

LINCOLNWOOD CONNECTIONS



September/October 2023

Village of Lincolnwood

District 1860 Construction Update

Construction began in the Fall of 2021 and is nearing completion. Over 50 residential units within the mixed-use building are occupied. Fat Rosie's Taco and Tequila Bar are open for business, and interior buildout construction is underway for Lee Nails, LensCrafters, and Davanti Enoteca, which is an Italian wine bar and restaurant that will be located at the corner of Touhy and Lincoln. Building permit plans have also been approved for FatPour Tap Works restaurant.

The start of construction for the next phase of the development is a 5-story, 152-room dual-branded Marriott Hotel. The hotel developers recently submitted building permit applications and the permits are being reviewed and processed by the Village.



Lincolnwood Data Snapshot

Did you know that 13,463 live in Lincolnwood? How about that Health Care is the biggest employer of residents? The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning just released a new Community Data Snapshot for Lincolnwood, and it's full of interesting information! Learn more in Lincolnwood's Community Data Snapshot at: www.cmap.illinois.gov/community-data-snapshots-partner-toolkit.

Tree Removal Permits

A permit is required prior to removing an existing tree with an eight (8) inch diameter or greater size. When removing a tree, the tree replacement obligation will be determined based on the type of tree and its condition. A fee may also be chosen to be paid in lieu of replacing the removed tree, which is then used to purchase and plant trees elsewhere in the Village. Permit Applications can be submitted at lincolnwood.onlma.com.

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President's Message

My fellow residents,

As summer comes to a close, the Village turns to our Fall programming and we are already making plans for 2024 and beyond. Before we move on, I'd like to again thank all of the Village Staff from every department for an 'all-hands' effort with this year's Lincolnwood Fest. Of course, thanks must also go to all the volunteers and sponsors, and to the neighbors of Proesel Park, who welcome thousands of people to their neighborhood. Overall, it was an excellent event with a number of improvements, and we have already identified improvements for next year. Personally, I had a great time each night out at the Fest, and I tried my hardest to reach the back row with the t-shirts that were thrown from the stage. I'll be sure to practice for next year. Registration for the annual Turkey Trot is now open. There are races to suit every age and ability, and there are plenty of opportunities for sponsorship and volunteers.

Unfortunately, due to factors beyond our control, the reconstruction of Flowers Park has been delayed. Principal structures and equipment for Flowers Park have been acquired. The contractor is now anticipated to commence construction later this year with completion likely to be into next year. The OSLAD Grant which is being used to help fund this project is secure, and the Village is already working to deploy the funding of another OSLAD Grant for improvements in Proesel Park. Repairs to the Proesel Park Tennis Courts are complete and, due to popularity and high demand, pickle-ball striping has been added to the courts.

The Feasibility Study for a Dog Park has been completed and a Dog Park will surely be in the Parks Master Plan presentation later this year. In fact, our Staff has been hard at work on two planning documents that will guide our future efforts on the Village Board. The Parks Master Plan and Facilities Assessment are near completion, and over the next ten months, the Village Board will begin to review and discuss how we will address our aging municipal campus and public facilities.

At District 1860, the grand opening event is anticipated for mid-September, and the first restaurant, Fat Rosie's Mexican Restaurant from Scott Harris Hospitality, has opened. Two other restaurants are under construction, Davanti Enoteca and FatPour, as well as LensCrafters and a high-end salon. Over 50 people now call this development their home, and we look forward to welcoming many more new Lincolnwooders in the coming months. The dual-branded Marriott hotel is on track for the balance of the site. In advance of the hotel's opening, the Village joined the North Shore Convention and Visitors Bureau. This membership will be helpful in marketing the Village and attracting customers to our diverse offering of restaurants, which in turn helps to support the growth of local businesses and our sales tax base.

We are glad to now offer online permit submission and tracking to ease the process of obtaining a permit. Initial feedback regarding the online system has been favorable, and anyone seeking a permit is encouraged to give it a try. The Community Development Department strives to provide a high level of service to all residents and will continue to improve its processes and communication.

Lead water line replacement in the two-block pilot area is near completion and the initial feedback received has been very positive. As we move forward on our planning efforts for the upcoming years we continue to seek information on several hundred homes that may have a lead water service line and are therefore eligible for zero-cost replacement with copper pipe. The grant-funded Green Alley construction is underway at Touhy and Kilpatrick and the Village is already planning for another grant application to continue this program elsewhere in the Village. As always, we seek out and apply for many grant and incentive opportunities available through a variety of sources. MWRD's sludge line construction project continues along Devon Ave. now moving closer to Crawford. Once the project reaches Cicero, it will turn South and full use of traffic lanes will be restored. The Village Board has authorized the preparation of the Phase II plan of the Devon Avenue streetscape plan so that work will be able to commence once the MWRD project has been completed.

This summer, the Village Board approved the adoption of the Village's first-ever Sustainability Plan. The Plan describes the existing conditions of environmental and sustainable actions taken by the Village. It also outlines the priorities recommended by the Environmental Commission for the Village Board's consideration, adoption and pursuit. Responsible management of our local resources and facilities and the establishment of reasonable regulations can help to ensure that we do our part. Here at Village Hall, the Village Board has returned to our full schedule of monthly meetings. Due to conflicts with holidays, there are several meetings that are scheduled on atypical days so please check the calendar at www.lincolnwoodil.org for the full up-to-date meeting schedule.

This summer my family joined two other families on a trip to Greece. Calling Lincolnwood home certainly makes it easy to visit Greece. It seemed like everywhere we went, someone knew someone from Lincolnwood or had been to Psistaria when they visited Chicago. To finish off the Summer season, I joined thousands of athletes of all ages in the 40th Anniversary of the Chicago Triathlon. This was my 18th year doing this great race and though the swim portion was canceled due to dangerous water conditions, I was able to post my personal records on both the bike and run courses.

Sincerely,



Mayor Jesal Patel



"Plan your work, work your plan" - Meena Patel (my Mother)

Village News

Seniors Rideshare Program

The Village has launched a senior citizen pilot transportation program with support from the SafeLIGHT Foundation and AARP. The program offers free Lyft rides to registered residents 65 and over. Scheduled rides are provided to grocery stores, pharmacies, and medical appointments within Lincolnwood and nearby villages/cities. The program will be active until the limited funds are exhausted. Visit www.lincolnwoodil.org/464/Social-Service-Resources for the application and more information.

Electric Vehicle Charging Station

The Village's first Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Station is available for resident use. The charging station is located at Proesel Park and costs \$0.15/kWh and \$30 per hour to users who remain parked after their vehicle has been fully charged.



Artist Spotlight

The recent works of Lee Colpi capture personality and life in every portrait, regardless of whether the oil painting is a portrait, landscape, or architectural surrounding. The artist is offering the viewer a feeling of how things are at a point in time when peacefulness and harmony reign and our fast-paced world is captured in a happy moment.



Lee Colpi is a self-trained, local artist living with his wife, Anne, in Northfield, Illinois.

Lincolnwood in Bloom

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.



Entries will be due on Friday, September 15. To apply, visit lincolnwoodil.org/lincolnwoodinbloom. If you have any questions about the application, please contact Public Works at 847-675-0888.

Village Cooling Center

When there is inclement weather, the Village operates a warming and cooling center available for residents. The Center will be activated during extremely hot or cold weather events and is located at 6900 N. Lincoln Avenue in the municipal campus within the Fire Department.



Residents may access it either through the Fire Department or Police Department. Notice of the Center's activation will be provided via the Village's website, social media, and reverse 9-1-1 system. To signup for these services, please visit www.lincolnwoodil.org/list.aspx

Rat Control Service

The Village's Rat Control Program is a method to reduce the nuisance of 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 that this program differs from the existing rodent control program, which treats skunks, raccoons, and possums as part of the Village's cost-sharing program. For more information, visit www.lincolnwoodil.org/446/Animal-Control-Programs.



Parks & Recreation News

New Online Registration System

CivicRec is now live. CivicRec is our new online recreation registration software. Users will need to create a new account. Previous accounts from Rec Trac will not transfer over to CivicRec. The system allows for the registering of a variety of youth, adult, and family programs that Park and Recreation offers. Furthermore, CivicRec users can check out field and rental facility calendars and request weekend rentals. Sign up for your new account by visiting <https://secure.rec1.com/IL/lincolnwood-village-il/catalog>.



Trunk or Treat

Wear your Halloween costume and join us for this family-friendly event of treats and spooky fun! Children must be accompanied by an adult. Join us in the Aquatic Center Parking Lot on Sunday, October 29, from 1-3 p.m.



Touch A Truck

The biggest and coolest trucks will be on display to touch and explore. This FREE, family-friendly event features earth movers, dump trucks, police cars, fire engines, ambulances, and more. The event will be held on Sunday, September 17, from 1-3 p.m. in the Village Hall parking lot. The event will open at 12:30 p.m. for quiet time, free of lights, sirens, and horns for young children and individuals with sensory limitations.



Flowers Park Construction

Flowers Park is set to undergo a \$1.2 million renovation with the assistance of an Illinois Department of Natural Resources Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant to include a total renovation of the basketball and tennis courts, a new playground, resurfaced pedestrian paths, a new game area, a pollinator/butterfly garden, and a new restroom facility. Construction is anticipated to begin in late September 2023, with substantial completion in late Spring 2024.

Movies in the Park

Parks and Recreation will show The Bad Guys at the Proesel Park pavilion on Saturday, September 9, at 7 p.m.

47th Annual Turkey Trot

One of the highlights of the fall season is the Lincolnwood Turkey Trot. This year, the Turkey Trot will be held on Sunday, November 19, at 8:45 a.m. 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 5K Fitness Walk and Drumstick Dash for children ages six and younger.



Registration is now available online at <https://runsignup.com/Race/IL/Lincolnwood/LWTurkeyTrot> or in person at the Parks and Recreation Department, located at 4170 W. Morse Ave. Don't wait to register. This event traditionally sells out, and early bird discounts apply until September 30, 2023, at 5 p.m.

Sponsor the Turkey Trot

The Turkey Trot would not be possible without our amazing sponsors each year. The event draws more than 2000 runners to race village at Proesel Park, as well as hundreds of volunteers and thousands of spectators.



The Village has sponsorship opportunities at all levels and welcomes in-kind donations such as food and water. If your business is interested in learning more about sponsoring the Lincolnwood Turkey Trot, please contact Marketing Coordinator Adriana Flores at aflores@lwd.org or 847-745-4726.

Volunteer at Turkey Trot

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 can assist with gear checks and water stations or as a Course Marshal. To join the volunteer team for this year's race, please contact Recreation Supervisor Kandice Newton at knewton@lwd.org or 847-745-4723.



Public Works

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

The Annual Water Quality Report from January 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022, is available on the Village of Lincolnwood website at www.lincolnwoodil.org/water-report. 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. For more information regarding this report, or if you would like a hard copy, please contact the Public Works Department at 847-675-0888.



Leaf Collection and Yard Waste Reminder

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 stormwater flow into the Village's sewer system, which can lead to flooded streets and sidewalks. Leaves should never be placed in piles on the roadway. Yard waste, such as leaves, can be disposed of by collecting them in brown yard waste bags. Sticks and branches should be bundled together, not exceeding four feet in length. No branch should be larger than four inches in diameter, and the bundle cannot weigh more than 50 pounds. Yard waste should be set out with your refuse and recycling on Mondays.



OaktoberFest

The Environmental Commission is pleased to invite you to its third annual OaktoberFest on Sunday, October 29. It will be held in the Lincolnwood Community Center at 4170 W. Morse. The event will take place from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Residents and visitors will be able to learn about recycling and environmental initiatives, enjoy fun activities for kids, and receive a free oak sapling! 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!



Lincolnwood Property Search

The Village of Lincolnwood offers Lincolnwood Property Search, a detailed property search where you can find information regarding your homes, as well as the services your home receives. The Portal also has information regarding the material of your water service line under the service line information tab. To begin searching, please visit www.lincolnwoodil.org/239/Public-Works.

Valley Line Trail Cleanup

Do your part to keep Lincolnwood clean and green! Join the Environmental Commission on Sunday, September 24, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for a fall cleanup of the Valley Line Trail. Volunteers should meet in front of the Flowers Park sign on Pratt Avenue. Disposable gloves, trash grabbers, and bags will be provided. Volunteers should also wear comfortable clothes, old shoes or boots, and work gloves if possible.



Pumpkin Smash

Bring your leftover pumpkins from the Fall season to Public Works on Saturday, November 4, to be properly composted at the Village's second annual Pumpkin Smash! The Pumpkin Smash is a yearly waste reduction event coordinated with SCARCE, SWANCC, and Groot. The event will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the large parking lot south of Public Works, 7001 N. Lawndale Avenue, at the corner of Lunt Avenue and Lawndale Avenue.



Fire Department

National Fire Prevention Week October 8 -14

Statistically, cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries in the United States. Use the week of October 8-14 to become familiar with the hazards and dangers of unattended cooking and the precautions you can take to prevent cooking-related fires.



Cooking safely and avoiding kitchen fires is critically important. Ensuring a few simple safety reminders will go a long way in preventing such mishaps

STAY focused on the food. Unattended cooking is the leading cause of kitchen fires.

- » Stay in the kitchen when frying, boiling, grilling, or boiling food. Turn off the burner if you leave the kitchen – even for a short period. If you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly and stay at home.
- » If you are sleepy, have consumed alcohol, or have taken medication that makes you drowsy, don't cook. Place a delivery order instead!

PUT a lid on it – you can take simple steps to keep a small kitchen fire from getting out of control.

- » Always keep a lid nearby when cooking. If a small grease fire occurs, slide the lid over the pot or pan and turn off the burner. Leave the pot or pan covered until it has cooled.
- » Never use water or discharge a portable fire extinguisher into a grease fire – it will spread the flames.
- » In case of an oven or microwave fire, turn the appliance off and keep the door closed until they have cooled. After the fire, have the appliance serviced before using it again.

KEEP cooking areas clear. Clear away clutter and give cooking appliances space to lessen the chance of a fire.

- » Keep anything that can catch fire, such as oven mitts, wooden utensils, food wrappers, towels, and curtains, away from the stovetop. Wear short, close-fitting, or tightly rolled sleeves when cooking.
- » Have a “kid-free zone” of at least 3’ around the stove or areas where hot food or drink is prepared, and keep pets off cooking surfaces and nearby countertops. Clean up food and grease from burners and stovetops.

PREVENT scolds and burns. Hot liquids and steam from the stove or oven can cause devastating injuries.

- » Turn the pot handles away from the stove's edge.
- » Keep hot foods and liquids away from the table and counter edges.
- » Keep your face away from the oven door when checking or removing food.
- » Open microwaved food slowly, away from your face.

Police Department

Alarm User Permit Required

The Village of Lincolnwood requires that any residence or business with an active alarm on the premise must annually have/maintain an Alarm Permit on file with the Lincolnwood Police Department. The ordinance states: An alarm system is defined as, but not be limited to: “automatic holdup alarm systems,” “burglar alarm systems,” “holdup alarm systems,” “fire alarm systems,” “medical emergency alarm systems,” and “outside ringers.”

Permit user fees for both residential and businesses are listed below and payable upon remittance of the Alarm Permit Application Form:

- » Initial Permit Fee \$25.00
- » Renewal Permit Fee \$25.00

Renewal letters and forms with the current amount due for the permit are mailed in June and are due no later than July 31st to avoid a late fee of \$30.00. Permits expire on June 30th of each year. Failure to submit the application and permit fee in a timely manner may result in your being assigned an administrative hearing date to adjudicate this matter.

Alarm system registration with the Police Department ensures that dispatch personnel have access to current contact information for the Alarm Company and individuals who can respond in the event of an activation/emergency at the premises. All information provided to the police department is kept confidential.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Police Department Executive Secretary Mary Liss at 847-745-4747.

BUSINESS CONNECTIONS



Business Spotlight with Frame Factory Co-Owner Ande Kubis

How did you and your family get into the framing business?

Our parents originally owned a Glass & Mirror Company in Morton Grove. However, many of the clients started asking for picture frames. Recognizing the growing interest in framing, they decided to sell the glass/mirror company and, in 1970, started Frame Factory on Lincoln Ave in Skokie. Over the years, Frame Factory expanded its operations to include Skokie, Highland Park, and Chicago locations.

Why did you choose Lincolnwood?

About ten years ago, we had an opportunity to sell our building on Pulaski in Chicago. Since we wanted to stay close to our existing clientele in that area and also expand our presence in the northern suburbs, Lincolnwood seemed like the best fit for us. The Devon location has worked well as it's centrally located for most of our clients and new clients. We house both our showroom and our production facility. Although we may be a little bit difficult to find, we rely on word of mouth and online platforms like Google to help potential clients locate us. Additionally, the large sign at the top of the building aids in visibility.

What is the most rewarding part of your business?

The most rewarding aspect of our business is working with new and old clients and witnessing their excitement when they see their finished framed pieces. Picture framing is a transformative process. Clients bring us their cherished possessions, which include sentimental pieces, pieces acquired on vacations, photos, and gifts. We add our creativity to these and transform them into something they will love and cherish forever. Witnessing the happiness on their faces and hearing their expressions of satisfaction is what makes our work so fulfilling. We take pride in educating clients on the picture framing process/design and the benefits of framing what's important to them.

Where does your customer base come from?

Our customer base comes from a variety of sources. As we have been in business for over 53 years, many are repeat clients who graciously help spread the word about our services, which results in referrals. We also benefit from our location in the Bucktown area in Chicago. Platforms such as Google greatly assist when clients are searching for "picture framing nearby." Our positive feedback supports our experience and satisfaction with our work. These clients, based on their positive experiences, often lead them to showcase their newly framed pieces to friends and family, which, in turn, leads them to become clients as well. Our local client base includes a locally known hospital group, hotels, restaurants, designers, artists, and galleries. We can handle projects of any size, from single pieces to large orders. We take pride in providing quality service to every one of our clients.

How has your business changed during the Pandemic?

Like many businesses, the pandemic brought about significant changes in the way we operate. It allowed us to appreciate even more how important it was to keep our current clients happy and how to work at bringing in new clients. Our vendors were amazing as they, too, understood that lead times were going to increase, and we were allowed to purchase and technically overstock our inventory so we could have on hand enough materials for framing. We always tried to keep a large inventory of materials on hand, and understanding that many after the beginning of the pandemic were focused on remodeling their homes, we found having added additional materials allowed us to be who we are and give all of our clients the framing experience they were hoping for. By doing this, we were able to remind people of the importance of shopping locally and supporting brick-and-mortar businesses, especially as these are the backbone of a vital economy.

What has been the proudest moment of your career?

I had never actually thought about this. I think it's more of an overall feeling. My parents worked hard to establish Frame Factory as being one of the best in the field. My father, in particular, was a kind and compassionate person who always emphasized the importance of treating every customer and every employee with kindness and respect. Today, my sister Cindy and I continue their legacy. We have wonderful employees who have been with us since the early 1980s, and we consider them part of our family. This strong bond allows us to work together seamlessly as a team. Being recognized as one of the owners of Frame Factory and upholding the values my parents instilled in us is what makes me proud.

What is the secret to Frame Factory's success?

The secret is simple. Our success lies in our dedicated team members and our valued clients. We place a strong emphasis on our design work and overall framing quality, aiming to ensure that all have a wonderful experience with us. Our goal continues to be building long-lasting relationships with our clients, so we are their only picture-framing company.

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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

Village Board meetings are held in the Gerald C. Turry Village Board Room 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 Closures

Village Hall will be closed in observance of the following holidays:

Labor Day - September 4

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.

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
ComEd	(800) 334-7661
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