

# LINCOLNWOOD CONNECTIONS



January/February 2023

Village of Lincolnwood

## Snow Removal and Alternate Side Parking

The Village of Lincolnwood is responsible for 75 lane miles of roads to plow during inclement weather. The snow removal plan divides the community into ten plow routes to efficiently manage this operation. The Village's snow removal plan aims to have all of the Village-owned streets cleared within eight hours of a four to six-inch snowfall event. More information, including frequently asked questions regarding the Public Works Department's snow removal efforts, can be found on our website at [www.lincolnwoodil.org/](http://www.lincolnwoodil.org/).

The Public Works Department asks all residents to assist the Department in snow removal by parking vehicles in driveways or garages and refraining from blowing snow into the street. Plowing operations begin when snow accumulates more than two inches, and freezing temperatures indicate that no melting will occur.

Parking is always prohibited along Pratt Avenue when two inches or more of snow accumulates.

The Village has an Alternate Side Parking Program to assist with snow removal. When there are two inches of snow or more on even-numbered days of the month, motor vehicles may only be parked on the side of the street with even-numbered addresses. On odd-numbered days of the month, motor vehicles may only be parked on the side of the street with odd-numbered addresses.

Alternate Side Parking is effective from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. When alternate side parking is in effect, a notice is posted on the Village's website [www.lincolnwoodil.org](http://www.lincolnwoodil.org/). Residents may sign up for phone calls and text notifications through the Village's Reverse 911 emergency notification system at [www.lincolnwoodil.org/reverse911](http://www.lincolnwoodil.org/reverse911).

If you are a resident who is a senior or experiences difficulty with your mobility and require assistance with snow removal, the Rescue Rangers program can assist you. Rescue Rangers are local middle and high school students who have signed up to earn approximately \$12 per hour. The exact amount is between the resident and student. If you are interested in hiring a Rescue Ranger, call 847-745-4717. You may also register online at [www.lincolnwoodil.org/433/Rescue-Rangers](http://www.lincolnwoodil.org/433/Rescue-Rangers).



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# President's Message

## My fellow residents,

Happy New Year! The year 2022 seemed to fly by but when I sit down and look back at it all, there was a lot going on. As the year came to a close, we were blessed to receive a \$100,000 donation on Giving Tuesday, November 29. This is the first of 10 amazingly generous donations totaling \$1 million over the next nine years from Barry and Taffy Berger, which will go towards enhancements to our park facilities and camp offerings. As a background, Barry Berger grew up here in Lincolnwood where he attended Todd Hall, Rutledge Hall, Lincoln Hall and went on to Nilus West graduating in the class of 1972. He recalls that a highlight of his childhood was being named "camper of the year" back in 1963. Barry Berger's career led him to start and grow a large home health care business in California, and in his retirement, he thought of Lincolnwood for his philanthropy. Our residents will surely benefit from the Berger's generosity for many years to come, and we are hopeful that this gift will be just the start of such giving efforts by our residents, both past and present.



Sunset in Cardiff, California

Other significant highlights of 2022 include:

- » Awarded a \$400,000 State Grant for the reconstruction of Flowers Park, which will include a restroom facility and awarded a \$70,000 Invest in Cook Grant for the design of the Pratt Avenue pedestrian bridge. Completed preliminary design for the bicycle lanes on Pratt Avenue, which has been partially funded by a \$42,000 Invest in Cook Grant.
- » Resurfaced 2.45 miles of roads through the Village's infrastructure program, of which the Village received \$448,000 in federal funding for the resurfacing of the Northeast Parkway. As part of the District 1860 development, resurfaced the Touhy and Lincoln intersection, and installed new medians and light poles, and attracted and approved a dual-branded Marriott Hotel for District 1860 to begin construction in the Spring. Awarded a \$7,500 grant for the installation of an electric vehicle charging station to be installed on Morse Avenue at Proesel Park.
- » Completed the Lincolnwood Town Center redevelopment concept plans with the property currently being marketed. Approved the relocation of Dunkin' Donuts to the Touhy Avenue site where the business will have an opportunity for improved success.
- » Relocated both the Community Development and Parks and Recreation Departments to enhance customer service and to make better use of existing space. Coordinated and hosted Lincolnwood Fest for the first time and sold out the Turkey Trot again.
- » Congratulated Fire Chief Mike Hansen on a happy

retirement and hired the first Fire Chief, Barry Liss, who is an employee of the Village.

As we look forward, 2023 will surely be an historic year in Lincolnwood. After being closed and fallow for more than a decade, the all new District 1860 will open at the site of the former "Purple" Hyatt Hotel. Originally built in 1960, the Hyatt, with its famed purple brick was the first hotel built by the father of now Governor J.B. Pritzker. After being sold to private owners in the late 1990's, the hotel declined and was closed in 2006. In 2016, while serving in my third term as Village Trustee, I worked with a team of fellow residents, Village staff and consultants to develop concept plans which would be endorsed by the Village Board to show community support for the first mixed-use development in the history of the Village.

We have made great strides in our Community Development Department and will continue to improve in 2023. With increased staffing, we have been able to implement new processes to better manage workflow and improve the permitting and construction process. Within the next year, new software will allow for even better service with online permit submission and tracking along with eased contractor license management. Our Plan Commission recommended changes which allow for increased development opportunities with revisions to the table of allowable uses, welcoming additional mixed-use residential.

After delays by the State in issuing the licenses in 2023, Lincolnwood will see its first cannabis dispensary open along with a cannabis craft grower. These two new businesses could represent as much as 5% of our sales tax annual revenue going forward and will occupy long vacant or underutilized buildings.

A Parks and Recreation Master Plan is being coordinated, which will guide us to enhanced recreation offerings for our residents and to improved facilities. Your community participation in the public process is strongly encouraged to help determine future programs and priorities.

In my business, I have interacted with members of State and Federal government for years, and lately, the focus of my interactions has shifted to Village issues. This year, I will begin a more active role beyond our borders in advocacy for the interests of our Village. I have taken a leadership role with the Northwest Municipal Conference by joining the Legislative Committee and will work closely with the Mayor's Caucus. I will return to Springfield and Washington, D.C. this year at my own cost to work with our State and Federal legislators to ensure that we have a voice in our governance.

*"No one has a problem with the first mile of a journey. Even an infant could do fine for a while. But it isn't the start that matters. It's the finish line"*

- Julien Smith

Sincerely,



Mayor Jesal Patel

# Village News

## Lincolnwood Bloom

The Lincolnwood in Bloom Contest aims to recognize residents' efforts to enhance the beauty of their homes and neighborhood through landscaping. The winners will receive a gift card to a local business as their reward. Please visit the Village website for information on the Lincolnwood in Bloom Contest. Photos of the winning gardens can be found below.

1st Place - Kristina Lee



2nd Place - Frank Kovacs



3rd Place - Zaid Hussein



## 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.

## Village Hall Art Show

Anne Kauff is a visual artist working in the Chicago area. She works in oils and has focused for the last ten years on a series of quiet, meditative paintings called Barnscapes.

Her Inspiration comes from photographing barns across the midwest and painting on location. She currently teaches oil painting at Strokes of Genius in Palatine. To see more of Anne's work, visit [www.annekauff.com](http://www.annekauff.com) or find her on Instagram at alkauff.



## Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detector Safety

Illinois law will now require all battery-operated smoke detectors to have a 10-year sealed battery. The requirement went into effect on January 1, 2023. Since the batteries don't need to be replaced, property owners could save \$40-\$50 over the unit's lifetime in battery replacement costs.



This latest version of the smoke detector is unlike traditional older 9-volt battery-operated units in which batteries have to be changed every year. The newer units utilize lithium-ion battery technology, keeping your life-saving detector energized for ten years.

***Despite the new technology, the public is reminded to check each detector monthly to ensure it is properly operating.***

Illinois has required residential carbon monoxide detectors since January 1, 2007.

Carbon monoxide (CO) is odorless, colorless, and tasteless. It is produced when any fossil fuel, including natural gas, is burned. CO can build up and cause sickness and even death when fossil fuels do not burn properly. Carbon monoxide kills about 200 people in the United States every year.

Homeowners, landlords, and building owners are required to install carbon monoxide (CO) detectors within 15 feet of rooms used for sleeping. This law applies only to those occupancies that use fossil fuel to cook, heat, or produce hot water or occupancies that are connected to an enclosed garage.

The carbon monoxide detector may be battery operated, plug-in with battery backup, or wired into the home's alternating current power with a secondary battery backup. It must also bear the label of a nationally recognized testing laboratory and must comply with the most current standards of the Underwriters Laboratories.

# Water Rates

The following rates are in effect from May 1, 2022, to April 30, 2023.

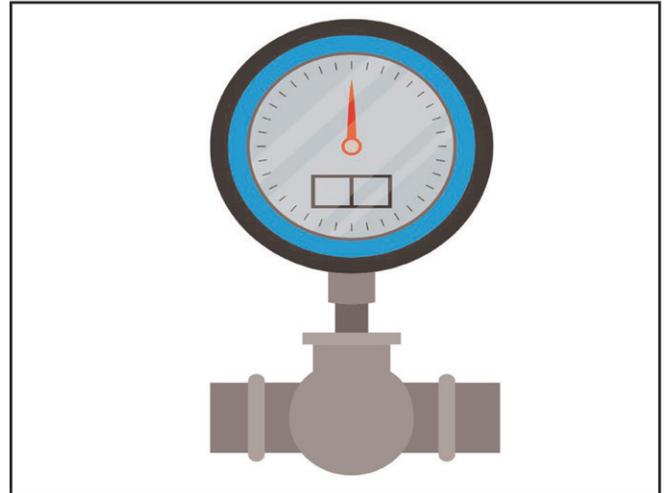
A basic water charge of \$6.00 per 1,000 gallons. This price includes the purchase of water from the City of Evanston and the delivery of water to residents by the Village.

A debt service charge is \$3.50 per 1,000 gallons. This charge is allocated to pay debts incurred to improve the water delivery system.

A monthly \$200.88 Capital Improvement charge will be assessed for each user in buildings with 50 or more residential units. For all other accounts, a \$3.24 monthly fee will be assessed. The charge goes to the Capital Improvement Fund to maintain the existing water delivery system.

Buildings with 50 or more residential units will be assessed a \$95.69 water meter fee, per account, per quarter. Buildings with less than 50 residential units will be assessed a \$4.63 fee, per account, per quarter. Non-residential buildings will be charged \$9.25, per account, per quarter. These fees are assessed for the use of the Village's water meters.

A \$1.03 sewer user fee is assessed per 1,000 units used. Funds generated from the sewer user charge are utilized to maintain the Village's combined sewer system and any improvements or repairs needed.



## Parks & Recreation News

### Pool Passes

Resident seasonal passes for the Proesel Park Aquatic Center will go on sale starting on March 6, 2023, for residents and April 1, 2023 for non-residents. Residents are eligible for early



bird rates for passes purchased on March 6, 2023, to March 15, 2023. Proof of residency is required when you register. Accepted forms of documentation are a driver's license, state ID, mortgage, or a title or lease agreement. Swim lesson information will be available in the summer brochure. To learn more of the features offered at the Aquatic Center, visit <https://www.lincolnwoodil.org/Aquatic-Center>.

### VIP Dinner/ Dance

Dive deep under the sea for an unforgettable night with your Very Important Person! Kids and their VIPs are invited to a magical night at the Double Tree in Skokie. Couples will enjoy dinner, dessert, a photo booth, and

a candy bar while they dance the night away. Advanced registration is required for this event, and this does usually sell out! The Dinner Dance will take place on Friday, February 17, from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm for ages 5-14. Online registration is available at [www.lincolnwoodil.org/parksandrecsignup](http://www.lincolnwoodil.org/parksandrecsignup).



### Summer Camps

Summer camps will be from June to August 2023 for ages 3 – 12. Programs will run from 7 am – 6 pm. Weekly and full-session enrollment will be offered with optional swim lessons. Registration for residents will begin on February 20 and March 3 for non-residents. Online registration is available at [www.lincolnwoodil.org/parksandrecsignup](http://www.lincolnwoodil.org/parksandrecsignup).



# Vehicle Theft Prevention

Motor vehicle thefts and burglaries are crimes of opportunity that can be prevented. In Lincolnwood, over 90% of motor vehicle thefts and burglaries involve unlocked cars, many with personal items, such as keys or key fobs, in plain view. The best way to prevent these crimes is to:

- » **Never leave personal items in plain view.**
- » **Secure all personal items in your trunk or residence.**
- » **Always keep car doors locked with the windows rolled up when parked, even on your driveway.**
- » **Never leave keys or key fobs in your car.**
- » **Remove any valuables from your car.**
- » **Set your car alarm.**
- » **Most importantly, Lock your car doors!**
  - » **In the unfortunate event that your vehicle is stolen, immediately call the Police and report your license plate and VIN, make, model, and any identifying characteristics of the vehicle.**



**HELP US,  
HELP YOU**

**HELP PREVENT  
VEHICLE CRIMES**

**DOORS  
LOCKED?  
VALUABLES  
REMOVED?**

Lincolnwood Police Department  
Working with you to create a CRIME  
FREE COMMUNITY!

**REPORT ALL SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY TO  
THE LINCOLNWOOD POLICE  
DEPARTMENT**

**847-673-2167  
IN AN EMERGENCY CALL 9-1-1**

# Public Works Reminders

## Free Holiday Light Recycling Program

Residents are encouraged to consider recycling holiday lights that are no longer useful. The Village offers a free holiday light recycling program in conjunction with the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County and Elgin Recycling, Inc. Accepted items include: Mini-lights, C7 lights, C9 lights, rope lights, LED lights, extension cords, etc. Lights may be dropped off at the Public Works Department located at 7001 N. Lawndale Avenue, Monday through Friday between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm. The program will end on January 30, 2023. For questions regarding this program, please contact the Public Works Department at 847-675-0888.



## Holiday Tree Clean Up

Groot will collect holiday trees on Monday, January 2, and Monday, January 9, 2023. Trees must have all decorations removed and be placed curbside for pick-up. There is no additional cost for this service. Trees larger than six feet must be cut in half.

## Fire Hydrant Accessibility

In cases of emergency, seconds count. Residents can assist this winter by adopting a fire hydrant. Adopting a fire hydrant includes clearing the snow between the street and the hydrant following a storm. When residents adopt a fire hydrant, they ensure it is accessible to the Fire Department in times of emergency.

## Frozen Water Pipes and Meters

As Lincolnwood braces for the coldest months of the year, the Village would like to remind residents to prepare water lines for freezing temperatures. Here are a few simple tips to keep them safe:

- » Keep homes heated at a minimum of 55 degrees.
- » Make sure there is warm air circulating in uninsulated areas of homes and buildings where there are water pipes, including garages, unfinished basements, and crawlspaces.
- » Disconnect garden hoses from all outdoor faucets. This allows water to drain from frost-free faucets.
- » Leave a trickle of water running from a faucet to keep water moving through the line.
- » For water meters located in a furnished area of basements, check to be sure that the meter has been insulated properly and has protection from freezing during winter months.

If a faucet is turned on and only a trickle comes out, the pipe may be frozen. Turn off the water at the main shutoff valve if a pipe is broken. If the pipe is undamaged, warm the pipe using a hair dryer or heating pad; do not use candles or open flames. When in doubt, it is always best to contact a licensed plumber to prevent unintended damage.

For residents who plan to leave town for an extended period, the Village can turn off the water at the b-box to help prevent freezing pipes. Residents can contact the Finance Department at 847-673-1540 if it is suspected that a meter is frozen or to schedule a water shutoff.

# BUSINESS CONNECTIONS



## Apply for Building Permits Early!

With a high volume of building permit activity expected this spring and summer, the Community Development Department encourages residents and businesses to submit permits as soon as possible this year to avoid delays to their projects. The Community Development Department issues permits for remodeling, repairs, and all new construction projects.

Most applications for small projects are reviewed within a week of receiving complete permit materials. That timeframe may increase as spring approaches, and more projects are submitted. Home additions, new construction, and other larger projects may take longer to review. Permits are valid for a year, so community members should apply for permits early to begin their project when the weather permits.



## District 1860 Construction Update

Construction began in the Fall of 2021 and has steadily progressed. The upper four residential floors of the mixed-use building, which will have ground-floor retail/restaurants and 299 residential units, are being constructed in three phases. Framing on the first phase, closest to the intersection of Touhy and Lincoln Avenues, and the second phase further west has been completed, with the third phase framing set for completion shortly. Work within individual residential units involved the installation of electrical, plumbing, drywall, and painting. Landscaping has been installed on the residential amenity deck. Plans have been submitted for an interior build-out of the Fat Rosie's Taco and Tequila Bar space, which will front Touhy Avenue.

Work on the shell of the Amazon Fresh building, a 38,015 square grocery store, has been completed and turned over to the tenant to build the space's interior. A public art mural is complete on the west side of the building by Chicago native artist Emmy Star Brown.

Offsite work has largely been completed, such as constructing a new sidewalk, curb, and gutter and planting trees. Underground electricity for traffic signals on Touhy Avenue has been installed, and median improvements on Lincoln Avenue have largely been completed. Sections of the roadway on Touhy and Lincoln Avenues were milled, and new asphalt was installed in November. A new westbound right turn lane into the development from Touhy Avenue is complete.



Sign up to Receive Project Updates by email at [www.lincolnwoodil.org/district1860](http://www.lincolnwoodil.org/district1860).

## Business Retention and Expansion Program

The Village of Lincolnwood values existing businesses. Last year, The Village developed a site visit program to support the community's existing businesses through ongoing engagement and information-sharing between the Village's staff and elected officials, and local business owners and managers. Lincolnwood's existing businesses form the foundation for local employment opportunities, stabilize its tax base, and serve as crucial engines for overall economic growth. The site visits aim to identify local businesses' existing and anticipated needs and address those needs through coordinated resources, partnerships, and tools.

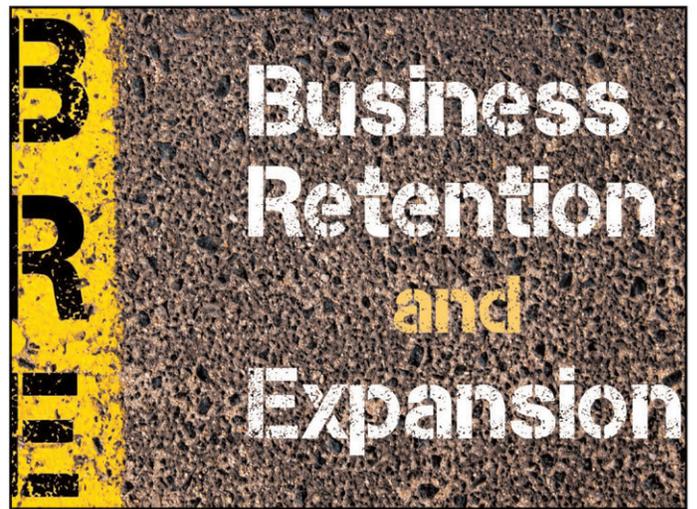


Business Retention and Expansion (BRE) is a proactive approach to economic development designed to better understand the challenges and opportunities businesses in our community face and connect them with what they need to succeed. BRE also focuses on gathering feedback and insights on the overall business climate, which is aggregated and analyzed to identify trends.

We see firms growing in three ways:

- » Growth/expansion of existing firms (business expansion and retention)
- » Creation of new firms (entrepreneurial development)
- » Attraction of external firms to the market area (business recruitment)

For more information about the program, contact Community Development Director Scott Mangum at 847-745-4710 or [smangum@lwd.org](mailto:smangum@lwd.org). To schedule a visit, contact Executive Secretary Carrie Dick at 847-745-4717 or [cdick@lwd.org](mailto:cdick@lwd.org).



## New Businesses

### **Lincolnwood Toys**

3333 W. Touhy

Lincolnwood Toys sells exclusive and one-of-a-kind toys.

### **Cinco De Mayo Mexican Food**

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Cinco De Mayo Mexican Food serves traditional and delicious Mexican dishes prepared fresh daily.

### **Spirit Practico**

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Spirit Practico provides repair and renovation services. Spirit Practico has all the skills you need for household repairs and improvement, from woodworking to electrical installation.

### **Speedy Rides**

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Speedy rides offers various animal and motorcycle rides for all children to enjoy.

### **House of Jewels**

3333 W. Touhy

The House of Jewels is located within the Lincolnwood Town Center.

### **Lincolnwood Chiropractic Health Center**

6919 N. Lincoln

Lincolnwood Chiropractic Health Center works with patients to provide the best chiropractic care for patients in the Lincolnwood area.

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Lincolnwood, IL 60712  
[www.lincolnwoodil.org](http://www.lincolnwoodil.org)

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Trustee Craig Klatzco  
Trustee Atour Sargon  
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Village Clerk Beryl Herman  
Village Manager Anne Marie Gaura

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## Board and Commission Meetings

**Village Board:** 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the Month  
**Plan 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, 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](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:

**Marting Luther King, Jr. Day - January 16**  
**President's Day - February 20**

## 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