



LINCOLNWOOD CONNECTIONS



May / June

Village of Lincolnwood

2016

Infrastructure Projects, Spring, Summer, and Beyond

The Village is currently planning for several upcoming infrastructure projects and work will be performed throughout 2016. Construction has already started on the Proesel Park Picnic Shelter Renovation and the Valley Line Trail Multi-Use Path. Other projects that the Village is looking forward to this fall include: the Union Pacific Bicycle Path, Pratt Avenue Resurfacing, Trailhead Parking Lot, Stormwater Berms/Restrictor Pilot Project, Lincoln Avenue Median Landscaping, and Touhy Avenue Street Light Replacement. The Village has created an Infrastructure Projects page on the Village website at www.lincolnwoodil.org/infrastructure-projects which details each project so that residents are able to learn more about these infrastructure improvements and can follow the Village’s progress.

Proesel Park Picnic Shelter Renovation

Public Works crews have started the renovation of the Proesel Park Picnic Shelter at the corner of Morse and Kostner Avenues. The shelter is receiving a variety of improvements including: roof replacement, installation of sky lights, a new gutter and drainage system, renovation of the public restrooms, and several replacements including the asphalt around the shelter, the existing light fixtures with new LED fixtures, and the doors to the storage area including a new half door for use by camp staff. The existing stone has been powerwashed, the chimney has been restored, and tuckpointing has been performed.

The shelter renovation is expected to be complete by June 4, 2016. Project updates will be posted on the Village website at www.lincolnwoodil.org/infrastructure-projects/proesel-park-picnic-shelter-renovation-project/.



Valley Line Trail, Multi-Use Path

The Village’s contractor, Chicagoland Paving, is currently working towards completion of the new pedestrian and bicycle path along the Commonwealth Edison right-of-way. Once completed, the path will be 12 feet wide and will connect to the existing paths in Skokie at Lincoln Avenue and Chicago at Devon Avenue. Chicagoland Paving anticipates that the path will be completed by July 12, 2016.

The Village is also designing an overpass over Touhy Avenue that is tentatively scheduled for construction in 2017. More information about the project is available at www.lincolnwoodil.org/valley-line-trail-project.



The Valley Line Trail in Lincolnwood will connect to the Valley line Trail in Chicago (pictured above)

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President's Message



Dear Residents and Friends,

Well spring is in the air at last! Of the little snow we had, our Lincolnwood streets were cleared early and I know all of you appreciate the work done by Public Works. Now our spring flowers are in bloom, the birds are singing, and we're renewed once again. It truly is good to be home in Lincolnwood!



Mayor Turry Delivering His State of the Village Address

Our State of the Village event sponsored by the Lincolnwood Chamber of Commerce was held on March 24th. With help from all of our Department Directors and Amanda Pazdan in the Manager's Office, I was able to give the members a synopsis of our accomplishments during 2015 and a look at our expectations for 2016. If you wish to see the PowerPoint presentation, email me at jturry@lwd.org and I'll send it to you. Jackie Boland, Chamber Executive Director, with help from her board members, organized a wonderful event.

Our Village Manager, Tim Wiberg, and I recently joined the PACE transportation steering committee for our service area. We are hoping to gain support to make some alterations in the present PACE bus servicing our area so that the #155 bus will continue west on Devon to the Edgebrook Metra station. I believe that can provide many residents who work in downtown Chicago, relief from the commute via automobile. We have however had little success in gathering Village residents to serve on an Ad Hoc Transportation Committee. This committee can facilitate the change in the #155 bus route by attending upcoming public hearings when PACE will be taking testimony. We will help you understand what is needed. Your commitment will be one or two night appearances on behalf of the Village where you will give testimony. Please email me at jturry@lwd.org if you wish to join this important group.

I am looking to create another ad hoc committee to become an influential force in organizing Village residents to support Earth Hour which will be taking place on March 25, 2017 from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Earth Hour started in 2007 to call attention to climate change. Please visit www.earthhour.org/celebrating-earth-hour for more information on what is involved. Priyanka Patel, a student graduating from Lincoln Hall this June and her mother Dr. Neena Dave, emailed me about their celebration this year. I thought it would be valuable for our entire Village to participate starting in 2017. Please let me know if you are interested via email at jturry@lwd.org.

Mark your calendars for our Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 30th. It brings our community together to celebrate the lives of our military. It allows us to take pause and remember those who died during or after service. If you haven't ever participated in the parade, then make this year your first! Call our American Legion Post, (847) 674-4157, and ask how you can participate. Many of our residents like to join the fun by just watching and following the parade which concludes at the Madeleine Grant Garden and Pergola in Proesel Park. I promise you'll enjoy this event. We have had gloriously warm weather and dry conditions five of the last six years.

Shortly after Memorial Day we will see the graduation of many of our young people. Each will mark their rites of passage, entering the next phases of their lives. Let me take this time to extend my very best wishes to the graduates and their families. Whether it is entering high school or college, or trying to enter the very competitive work force, may you achieve your goals, and may your dreams be fulfilled. Don't forget to say thank you to all those who helped you along the way, your teachers and especially your parents. I know I wish I could thank mine!

Very truly yours,

Gerald C. Turry
Village President



Mayor Turry

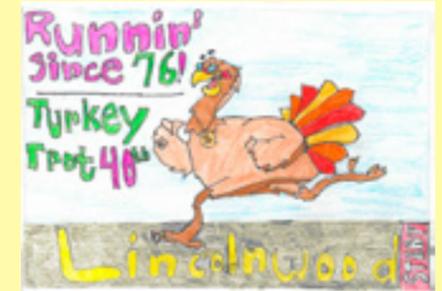


Community News and Events



Vehicle Sticker Renewal

Vehicle stickers expire June 30, 2016. If you do not receive a preprinted renewal form in the mail by June 1, 2016, please bring your current vehicle registration to Village Hall in order to purchase a new vehicle sticker. The 2016-2017 vehicle sticker is valid for one year effective July 1, 2016. Stickers purchased after June 30, 2016 are subject to a \$10 per month late fee. Failure to receive a renewal application does not absolve you of responsibility to purchase a vehicle sticker by the due date. The 2016-17 vehicle sticker (picture on the right) was selected from School District 74 submittals to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the Turkey Trot Race.



Lincoln Hall Construction Project Commences

On April 18, School District 74's construction began on Lincoln Hall which is receiving a "facelift" including extensive remodeling and upgrading of this venerable facility over a three-year, phased-in period.



Lincolnwood School District 74 requested a 1.7% increase in its operating levy to accommodate new construction for the Lincoln Hall renovation project. The District is excited that present and future District 74 middle school children will be educated in a state of the art learning facility. The Lincoln Hall Project was developed per the District's Five-Year Strategic Plan.

You can read District 74's entire 2014-19 Strategic Plan Summary at www.sd74.org/domain/275. For a full description of the three phases, timeline, and photos of the Lincoln Hall Project, please go to Lincoln Hall Building Plan page on District 74's website at www.sd74.org/domain/41.

Private Sewer Rebate Program Eligibility Expanded

The Village has approved additional eligibility to the existing sewer rebate program effective May 1 to help residents make improvements to protect their property during major stormwater events. In addition to eligibility for public tree roots that interfere with the sewer line, projects covered by the program will also include overhead sewer conversions and installation of backwater check valves.

The program will provide residents with a cost-match of 50% of the total project up to a maximum of \$2,000 per resident. Program funds are limited, and the Village will fulfill requests on a first-come first-serve basis. To apply for a rebate, residents must complete an application from the Village's website, lincolnwoodil.org, or contact the Public Works Department at (847) 675-0888.

"Beyond the Basics" School District 74 Student Art Exhibit

Lincolnwood School District 74's 19th Annual Student Art Exhibit, "Beyond the Basics," will be on display at Village Hall from May 2-13. A public reception will be held on May 5 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. The show features work from over 180 students in kindergarten through 8th grade. The Visual Arts curriculum of District 74 follows and adapts to fit the various learning pedagogies of its students while aligning with the following National Visual Arts Standards: (Creating) Conceiving and developing new artistic ideas and work; (Presenting) Interpreting and sharing artistic work; (Responding) Understanding and evaluating how the arts convey meaning; and (Connecting) Relating artistic ideas and work with personal meaning and external context. Please join us in celebrating their accomplishments!



Art by Hannah K, 8th Grade



Parks and Recreation



Celebrating the Summer Lincolnwood Style!

There is so much to enjoy this spring and summer in Lincolnwood. Need some suggestions? Here are some great ways for you to get out and play in Lincolnwood this summer:

Memorial Day Parade, Monday, May 30 – Help pay tribute to our nation’s fallen heroes at the annual Lincolnwood Memorial Day parade. The parade kicks off at the corner of Cicero and Pratt at approximately 10:20 a.m., continues down Pratt Avenue, and ends in Proesel Park at Madeleine’s Garden. A ceremony will follow at approximately 11:00 a.m. The Lincolnwood Honor Guard will be present for the event. For more information or to register a parade group, please call the Parks and Recreation Department at (847) 677-9740.

Community Park Play Dates – Kids of all ages are invited to join in on the fun at a different Lincolnwood park each week this summer! Each Thursday, starting on June 23, the crew will provide a jam-packed hour of fun including active games, outdoor crafts, and more. No registration is required. For a complete schedule, please visit recreation.lwd.org/special-events.

Proesel Park Family Aquatic Center Theme Nights – The pool is a great place to enjoy all summer, but these new theme nights make it even more special. Our first theme night, “Fiesta Night” is scheduled for Friday, June 17. For the complete schedule, please check our Summer Program Guide or visit recreation.lwd.org/special-events.

Summer Book Cart and Safety Break Storytime at the Pool – This summer, we welcome you to enjoy some great poolside reading material courtesy of the Lincolnwood Public Library. Also, from June 7 through August 9, children will be treated to a short poolside story read by a librarian during the first afternoon safety break each Tuesday from 12:50 to 1:00 p.m. New this summer, the library will be hosting storytime in Madeleine’s Garden from 10:00 to 10:30 a.m. beginning June 14.

Skateboarding at Springfield Park Skate Spot – Kids ages 4-10 are invited to sign up for skateboarding lessons on Wednesdays from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. beginning June 17. Participants will need to bring a skateboard and helmet. (Knee, elbow, and wrist guards are also strongly encouraged.)

Aquatic Center Play Dates – Each Thursday starting June 23 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., you are invited to join in on the fun at the Proesel Park Family Aquatic Center. The play dates are free for pass holders or with the purchase of daily admission. Play dates include active games, crafts, and more in the concession area. Please visit recreation.lwd.org/special-events for more information.

For more ideas to get the most out of the outdoors this summer, like the Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation on Facebook (LincolnwoodParks), and follow us on Instagram (@LincolnwoodParks) and Twitter (@LincolnwoodPk).



THREE POOLS	THEME NIGHTS
FULL-SIZE SLIDES	DIVING BOARDS
THEME NIGHTS	YOUTH ACTIVITIES
INTERACTIVE FEATURES	FAMILY BOOK CART
CHEERFUL STAFF	CONCESSIONS
SWIM LESSONS	AQUA FITNESS
PARTY AREAS	SWIM TEAM

New at the Proesel Park Family Aquatic Center

2016 Aquatic Center Season: June 4 to September 5
This season’s grand opening will take place on Saturday, June 4! The regular aquatic center season runs from June 4 to August 14, and the post-season schedule begins August 15 through September 5.

Two Hours of Extra Swim Time with No Price Increase
The Aquatic Center staff is excited to provide enhanced services to the community with no increase in membership pass fees for the third year in a row. The Aquatic Center will open to the public two hours earlier each day at 10:00 a.m. throughout the regular season. For the complete schedule, visit recreation.lwd.org/facilities/aquatic-center.



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Village Seeking Resident Input on Video Gaming

At the May 17, 2016 Committee of the Whole starting at 6:30 p.m. at Village Hall, the Village Board will discuss the prospect of allowing Video Gaming within certain establishments in Lincolnwood. Video Gaming is currently prohibited within the Village, but is present in many other Illinois communities.

At the May 17 Committee of the Whole there will be a presentation from a Video Gaming operator along with discussion on the topic by the Village Board. Residents that are interested in learning more about Video Gaming are welcome to attend the meeting on May 17. If you have any questions about Video Gaming, please contact Charles Meyer, Assistant to the Village Manager, at (847) 745-4715.

2016 Arbor Day Celebration

Join Mayor Turry and the Beautification Task Force to celebrate Arbor Day on May 13. The Village will be planting a Chanticleer Pear at Richard Rossi Park, located at 7025 Keystone Avenue at 3:30 p.m.

Lincolnwood in Bloom

The Beautification Task Force will be holding the “Lincolnwood in Bloom Contest” to showcase property owners that landscape and beautify their homes and neighborhoods. The contest will run through September 12. For more information, please contact Charles Meyer, Assistant to the Village Manager, at (847) 745-4715 or cmeyer@lwd.org.

2015 Human Relations Commission Award Winner Recognition

The Human Relations Commission will be awarding the 2015 Human Relations Commission Award at the June 21, 2016 Board of Trustees Meeting.

MWRD Reduces Property Taxes

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) Board of Commissioners unanimously passed an ordinance directing the Cook County Clerk to reduce taxes by \$3,391,347. This tax reduction will be reflected in the second installment of 2015 real estate tax bills that will be mailed to homeowners this July.

Summer Concert Series

Join us at Proesel Park on Thursday evenings starting June 2 for a concert lineup that features a variety of decades and genres from rock, blues, swing and country to a tribute/novelty super group experience that has to be seen to be believed. The fun begins at 6:00 p.m. with bingo and inflatables, face painting at 6:30 p.m., and live music at 7:00 p.m.



- June 2: Wind Gypsies** – Classic rock and the best of the blues from local favorites
- June 9: Dixie Crush** – Fun, boot stompin’ energy-packed country music
- June 16: Dick Diamond & The Dusters** – This tribute/novelty “supergroup” plays hits from the last four decades
- June 23: Shout Out** – High energy non-stop celebration with your favorite hits of today
- June 30: Rhythm Rockets** – Top swing, jump, rhythm and blues band
- July 7: Jose Valdes & The Mambo All Stars** – Energetic Latin dance rhythms
- July 14: Final Say** – Tight grooves and seamless harmonies from one of Chicago’s top party bands
- July 28: Second Hand Soul** – Energetic, dynamic Motown, soul and rock n’ roll



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School District 74 Financial Update

The Lincolnwood School District 74 Board of Education would like to provide residents with an update on the District's finances:

The Board of Education has taken measures to ensure continued financial stability over the coming years. As a result, the District has secured an AA+ rating from Standard & Poor's relative to the recent issuance of \$13,400,000 in Working Cash Bonds for the renovations associated with Lincoln Hall.

When planning for the 2015 tax levy, the Board of Education utilized approximately \$900,000 in Debt Service Fund reserves to offset the impact to District 74 taxpayers. Additionally, the Board of Education has committed to allocating in excess of \$7,000,000 in fund balances to offset the tax burden that would have been placed on local taxpayers.

During the current fiscal year, the Board of Education utilized \$323,000 in fund reserves to pay down its pension obligation, and improved the District's funded pension ratio from 28.81% to 78.76%.

Avoid Distracted Driving

Data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) shows that at least 3,129 people were killed in crashes involving distracted drivers in 2014, including those who were texting and driving. While anything that takes your eyes off the road, hands off the wheel, or mind off the task of driving is hazardous, there is heightened concern about the risks of texting while driving because it combines all three types of distraction: visual, manual and cognitive. In other words, texting involves taking your eyes off the road, your hands off the wheel, and your mind off the task of driving. For more information about distracted driving, please visit www.distraction.gov.



Public Works



Union Pacific Bike Path and Parking Lot

The Village recently closed on the purchase of the former Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way located on the east side of the Village, between Devon Avenue and Touhy Avenue, which will be converted into a recreational trail. On March 15, 2016, the Village Board approved the concept for a public parking lot in the former right-of-way to provide adequate parking for users of the bicycle path and businesses within the Northeast Industrial District. The proposed parking lot will be located between Morse and Lunt Avenues and will have access from Morse, Lunt and Central Park Avenues. The parking lot is planned for construction in the fall. More information about this project and all of the Village's construction projects may be found on the Village's website at www.lincolnwoodil.org/infrastructure-projects.



Groot Yard Waste Pick Up

Yard waste pick up will take place every Monday until the beginning of December. Groot will not pick up garbage that is mixed with branches and yard waste. If you have yard waste in your garbage, Groot will notify you by placing an orange tag on your container. Should you receive an orange tag, contact Groot at (847) 734-6400 to schedule a pick up. When disposing of yard waste please ensure that branches are 4 inches or less in diameter, 4 feet or less in length and tied together in bundles not exceeding 60 pounds. Yard waste bags may be purchased at the Village Hall at a cost of \$2.00 for 5 bags. If you have any questions, contact Public Works at (847) 675-0888.

Alley Maintenance

Public Works asks that residents help to keep our alleys clean. Please trim any bushes that extend into the public right-of-way (the right-of-way is 16 feet across) and report any potholes or other problems to the Public Works Department at 847-675-0888.

Leaf Blower Regulations

As summer approaches, please remember that gasoline powered leaf blowers are not permitted for use within the Village from May 15 to October 1. The use of gasoline powered leaf blowers is restricted from October 1 through May 14 before 7:00 a.m. and after 6:00 p.m. on Monday through Fridays and before 7:00 a.m. and after 12:00 p.m. on Saturdays. Gasoline powered leaf blowers may not be used on Sundays and holidays. Violators are subject to an appearance at the Village's Administrative Hearing Court.

Water Quality Report

Village of Lincolnwood Utility Number IL0311650
The Annual Water Quality report for January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015 is available on the Village of Lincolnwood website at www.lincolnwoodil.org/download/water-report.pdf. If you would like a hard copy of the report, please call the Public Works Department at (847) 675-0888.

This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by the Village of Lincolnwood to provide safe drinking water to its residents.

The source of drinking water used by Lincolnwood is purchased surface water. For more information about this report, please contact Ashley Engelmann, Public Works Director, at (847) 675-0888.

Street Sweeping Reminder

Street sweeping began on April 1 and will continue until December 15. Please take note of your street sweeping section. As a reminder, permanent signs are located on each block notifying motorists of parking restrictions. For a copy of the Village's street sweeping map visit the Village's website at lincolnwoodil.org. To receive a monthly email reminder regarding street sweeping please contact Francheska Martin, Public Works Coordinator, at fmartin@lwd.org.



"Future City" Award Winners and Stellar Girls Club

Recently, seven students from Lincoln Hall Middle School entered the Future City Competition and won the award for "Best Electrical/Electronic Solution for Improving the Quality of City Life," sponsored by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE). Future City Competition is a national project-based learning program that gives students an opportunity to learn and practice engineering skills, and develop the "21st Century" skills central to Lincoln Hall's STEM curriculum: problem solving, critical and creative thinking, and collaborative teamwork.

At the March 3 Lincolnwood School District 74 Board of Education Meeting, Mrs. Karlene Stecher, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Teacher at Lincoln Hall, introduced "first time" 2016 team members: Josip B., Kareem D., Elijah K., Gloria K., Sameer K., Dylan T., and Aisha Z. along with District 74 Alumni, Mara Kosir. To learn more about the students' experience, please visit <https://vimeo.com/157760694>.

District 74 is supporting a nationwide effort to encourage young women to achieve high-ranking careers in the science, technology, engineering, and math fields. This effort is being coordinated through the club, "Stellar Girls," one of many School District 74 after-school clubs. Stellar Girls is offered to girls in grades 4-8, and is held at Lincoln Hall Middle School by Mrs. Sharon Churchwell, 7th Grade Science Teacher. Stellar Girls is in its second year and seems to be successful with approximately 20 girls currently enrolled. To learn more about Stellar Girls and see them in action, check-out this video on District 74's website at <http://www.sd74.org/Page/1206>.

Upcoming Art Gallery Exhibit: "Earth and Sky"

Beginning May 17, a new exhibit will be featured in the Village Art Gallery. "Earth and Sky" features artwork by Dawn Heid and Joan McLane which incorporates mixed media. A public reception will be on June 1 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Art Gallery, 6900 N. Lincoln Avenue. All are invited and refreshments will be served. More information about the exhibit will be available at www.lincolnwoodil.org/art-gallery.



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State of Illinois Will No Longer Mail Vehicle Registration Renewal Reminders

The Illinois Secretary of State's Office has suspended mailing vehicle registration renewal reminder notices. Vehicle owners are encouraged to be mindful of their vehicle status and can sign up to receive their renewal reminders via email at www.ilsos.gov/greenmail/.

In addition to the Secretary of State's Office no longer mailing your license plate renewal, the EPA is not sending emissions test notices. Please be sure you know when your plates expire and if you need an emissions test before renewing.



Board and Commission Meetings

Village Board (TV)	1st, 3rd Tuesday of the month
Plan Commission (TV)	1st Wednesday of the month
Human Relations Commission	2nd Monday of the month
Park and Recreation Board	2nd Tuesday of the month
Zoning Board of Appeals (TV)	3rd Wednesday of the month
Economic Development Commission	4th Wednesday of the month
Traffic Commission	4th Thursday of the month

Village Board meetings are held in the Council Chambers in Village Hall at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. Please check the Village's website at lincolnwoodil.org for Board and Commission meeting dates, agendas, and minutes. To receive meeting agendas, send an email to subscribe@lwd.org.

(TV) = Broadcast live on Comcast Channel 6, RCN Channel 49, AT&T U-Verse Channel 99 and lincolnwood.tv. Plan Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Village Board meetings are also re-broadcast one week following the scheduled meeting on Comcast Channel 6, RCN Channel 49, and AT&T U-Verse Channel 99, and are also available on-demand at lwdtv.org.



Welcome New Businesses!

Associated Behavioral Consultants, Inc.
6600 N. Lincoln Ave. #412
(847) 227-8323

Pathways to Compassion
Financial Records Management
6609 N. Lincoln Ave. #107

Maestro Consulting Services
Management Services
7257 N. Lincoln Ave.
(847) 933-2600

Top Note Performing Arts
Performing Arts School
3333 W. Touhy Ave.



Pearls of Chicago
Salon and Spa
6724 N. Lincoln Ave.
(773) 888-3139

Zaid Interiors Upholstery
3772 W. Devon Ave.
(312) 953-0414

Recent Board Actions

- Declared April to be National Fair Housing Month
- Revised the Policy for Naming Park Land, Buildings and Facilities
- Approved the purchase of 143 new trees for the Village
- Approved the concept for a public parking lot in the former Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way to provide adequate parking for bicycle path visitors and businesses in the Northeast Industrial District
- Declared Friday, May 13, 2016 to be Arbor Day



Village Hall Closed

Village Hall will be closed on Monday, May 30 in observance of Memorial Day.