

LINCOLNWOOD CONNECTIONS



January/February 2024

Village of Lincolnwood

Village Snow Removal

As winter sets in, ensuring you're well-prepared for the season ahead is important. The Village of Lincolnwood is committed to keeping our streets safe and accessible during inclement weather.

Efficient Snow Removal Operations

The Village is responsible for plowing 75 lane miles of road. To streamline our efforts, the community is divided into ten plow routes, allowing Public Works Crews to respond quickly and effectively. Our goal is to clear all Village-owned streets within eight hours of a four to six-inch snowfall event.



How You Can Help

Your cooperation is appreciated in making our snow removal operations as smooth as possible. You can assist by parking your vehicles in driveways or garages and refraining from blowing snow into the street. This ensures plowing operations are unimpeded and efficient.

- » Please note snow on driveway's is an unavoidable part of the snow removal operations.

Alternate Side Parking for Snow Removal

To best facilitate snow removal efforts, parking is prohibited along Pratt Avenue when two inches or more of snow is accumulated. We also have an Alternate Side Parking Program in place.

- » On even-numbered days of the month, vehicles should be parked on the even-addressed side of the street, and on odd-numbered days, park on the odd-numbered side of the street.
- » This program is in effect from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday to Friday after a 2-inch snow event.

Stay Informed and Safe

To stay updated on alternate side parking restrictions, notices are posted on our website at www.lincolnwoodil.org. Additionally, you can receive phone calls and text notifications through the Village's Reverse 911 emergency notification system at www.lincolnwoodil.org/reverse911.



Inside this Issue



President's Message

My fellow residents,

We are united in the principles of peace, respect, and understanding and will continue to rely on our diversity as a source of pride and opportunity for growth. To reinforce these principles I made the following statement at the October 17th Village Board meeting:

“Our community stands on strong foundations of unity, diversity, and inclusivity. We value the principles of peace, respect, and understanding among all individuals, regardless of their backgrounds or beliefs. It is during challenging times like these that we must uphold these core values and support one another. We understand that conflicts in the Middle East can evoke strong emotions and opinions, and it is natural for individuals to express their concerns.

However, it is crucial for us to remember that our local community is a place where dialogue and peaceful coexistence are paramount. Our focus lies in ensuring the safety and well-being of every member of our community, regardless of their faith or background. We stand united against any form of violence or discrimination. We continue to mourn all of the lives lost in this conflict and pray for an end to the suffering for all who are affected.”

Now, months later, the conflicts in the Middle East, and around the World, continue and the statement remains true here at home in Lincolnwood. I want to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year full of promise and prosperity. As we move into 2024 we will take a look back at what was accomplished last year and look forward to the year ahead:

The Parks and Recreation Master Plan has been completed. We have identified a need for a wide range of improvements to our existing facilities such as playgrounds, park amenities, and the pool facility and will be at work this year to begin to plan and implement a host of improvements.

Though the start of the Flowers Park construction was delayed due to issues outside of our control, the project is now substantially complete with the balance of work to be done in the Spring when weather permits.

We have applied for another OSLAD Grant of up to \$600,000 and we will couple with the Barry and Taffy Berger Foundation Donation to add a universally accessible playground at Proesel Park. The gymnasiums and fields at the schools offer a great opportunity to serve the needs and wants of the community. I would like to focus attention on creating sports and fitness programming utilizing the District 74 campus and amenities through the updated intergovernmental agreement we entered into in 2023.

The first year of State-required Lead Water Line Replacement went well and we now will resume the full roadway maintenance and construction program this year which will include dozens more new water copper lines being installed. You can check our website to find information on the roads on the schedule for this year and the coming years. Also, please visit this website to check the status of your own water line: www.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/2bf1291afe9248449226f1682cc24e1d.

In 2023 we began our snow removal program for critical

sidewalks on major roadways throughout the Village and we are glad to be able to continue the program this year. Of course we had an unusually light snow season last year and as I write this missive we have barely had a coating of snow this year. Perhaps our preparation saves us from the task, probably not.

In 2023 we also welcomed a new, local, operator for the Proesel Park Concession Stand and with rave reviews we are glad that they are coming back for the 2024 season. The Village Board has agreed on the creation of a dedicated off-leash dog park at Centennial Park and now we will be considering “dog-friendly” areas in parks where space is available currently.

New striping for Pickleball courts have been quite a hit and we expect there will be demand to expand the opportunities to play within the Village. We are exploring our options and welcome input from residents on ways to improve our offerings.

I want to commend the great work last year by our local troops of Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts in bringing us a Gaga Court to Proesel Park, a Butterfly Garden at GG Rowell Park and other improvements to our public spaces, Thank You.

At District 1860, Italian restaurant Davanti Enoteca has opened and Fatpour Tap-Works of Big Onion Hospitality will be the next to open there. Site preparation work has begun on the dual-branded Marriott Hotel on Lincoln Ave and we continue to await the start of work on the grocery store, Amazon Fresh.

In December we hosted a luncheon for Village Staff to acknowledge work anniversaries of varying levels. At the luncheon 33 employees received recognition for a total of 411 years of service to the Village in various positions. I want to again express immense gratitude to our Village Staff for their dedicated service. Every day we all enjoy the benefits of their work from parks, to public safety to public works and everything in between. Most of our staff spend as many waking hours in Lincolnwood as the average resident, and they are welcomed and valued members of the community, part of the family.



Ribbon cutting of Lincolnwood's first grant funded "Green-Alley"

"Nobody can bring you peace but yourself."

-Louis Pasteur

Sincerely,

Mayor Jesal Patel

Village News

Senior 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.

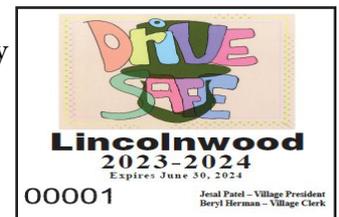
Artist Spotlight

The January and February featured artist is Casey Mezinskas. Casey Mezinskas is a Chicago-based photographer. She has always been fascinated by observing and documenting how our natural and urban environments interact and evolve over time. The less obvious lessons of nature and city interest her most, often highlighting our world's discarded and forgotten bits. The contrast of cityscapes and landscapes is what her show is ultimately about. These are the two themes she has always been attracted to. According to Casey, if her photos have a mission, it is to capture seldom-viewed scenes and environments, presenting them in a challenging and thought-provoking way.



Vehicle Stickers

The Village Code requires any vehicle owner who resides and registers their motor vehicle in the Village to purchase and affix a vehicle sticker. Vehicle sticker renewals were sent out in early summer 2023 with a renewal date of July 1, 2023. Failure to display a Village sticker can lead to a ticket issued to facilitate compliance with the Village Code. Residents who have not yet purchased their vehicle stickers should visit the Finance Department at Village Hall.



Village Citizen Survey

In the coming weeks, the Village will be distributing a Citizen Survey to randomly selected residents to provide feedback on various services, functions, and potential projects. The citizen survey will be distributed in the mail, with residents who receive the survey being able to complete it more conveniently online as well. The survey results will guide the Village's operations as it solicits feedback on the current level of services and areas of improvement for the community.

Five Components of a Water Bill

There are five components to your water bill: Water Usage, Capital Improvements, Water Meter Fund, Debt Service Fund, and Sewer Use. **Water Usage:** The basic water user charge is calculated quarterly based on consumption. Each unit is 1,000 gallons of metered water consumption. The current base rate is \$6.34 per unit. **Capital Improvements:** Each bill includes a monthly charge of \$3.42, which is allocated to fund large Capital projects, such as water main replacements. Water bills for residential properties are issued quarterly and reflect a charge of \$10.26 for the three-month period. Water bills for commercial properties are issued monthly; therefore, they reflect the monthly charge of \$3.42. **Water Meter Fund:** Residential properties are charged a water meter fee of \$4.89 quarterly. Commercial properties are charged a water meter fund fee of \$9.78 monthly. These fees are assessed for the use of the Village's water meters. **Debt Service Fund:** The Debt Service Charge is calculated quarterly at \$3.70 per unit. This charge is allocated to pay debts incurred to improve the water delivery system for projects such as new water main replacements. **Sewer Use:** The Sewer user fee is \$1.09 per unit. Funds that are generated from the sewer user charge are utilized for maintenance of the Village's combined sewer system as well as any improvements or repairs that are needed.



Parks & Recreation News

Lunar New Year Event

Celebrate the Lunar New Year at the Community Center on Saturday, February 3, 2024, from 5 – 6:30 pm. There will be Lion Dancers, traditional tea tasting, Lunar New Year crafts, and commonly known Lunar New Year foods. Bring your family and friends as everyone is invited. Pre-registration is required.

Enchanted Dinner Dance

Escape those winter blues with a luau to remember on Friday, February 9, 2024, at the Skokie Double Tree by Hilton from 6-9 pm. Bring your favorite person or the entire family for a night of dinner, dessert, dancing, a DJ, a photo booth, and a candy bar. Feel free to dress to the theme of a tropical luau. The event is open to youth ages 5-14 with an adult. Pre-registration is required.



Summer Camp Registration

Summer Camp registration will open on Thursday, February 1, 2024, for Lincolnwood residents and on March 1, 2024, for non-residents. Parks and Recreation will offer traditional day camps in addition to a variety of specialty camps. Proesel Pals and Little Lincolns will still offer three-week sessions. Families also have the option of weekly enrollment. Tree Tikes will only offer weekly enrollment options for 2024. A new feature for camp will include the option for families to register their camper for two or four-day options for swim lessons. The summer camp brochure should arrive in mailboxes this month.



To register for the mentioned programs, visit secure.recl.com/IL/lincolnwood-village-il/catalog.

Flowers Park Renovation

The renovation of Flowers Park continues. The project, partially funded by an Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) Grant, began in October 2023 and is expected to be completed in summer 2024. The renovations include a new playground, tennis and basketball courts, a renovated pedestrian path, game tables, a pollinator garden, and a restroom facility.



47th Annual Turkey Trot

The 47th Annual Lincolnwood Turkey Trot 5K/10K run and walk was held on Sunday, November 19, 2023. Nearly 1,900 runners and walkers participated.



In the men's 5K, Bora Celiknal placed first with 15:54 minutes, followed by Luke Davey at 17:29 and Ali Karatas at 17:43. In the women's 5K, Lindsay Depaul placed first with a finishing time of 19:58 minutes, followed by Elizabeth Olivera with 20:36 minutes and Araceli Mondragon with 20:44 minutes.



Yoon Oh placed first in the men's 10K race, finishing in 34:32 minutes. Nicolas Delgado placed second with a finishing time of 35:00 minutes, and Cameron Brenson placed third with 36:17 minutes. Bridget Chamberlin placed first in the women's 10K with a finish time of 41:21 minutes. Christie Stocking finished in second place with a finishing time of 42:12, and Theresa Peterson finished third with a time of 43:48 minutes.



The top female Lincolnwood finishers were Anna Jacobson with a time of 23:41 in the 5K and Chelsea Bannock with a time of 45:52 in the 10K. The top male Lincolnwood finishers were Ali Karatas, with a time of 17:43 in the 5K, and John Pontikis, with a time of 43:42 in the 10K.



Lincolnwood in Bloom Winners

The goal of the Lincolnwood in Bloom Contest is to recognize residents' efforts to enhance the beauty of their homes and neighborhoods through landscaping. The winners will receive a gift card to a local business as their reward. Photos of the winning gardens can be found below. Congratulations to the 2023 Lincolnwood in Bloom Contest Winners!

First Place
Beth and Ralph Sair



Second Place - Tie
Agnes and Dorin Candea



Second Place - Tie
Zaid and Raisa Hussein



Third Place
Art Lovering



Public Works

Brighten up Your Community With Holiday Light Recycling

As you pack away your decorations and say farewell to the festive lights that decorated your home this holiday season, consider giving them a second chance to shine. The Village, in collaboration with the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) and Elgin Recycling, Inc., invites you to be a part of our free holiday light recycling program.



We're making it easy for you to do your part in reducing waste and contributing to a greener future. Accepted items for recycling include mini-lights, C7 lights, C9 lights, rope lights, LED lights, and extension cords. If you have any holiday lights that are no longer useful, don't toss them in the trash—recycle them instead!

The drop-off location for your holiday lights is the Public Works Department at 7001 N. Lawndale Avenue. Our doors are open from Monday to Friday between 8:30 am and 3:45 pm. Our holiday light recycling program is only here for a limited time. Don't miss this opportunity to brighten up the environment and make a sustainable choice. The program concludes on January 31, 2024. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Public Works Department at 847-745-0888.

Holiday Tree Clean-Up

Groot will collect holiday trees on Tuesday, January 2, and Monday, January 8, 2024. 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.

Adopt a Fire Hydrant

As neighbors, let's remember the importance of fire hydrant accessibility this winter. Seconds count in emergencies, and you can make a significant difference by adopting a fire hydrant near your home. After a snowfall, please take a moment to clear the snow around the hydrant, ensuring it's easily accessible to our Fire Department. Your kindness can help safeguard our community, contributing to fire safety and potentially saving lives.

Missed Refuse and Recycling Pick-Up

The Village's waste hauler, Groot, picks up refuse and recycling on Mondays. Residents should call the Public Works Department before noon on Tuesdays at 847-675-0888 if a pickup is missed.

Frozen Water Pipes and Meters Prevention

As winter tightens its grip on the Village, it's essential to safeguard your water lines against the freezing temperatures that lie ahead. We've put together some simple and effective tips to help keep your pipes safe and water flowing smoothly during this season:



- » **Maintain a Minimum Temperature:** Keep your homes heated to a minimum of 55 degrees Fahrenheit. This will help prevent your pipes from freezing, even during the coldest nights.
- » **Warm Air Circulation:** Ensure that warm air circulates in uninsulated areas of your homes and buildings where water pipes are present. This includes garages, unfinished basements, and crawlspaces. Proper insulation can make a significant difference.
- » **Disconnect Garden Hoses:** Don't forget to disconnect garden hoses from all outdoor faucets. This action allows water to drain from frost-free faucets, reducing the risk of freezing.
- » **Keep Water Moving:** In extreme cold, leave a trickle of water running from a faucet. This continuous flow helps prevent water from freezing inside the pipes. If a pipe is frozen and 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.
- » **Insulate Water Meters:** For water meters located in furnished areas of basements, ensure they are adequately insulated and protected from freezing during the winter months.

For residents who plan to leave town for an extended period, the Village can turn off water at the B-box to help prevent freezing pipes. Residents can contact the Public Works Department at 847-745-0888 to make arrangements.

Public Works

Salt Smarter and Protect Water Ways

Studies by the Salt Smart Collaborative (<https://saltsmart.org/>) reveal alarming increases in chloride levels in northeastern Illinois rivers, lakes, and wetlands over the years. Urban development contributes to the challenge by escalating road salt usage demanding deicing for expanded road and walkway networks. Unfortunately, a significant portion of this salt eventually finds its way into our waterways, complicating its filtration by MWRD water reclamation plants before releasing it as clean water into the Chicago Area Waterway System (CAWS). Some friendly tips to help reduce your salt usage this winter:



- » **Shovel first.** Salt should only be used after the snow is removed and only in areas needed for safety.
- » **Size matters.** More salt does not mean more melting. A 12-ounce coffee mug of salt should be enough for a 20-foot driveway or ten sidewalk squares (250 square feet).
- » **Spread.** Distribute salt evenly, not in clumps. Clumped salt is wasted salt!
- » **Sweep.** If salt is left over on the ground after the ice melts, then too much salt is used. Sweep up leftover salt to keep it out of local rivers and streams.
- » **Switch.** Untreated salt stops working if the temperature is below 15 degrees. When temperatures drop that low, switch to sand for traction or choose a different deicer formulated for colder temperatures.

Making Winter Greener: How to Reduce Your Carbon Footprint in Winter

As winter blankets our surroundings, the chilly season doesn't have to mean a spike in your carbon footprint. Understanding your carbon footprint is the first step towards a more sustainable lifestyle. Simply, it's the total amount of greenhouse gases (mainly CO₂) that you produce. The winter months often bring increased energy consumption and increased carbon emissions, but there are steps you can take to reduce your carbon footprint today.

- » **Cozy Without the Carbon:** Embrace the warmth without the guilt by making your winter more eco-friendly. Start by fine-tuning your thermostat; lowering it by a degree or two can make a substantial impact. Seal drafts, dress in layers, and cozy up with blankets to keep the heat where it belongs – inside your home. By investing in energy-efficient lighting and appliances, you not only save on bills but also shrink your carbon footprint.
- » **Winter Wisdom for the Environment:** Winterize your home for maximum efficiency – insulate pipes, install storm windows, and keep the fireplace damper closed when not in use. When cooking, use lids on pots, cook multiple items together, and savor the energy savings. Sustainable winter wear is not just a fashion statement; it's a commitment to reducing your environmental impact.

ComEd Tree Trimming

ComEd will be performing tree trimming in the Village within the next three months. Trees and branches that interfere with power lines can create safety hazards and cause power outages. Preventative tree maintenance helps avoid power outages. In some cases, tree removal may be required. The remaining tree stumps are treated with an approved herbicide to prevent future regrowth. The herbicide will be applied by state-licensed applicators. For more information, visit ComEd.com/Trees.



Animal Control (Opossums, Skunks, Raccoons)

The Village provides a 50/50 cost-sharing animal control program that specifically targets opossums, skunks, and raccoons. The program is administered contractually by Animal Control Specialists, Inc. and the Village's share of the cost is not to exceed \$200. Costs include the setting of a trap (\$90) and the capturing of target animals (\$55 per animal). The Village will not reimburse residents for non-target animals. The program is intended only for animals outdoors and does not cover nuisance animals found indoors. The process for utilizing the program is outlined below:

- » A resident contacts Public Works at 847-675-0888 if they have concerns about opossums, skunks, and raccoons on private property and outside their homes.
- » Public Works staff will notify Animal Control Specialists, who will then reach out to residents to schedule a window of time for setting traps.
- » Once the job is complete, the resident is expected to pay the entire cost. Animal Control Specialists will then send a receipt to Public Works staff, who will then reimburse the resident for 50% of the cost, or an amount not to exceed \$200.

Fire Department

Grease Fires – How to Prevent Them and What to Do When They Happen

You've started to warm up the grease to sauté some delicious meat or vegetables, and suddenly, you get distracted by a phone call or someone ringing the doorbell. The grease begins to overheat, produces smoke, and before you know it, it catches on fire. What you do to put out the grease fire can either work for you or against you, so we encourage you to keep the following grease fire safety tips in mind.

In the Event of a Grease Fire:

- » Turn off the heat, but do not try to move the pot from the stove, as the grease could splash on you or the kitchen surfaces.
- » Put a lid on the pot or frying pan to cut off oxygen to the fire. If the fire is out of control, the most important thing to do is to call 911 and get everyone outside.
- » Do not pour water on a grease fire. Water can cause the grease to splash onto yourself or kitchen surfaces and spread the flames.
- » Do not fan the fire with a dry or wet cloth. This can also cause the grease to splash or fire to spread onto other surfaces.
- » Do not use flour on a grease fire. While sometimes baking soda can extinguish a small grease fire (though not if the fire is too overwhelming), flour cannot and should not be used.
- » Due to the chemical risk of contaminating your kitchen, putting out a grease fire with your fire extinguisher should be the last resort.



Grease Fire Prevention

- » Stay in the kitchen and keep an eye on the deep fryer or frying pan.
- » Slowly heat the oil to your desired temperature.
- » Turn off the burner if you suspect the grease is getting too hot.
- » Place the food in the grease carefully to prevent hot grease splatter.



Move to the Right for Sirens and Lights

The Lincolnwood Fire Department wants to remind all motorists of the hazards that exist for all emergency personnel responding to emergencies. In the interest of life safety, it is imperative that first responders get there safely and quickly.

Every year in the U.S., there are almost 16,000 collisions involving Fire Department emergency vehicles while responding to or returning from incidents. These collisions resulted in over 1,000 firefighter injuries and nearly 50 deaths. Many people panic or don't adhere to the Illinois rules of the road for approaching emergency vehicles.

State law is very specific. Drivers must yield the right-of-way emergency vehicles. Failure to do so can cause serious accidents or delays in ambulances, fire engines and fire trucks arriving at the scene of an emergency. Firefighters are trained and careful to avoid vehicle collisions by cautiously driving when traveling against traffic or coming to a complete stop at intersections.

The cooperation of all vehicles on the roadway is essential. Below are rules to follow when you're on the road and encounter an emergency vehicle.



Fire Department

Smart 911

Over 80% of calls made to 9-1-1 come from wireless cellular phones. When you dial 9-1-1 from a cellular phone, the 9-1-1 dispatchers have very little information to help you, only your phone number and a general sense of your location. This is a serious problem in an emergency when seconds count, particularly if you or your loved ones have medical conditions or are unable to speak safely.

With Smart 911, you can provide 9-1-1 dispatchers and first responders with critical information you want them to know in an emergency. Citizens can provide information on their safety profile, such as their home address, floor plans, medical conditions, allergies, pets in the home, vehicle details in the event of an accident, emergency contacts and more. All information is optional; citizens can choose what details they want to include. When you call 9-1-1, your Smart 911 safety profile displays on the 9-1-1 dispatchers with the information you provided, allowing first responders to learn important details about you before arriving at a scene. Smart 911 is also nationwide, allowing your safety profile to be visible to participating 9-1-1 centers nationwide. Residents are encouraged to create their safety profile by visiting lincolnwoodil.org/431/Smart-911.



Police Department

Cold Weather = Hot Opportunities for Thieves

With the cold weather, many people will warm up their vehicles before heading out for the day. We all prefer a nice, warm vehicle for those cold winter days, but so do thieves! Do not leave your vehicle unattended and running. Sitting inside your vehicle is the only way to ensure your vehicle isn't taken while it's warming up. If you insist on warming up your vehicle without being in it, keep a constant watch from a window or doorway to see any activity on the road or in your immediate area. Don't open the door of opportunity to become a victim!

Lock it or Lose it

The Village has seen an influx of unlocked car break-ins throughout the village. Please remember to take your valuable belongings (purses, wallets, car keys, money, etc) with you when you exit your vehicle. Crime prevention takes all of us. Do your part by securing your belongings.

The Lincolnwood Police Department encourages residents to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity or persons by immediately calling 9-1-1.

Prevent vehicle theft:

 **LOCK CARS and WINDOWS,**

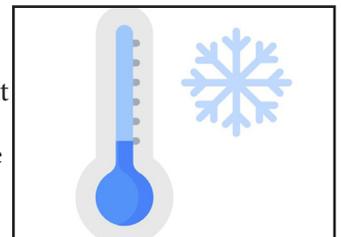
park in well-lit areas, hide valuables,

DO NOT leave keys in car, 

and **NEVER** leave your vehicle while it's running. 

Village Heating Center

When there is inclement weather, the Village operates a warming center available for residents. The center will be activated during extremely cold weather events and is located at 6900 N. Lincoln Avenue in the Police/Fire training room in 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.



BUSINESS CONNECTIONS



District 1860 Construction Update

Construction began in the Fall of 2021. The Final Certificate of Occupancy was issued in November for the mixed-use building and related on and off-site improvements. Approximately 40 percent of the 299 residential units within the mixed-use building are occupied. Fat Rosie's Taco and Tequila Bar and LensCrafters are open for business. Interior buildout construction continues for restaurants Davanti Enoteca, FatPour Tap Works and Lee Nails.

Fat Rosie's and Davanti Enoteca are both under Scott Harris Hospitality umbrella. Scott Harris has helped found numerous successful restaurants throughout the prestigious Chicago culinary scene, which have won him such awards as Chicago Restaurateur of the Year, Top 25 Restaurants in Chicago, and even a James Beard nomination. Big Onion Hospitality operates six existing restaurants across its four brands, five within Chicago. Lincolnwood will be the location of the third Fatpour Tap Works.



Building permits have been approved for the next development phase, a 5-story, 152-room dual-branded Marriott Hotel. The hotel will be located on Lincoln Avenue, north of the Village Green. The L-shaped building will feature an indoor pool, fitness center, dining area, and outdoor lounge. The local developer, Lakhani Hospitality, hopes to break ground this year with the hotels opening in 2025.

Businesses Retention and Expansion Program

The Village of Lincolnwood values existing businesses and developed a program of site visits to support the community's existing businesses through ongoing engagement and information-sharing between the Village's staff, 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 key engines for its overall economic growth. The goal of the site visits is to identify the existing and anticipated needs of local businesses 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, or to schedule a visit, contact Executive Secretary Carrie Dick at 847-745-4717 or cdick@lwd.org.

BUSINESS CONNECTIONS



Apply for Building Permits Early and Online

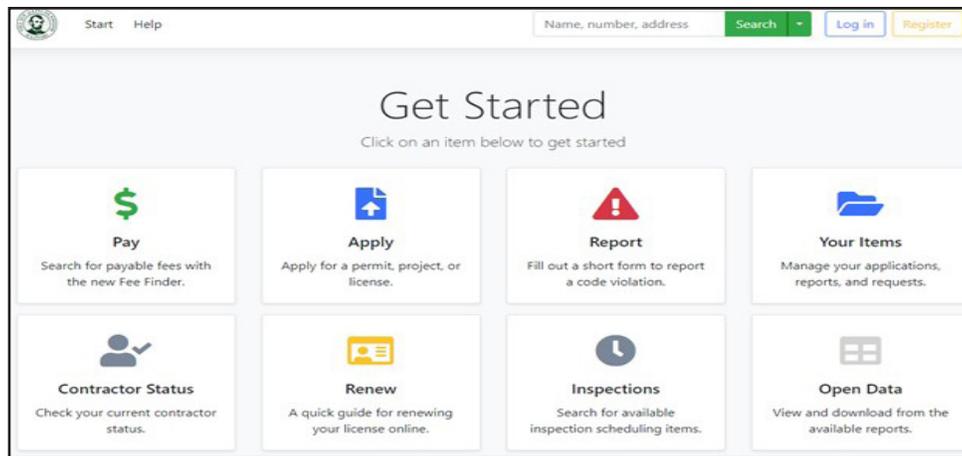
With a high volume of building permit activity expected again this spring and summer, the Community Development Department is encouraging residents and businesses to submit permits as soon as possible this year to avoid delays to their projects. The Community Development Department issues permits for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

Most applications for small projects are reviewed within a week of receiving complete permit materials, but 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 it's a good idea for community members to apply for their permits early to begin their project when the weather permits.

You can now apply, track, pay, and print building permits online using the LAMA (Land Management) portal at lincolnwood.onlama.com

Additional features that can be found at lincolnwood.onlama.com include a list of currently registered contractors (Open Data), the ability to file a code enforcement complaint (Report), and the ability to check the status of a permit at any address within the Village using the search bar.



New Businesses

I 94 Smoke Shop

4720 W. Touhy Ave.

I 94 Smoke Shop is a smoke and vape shop.

Studio Zoran

6434-6436 Ridgeway Ave.

Studio Zoran is a company that offers turnkey operations, including drafting services, project manager services, design, and building high-end built-in cabinetry.

Babylon Import and Export

7001 N. Central Park Ave.

Babylon Import and Export is a service business specializing in importing and exporting goods.

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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:

New Years Day - January 1, 2024
Martin Luther King Jr. Day - January 15
Presidents' Day - February 19

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
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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
Nicor	(888) 642-6748