the Amazon Fresh Building, a 38,015 square foot grocery store, continues with underground and interior mechanical, electrical, and plumbing work. Installation of the loading dock and exterior façade work is underway.

Offsite work includes curb and gutter replacement on Lincoln Avenue, and temporary traffic signal and lighting installation which requires partial lane closures at the intersection of Touhy and Lincoln Avenues until late October.

Sign up to Receive Project Updates by email at www.lincolnwoodil.org/district1860.



The Future of the Lincolnwood Town Center

Since the fall of 2021, The Village has been working to establish a plan that will serve as the long-term vision for the Lincolnwood Town Center Mall, which in August 2021, was acquired by a real estate investment group after going into foreclosure.

Parties participating in this process include: an Advisory Committee made of members of the Village Board, Plan Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Economic Development Commission; representatives of the mall ownership and management group; and Village staff. The Village and the owner of the mall property entered into an agreement to share certain costs related to planning consultant services provided by Houseal Lavigne Associates.

The Lincolnwood Town Center Concept Plan is the culmination of this coordination. The document is the packaging of plan analysis and recommendations and includes:

- » An introduction describing the purpose of the Plan and the context and primary influences related to the mall property
- » A series of development principles that provide a checklist of desired characteristics related to design and character, efficient and safe multi-mobility, sustainable development, and active land uses and public areas



- » Illustrative concepts that demonstrate how the development principles can be applied and how development density, urban design, integrated open space, project phasing, and the accommodation of current anchor tenants can be managed within the context of long-term redevelopment. Additionally, a Financial Impact Model was designed to:
 - » Use real data to establish per-unit municipal costs and operating revenues for various land uses
 - » Receive the development program for a proposed project based on different land use units (i.e. number of multi-family residential units, square footage of retail space, etc.)
 - » Calculate the municipal revenues and operating costs for the provision of public services for that land use program
- » Provide a general estimate of the annual net financial impacts.

The Village and current property ownership will use the concept plan to provide a vision to an anticipated future buyer of the property for how the property can be re-envisioned as it moves into its next phase. The full plan document can be found on the Village website at www.lincolnwoodil.org/ltc.

New Businesses

Dr. LungZzz

4706 W. Touhy

Dr. LungZzz is a family-owned vape and tobacco shop.

The Period Collective

7050 N. McCormick

The Period Collective is a Chicago-based nonprofit organization providing feminine hygiene products to homeless and low-income women throughout the greater Chicago area.

Drusk Trading Company

7080 N. McCormick

Drusk Trading Company ships food products from all over the world to your table.

Excellent Senior Homecare

6421 N. Hamlin

Excellent Senior Home Care is a home health care company.

PS Salon and Spa 2

7080 N. McCormick

PS Salon and Spa was founded in 2008 with the simple goal of transforming senior community “beauty shops” into professional salons and spas.

VMAX Mobile Auto Detail

7080 N. McCormick

VMAX Mobile Auto Detail provides automobile detailing services.

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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 the Month, 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:

Labor Day - September 5

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 |