

JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2025

Featured Event!



Enchanted Dinner Dance

Join us for a magical evening at the Enchanted Dinner Dance! Enjoy dinner, dancing, desserts, a DJ, a photo booth, and a candy bar at this western-themed event. Don't forget to don your best western wear for a night of fun and unforgettable memories! The event is on Friday, February 7 from 6-9 pm at the Skokie DoubleTree by Hilton. Open to ages 5-14 with an adult. Tickets: Resident \$100 per couple / \$55 each additional guest, Non-Resident \$125 per couple / \$65 each additional guest.

Artist Spotlight

Denise Grossman, Jan 1 - Feb 28

Denise Grossman is an African American painter who focuses on impressionistic landscapes and floral subjects. Her paintings aim to capture the ethereal and spiritual nature of landscapes, employing an organic contrast of light and shadow, along with textural layers of paint. As a minister, her unshakable faith in something greater than us serves as a driving force behind their creative process. Denise's hope is that her art may provide heartfelt solace to all who experience it. The exhibit is available for viewing during Village Hall hours: Monday - Friday, 9 am - 5 pm.



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Happy New Year! This is already shaping up to be an exciting year ahead. Late in 2024 we found out that we had been awarded a \$600,000 OSLAD grant which will be coupled with another generous donation from the Barry and Taffy Berger Foundation to enhance Proesel Park and add a fully accessible play area to our growing list of amenities. We have plans to welcome a number of new businesses to Lincolnwood this year, and the construction of the dual-branded Marriott at District 1860 continues on pace for an opening early in 2026. Our infrastructure improvement program will continue in 2025 with nearly two miles of roadways being affected during the project, which includes road resurfacing and reconstruction along with water main and sewer enhancements. For more information on this year's projects and to sign-up for updates check our website at: <https://www.lincolnwoodil.org/259/Infrastructure-Projects>

In the last edition of this newsletter I wrote briefly regarding the results of the survey we conducted last summer. I reported on the overall high satisfaction rating amongst our residents in areas such as quality of life and quality of services provided. They say it takes a Village and for this rating our Village Staff, Village Board, and Residents all play an important role, kudos all around.

The survey contained dozens of questions in a variety of categories and we are taking a close look at the results as we make plans for the future. Some categories which stood out in the results are the adequacy of street lighting, condition of sidewalks, and code enforcement relative to property maintenance.

Street lighting has been upgraded throughout the Village over the past decade and we continue to install new lighting in commercial areas and along major corridors where street lighting previously had not existed. We also continue to seek the installation of lighting on existing neighborhood utility poles wherever possible. Street lighting in our neighborhoods has been discussed several times in the past and while it is generally favored, the cost of such an upgrade on a village-wide basis is prohibitive.

At a recent Committee of the Whole meeting at which the Village Board discussed the survey results, the concept of a purchasing cooperative for residents to install "coach lighting" adjacent to sidewalks was discussed. We will look further into this concept as a way to provide additional lighting to our neighborhoods without losing the small town feel we have come to cherish so much.

We have committed \$300,000 in funding in the '25 budget to implementing the ADA transition plan which includes additional sidewalk improvements beyond the roughly \$60,000 per year which is typically budgeted for replacement and repair of existing sidewalks. Pedestrian accessibility throughout the Village is vital and we remain committed to maintaining and installing sidewalks in all areas of the Village. Some of our neighborhoods have substandard sidewalks or no sidewalks at all. We have previously proposed upgrades and installations in these areas, however those proposals were ultimately rejected by the residents for a variety of reasons. There is always an opportunity to revisit these matters, and we will.

Code enforcement was noted to be insufficient in several areas; landscaping, residential property maintenance, and commercial property maintenance particularly. We, as a Village Government, owe a duty to all of our residents and businesses to enforce the property maintenance codes on a regular and ongoing basis. While we have increased our code enforcement staffing and have focused on these problem areas, code enforcement remains a constant struggle for all of us. We walk a tight line between trying to gain compliance and being overly burdensome with the application of the code. Often code violations aren't easy to identify from the street and so we also ask that residents report violations using the Lincolnwood Mobile App which allows the easy and anonymous reporting of violations. We, as residents and businesses, also owe a duty to each other to maintain our properties to the high standard that we expect here in Lincolnwood. I ask that we all do our part to keep our yards free from weeds and debris and our homes and businesses in good repair.

The Village must set the standard by keeping our Parks and Public Ways in first-class condition at all times and we welcome any comments or criticism on areas where we fall short of that standard.

Another area where we noted a need for improvement was in the presentation of information to the public and level of public involvement in decision making. Our website is chocked full of useful information, but there is so much information, it can sometimes be hard to find what you are looking for. I have been involved in our government for nearly 20 years, and still I struggle to find what I'm looking for on our website sometimes. We will make improvements to our website this year to make it more user friendly and better connect users with the information they are seeking.

We welcome public input and in fact NEED the public to be involved in the decision making process. The survey process is very helpful to us in collecting information on our operations but we are always available to take input from the public. All Village Board meetings are open to the public and where we accept public comment, and all Village Board members will generally make themselves available outside of Board meetings to discuss all things Lincolnwood. Our email addresses are our first initial followed by last name and @lwd.org, mine is jpatel@lwd.org, we want to hear from you, please reach out.

"The impediment to action advances action. What stands in the way becomes the way."

— Marcus Aurelius

Sincerely,
Mayor Jesal Patel



A December sunrise taken from Montrose Harbor

Rescue Rangers

The Village's Rescue Rangers program assists seniors with tasks like snow shoveling, or setting out garbage and returning totes. Designed to help seniors manage strenuous tasks, the program is run by 7th–12th grade students who charge \$10 per hour for their services. Students volunteering for community service hours (e.g., NHS) do not receive compensation. Participants wear ski caps to be easily recognized by seniors. Students may receive a letter of recommendation from the Mayor for their college or job applications. Parental consent is required. Sign up today to help a neighbor in need! Please email Carrie Dick at cdick@lwd.org to receive the permission form.

Seasonal Positions for Summer 2025

We are now hiring aquatics and camp staff for summer 2025.

Apply online at www.lincolnwoodil.org/employment

Starting rates:

- Camp Counselors start at \$15/hour
- Lifeguards and Swim Instructors start at \$16.50/hour



Events



Friday Night Dance Party

Join us for a fun-filled dance experience where you'll follow interactive dance leads, learn choreography to the latest pop and dance songs, and participate in a freestyle dance/break-dancing circle! Plus, enjoy exciting party games like freeze dance, hula hoop contests, and more. The event takes place on January 17 and February 21, from 5-6 pm at the Lincolnwood Community Center. Open to ages 5-12. Tickets: resident \$20 / non-resident \$25.



Glitzy Girls Glam Night

Shake off the winter blues at Glitzy Girls' Unicorn Rainbow Fantasy Night on Thursday, January 30, from 6:15-7:30 pm at the Lincolnwood Community Center! Enjoy a glam makeover with hair, makeup, and nails, get creative with crafts, design a beaded bracelet, and strut your stuff in our Fashion Show. Each participant will leave with a fab fantasy glam bag. This event is for ages 4-10. Tickets: resident \$30 / non-resident \$38.

Senior Programs

Friday Afternoon Coffee, Games, and Cards

Join us for a fun and relaxed afternoon where you can choose your favorite game or games to play, enjoy coffee, tea, and treats, or simply come to chat with friends! This free program is for ages 55+ and takes place on Friday, January 10 and February 28 from 12-2 pm at the Lincolnwood Community Center. Early registration is encouraged

Lunch, BINGO and a Presentation from Noragis Home Health Care

Join us at the Lincolnwood Community Center on Friday, January 31, 2025, from 11 am-1 pm for a short presentation from Noragis Home Health Care, a non-medical home care agency. While enjoying coffee and hot chocolate, you can learn about their services, followed by a few rounds of BINGO with fun prizes for the winners. After the game, enjoy delicious pizza and salad from Lou Malnati's. This free event is open to ages 55+, and we hope to see you there!

New Year's Lunch at Crosby's Kitchen

Join the senior group for a delightful lunch at Crosby's Kitchen, the newest hot spot in Nilas, known for its warm Midwestern hospitality and delicious wood-fired American cuisine. Established in 2012, Crosby's Kitchen is a neighborhood hub that promises a great dining experience. The cost of registration covers your lunch, and the group will meet at 6480 W. Touhy Ave, Nilas, IL 60714, on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at 12 pm for the reservation. The fee is \$20 for residents and \$40 for non-residents.

Valentine's Day Luncheon

Celebrate the love-filled spirit of Valentine's Day at the Lincolnwood Community Center on Friday, February 14, from 11:30 am-1:30 pm. Enjoy a delightful Valentine's Day Luncheon, followed by music and dancing. Each guest will leave with a special Valentine's Day treat to remember the occasion. The event is open to ages 55+. The fee is \$10 for residents and \$20 for non-residents. Join us for a sweet time together!

Understanding your Water Bill

As an enterprise fund, the Village’s Water and Sewer Fund is created to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises. The intent is that costs of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges. All activity necessary to provide such services are accounted for in this fund, including administration, operations, maintenance, billing and collection.

Village tax dollars are not used to pay any of the costs associated with water and sewer services.

Five Components of a Water Bill - A typical water bill has five components:

<p>Water Usage</p> <p>The basic water user charge is calculated based on consumption. As of January 1, 2025, the base rate is \$6.52 per 1,000 gallons of metered water consumed. This is a 2.8% increase in basic water use charges for 2025.</p>	<p>Water Meter Fund</p> <p>As of January 1, 2025, residential properties will be charged a water meter fee of \$5.03 quarterly. Commercial properties are charged a monthly water meter fund fee of \$10.05. These fees are assessed for the use of the Village's water meters.</p>
<p>Capital Improvements</p> <p>As of January 1, 2025, each bill includes a charge 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 \$10.56 for the three-month period. Water bills for commercial properties are issued monthly, therefore they reflect the monthly charge of \$3.52.</p>	<p>Debt Service Fund</p> <p>As of January 1, 2025, the Debt Service Charge is calculated at \$3.80 per 1,000 gallons. This charge is allocated to pay debts incurred to improve the water delivery system for projects such as water main replacements.</p>
<p>For additional information, please contact the Finance Department at (847) 673-1540 or visit lincolnwoodil.org.</p>	<p>Sewer Use</p> <p>As of January 1, 2025, the Sewer user fee is \$1.12 per 1,000 gallons. Funds 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.</p>

The Village has contracted with Raftelis to perform a water rate study. This activity will evaluate the current rate structures for the five components of the water bill to ensure the Village can continue to pay for water purchased from Evanston, repay debt service, maintain the water system, and make improvements. Findings and recommendations for rate changes beginning in 2026, will be presented to the Committee of the Whole this summer. All monies collected for water and sewer service must go back into the Water and Sewer Fund, as no property tax dollars are utilized.

2024 Infrastructure Project Highlights

In 2024, the Village saw significant improvements through key infrastructure projects, including:

- Roadway Repaving: 2.94 miles of streets were repaved, enhancing road quality and safety.
- Water Main Installation: 2.82 miles of new water mains were installed, strengthening water distribution.
- Sewer Repairs and Lining: 3,161 feet of sewer repairs and 488 feet of sewer lining were completed, improving sewer reliability.
- Lead Service Line Replacements: 34 lead service lines were replaced, promoting higher water quality.
- Sidewalk Installation: Approximately 26,000 square feet of new sidewalks were repaired, improving walkability.

Pratt Avenue Bike Lane

At the October 15, 2024, Committee of the Whole Meeting, the Village Board decided to move forward with Option 2 of the Pratt Avenue Bicycle Lane Design. Option 2 consists of painting bicycle lanes without physical barriers from Cicero Avenue to McCormick Boulevard. Pre-final plans are due in March 2025 and construction is anticipated for the summer of 2026.

Learn more about the upcoming work for 2025 by signing up for the weekly infrastructure updates or visit lincolnwoodil.org/infrastructure

Preventing Frozen Water Pipes and Meters

Are you planning an extended winter away? Public Works can help you winterize your home. 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 Public Works at 847-675-0888 to make arrangements for winter water shut off.

Staying in town and concerned about freezing pipes? Here are 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.
- Insulate Water Meters: For water meters located in unfinished areas of basements, ensure they are adequately insulated and protected from freezing during the winter months.

If a faucet is turned on and only a trickle comes out, the pipe may be frozen. If a pipe is broken, turn off the water at the main shutoff valve. 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.

Salt Smarter: Protect Our Waterways and Community



As a member of the Chicago Area Waterways Chloride Workgroup, which collaborates to reduce chloride discharge and improve water quality in the Chicago Area Waterways System Watershed, the Village is actively working to minimize its salt use while still ensuring public safety during winter conditions. Chloride, primarily from road salt, is one of the leading contributors to waterway pollution, posing risks to aquatic life, vegetation, and infrastructure. Excessive chloride from salt use damages the environment, corrodes infrastructure, and disrupts ecosystems by raising the salinity of freshwater systems, making it difficult for many aquatic species to survive.

Salt Smart Tips for Winter

Residents can make a significant difference by adopting simple salt-reduction practices:

1. Shovel First: Clear snow before applying salt, and only use salt on necessary areas for safety.
2. Use the Right Amount: More salt doesn't mean better melting. A 12-ounce mug of salt is sufficient for a 20-foot driveway or 10 sidewalk squares (about 250 square feet).
3. Spread Evenly: Apply salt in an even layer rather than clumps to maximize effectiveness and minimize waste.
4. Sweep Up Excess: If salt remains after the ice melts, sweep it up to prevent it from washing into rivers and streams.
5. Switch When It's Cold: Regular salt loses effectiveness below 15°F. Use sand for traction or switch to deicers formulated for colder temperatures.

This winter, let's work together to use salt smarter and protect our waterways. By adopting these practices, you can help reduce chloride pollution, safeguard local ecosystems, and contribute to a healthier environment for everyone.

Recycle Your Broken Holiday Light Strands

As you pack away your decorations, recycle your broken or unusable holiday light strands through the end of January. This recycling program is a collaborative effort between the Village, the Solid Waste Agency of Cook County, and Elgin Recycling. Acceptable items include mini-lights, C7 lights, C9 lights, rope lights, LED lights, and extension cords. Please note that garland, water/liquid filled lights, and ornaments are not accepted.

There are two drop off locations: Village Hall (M-F, 8am – 5pm) and Public Works (M-F, 7am -3:30pm). If you have any questions, please call Public Works at 847-675-0888.

Alternate Side Parking During Snow Removal



As we prepare for winter, the Village of Lincolnwood reminds residents to follow alternate side street parking regulations to aid snow removal efforts. When snow accumulation reaches two inches or more, alternate side parking rules go into effect, ensuring that snowplows can clear streets effectively and safely. Please note that alternate side parking regulations do not apply on weekends or major holidays.

- **On even-numbered days of the month:** From 8:30 am to 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday, vehicles may only park on the side of the street with even-numbered addresses.
- **On odd-numbered days of the month:** During the same hours, vehicles may only park on the side of the street with odd-numbered addresses.

In addition, Pratt Avenue is a designated snow emergency route and has specific restrictions. When two inches or more of snow accumulates, parking is prohibited on Pratt Avenue to allow for efficient snow removal.

Following these regulations helps keep our roads safer for everyone, ensuring that emergency vehicles and residents can travel safely during winter conditions. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our village clear and accessible during snow events.

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 call and text notifications through the Village's Reverse 911 emergency notification system at www.lincolnwoodil.org/reverse911.

Pilot Program for Overnight Parking Restrictions

From December 15 through March 15, the Village Board has approved the implementation of a temporary Pilot Program restricting overnight parking on specific streets.

Parking will be prohibited from **2 am to 5 am** on the following streets:

- **Ridgeway Avenue** from Touhy to Lunt
- **Lawndale Avenue** from Touhy to Lunt
- **Lunt Avenue** from Lawndale to Hamlin
- **Hamlin Avenue** from Lunt to Pratt (certain registered non-commercial vehicles of residents are exempt on the west side of the 6900 and 6800 blocks of Hamlin to Pratt Avenue)
- **Morse Avenue** from Hamlin to the Union Pacific Village Parking Lot
- **Ridgeway Avenue** from Arthur to Devon (certain registered non-commercial vehicles of residents are exempt on the west side of the 6400 block of Ridgeway)
- **Hamlin Avenue** from Lincoln to Devon (certain registered non-commercial vehicles of residents are exempt on the west side of the 6400 block of Hamlin)

Temporary signage will be posted to indicate prohibited parking zones and the Police Department will send letters to impacted properties. Residents and businesses are encouraged to check posted signs carefully before parking to avoid potential citations. Thank you for your cooperation!

Lock It-Light It-Report It

The Lincolnwood Police Department encourages residents to adopt the "Anytime Routine" as a simple way to protect their belongings and prevent thefts. This routine includes a few easy steps that can be done at any time, whether you're home or on the go:

1. Lock your doors – Always lock vehicle and home doors, even if you're stepping away for just a moment.
2. Remove valuables – Take any valuables with you or keep them out of sight to discourage theft.
3. Turn on exterior lights – Good lighting around your home can deter criminal activity.
4. Close garage doors – An open garage can invite unwanted entry. Report It – Remember, if you see something, say something. Residents are reminded to call the non-emergency number 847-673-2167 or 9-1-1 if they observe any suspicious activity.

By incorporating these steps into your daily habits, you're helping make Lincolnwood a safer place for everyone.

Lincolnwood Police Department Awarded Grant

In 2023, the Lincolnwood Police Department received a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice - Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) to supplement hiring costs for an additional police officer. For the first time, the Village has an allocated staff of 35 sworn police personnel which maintains a consistent officer to resident ratio after a population increase in the 2020 Census and keeps safety a priority throughout the Village. This officer was hired in 2024 and is scheduled to graduate from the Police Academy in March 2025.

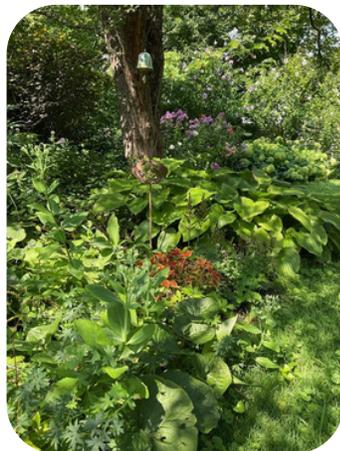
Lincolnwood in Bloom Winner

The Lincolnwood in Bloom Contest is a recognition program celebrating residents who contribute to making our community beautiful. This program highlights those who dedicate time and effort to enhancing their properties, creating an inviting and vibrant environment for all. Recognizing these efforts not only strengthens community bonds but also inspires others to participate in keeping our neighborhoods beautiful and well-maintained.

Through this initiative, the Village acknowledges outstanding residential landscapes that bring color and vitality to our community. The program is a testament to our shared commitment to a pleasant, welcoming environment.

For more information on Lincolnwood in Bloom, please visit the Village website.

Congratulations to the 2024 Lincolnwood in Bloom Contest Winner: The Lewitz Family on Kilpatrick Avenue



Charging Tips

Do you own or are you thinking of buying an electric vehicle (EV)? Here are steps you can take to lower your risk of fire and electric shock injury related to charging EVs.

Before buying an EV, understand the importance of how to charge them.



What Types of EV Charging Stations Are There?

There are three types, or "levels," of EV charging stations available: type 1, type 2, and type 3. Type 1 is the slowest, while type 3 can charge an EV's battery most of the way in about an hour.

Type 1 Chargers: Your Basic Wall Plug

Type 1 chargers are just regular wall outlets, the same thing you'd plug your phone into to charge. As you might expect, it takes a very long time to charge an EV's battery with a type 1 charger --- about 20 hours for a 120-mile charge.

Type 1 chargers use AC (alternating current) power, and range in output from 1kW to 7.5 kW. They're also called "single-phase" plugs, and type 1 connectors are standard for EVs made in the U.S. and Japan.



Type 2 Chargers: Found at Most Public Charging Stations

Type 2 chargers also use AC power and allow for increased charging speed due to their increased power output. These chargers deliver around 240 volts of power and can charge an EV battery anywhere from five to seven times faster than a type 1 charger.

Type 2 chargers use a different type of plug to connect than a type 1 charger because they require a connector plug with additional wires to carry the additional power. That plug is called an SAE J1772 connector and is the standard for all EVs produced in North America as of this writing. Many EVs sold today come packaged with some kind of J1772 connector. If they don't, you can usually buy one online from the manufacturer.

Type 3 Chargers: The Road Trip EV Charger

Type 3 chargers, also known as DC fast charging or DCFC chargers, will get you the quickest juice-up of any charging station out there. They use DC (direct current) energy, and require special plugs to connect that are different from the J1772 standard. There are three types of connector plugs that work with type 3 charging stations as of this writing.

Before you buy and bring your new EV home, have a qualified electrician install:

- A new, dedicated circuit for your EV charging device. Older home wiring may not be suitable for use with EV supply equipment.
- Type II charging devices (if that is your preferred charging method).



Charging EVs:

- Follow manufacturer's guidelines when charging your vehicle. Check with your local dealer if you need additional information.
- Purchase a charging device that is certified by a nationally recognized testing laboratory.
- Plug Level I EV chargers directly into an outlet designed to handle the amperage of the charging device. Never use a multiplug adapter or extension cord.
- Install a residual current device with the charging unit. It will turn off the power if a fault is detected and help prevent a fire.
- Place all charging device components out of reach of children when not in use.
- Maintain the components of your charging station according to the manufacturer's maintenance guidelines. Signs of excessive wear may indicate a potential shock hazard. Never use an EV charger with obvious signs of damage.
- Cover the EV charging station outlet to stop water from entering. Check the manufacturer's guidelines to make sure it is safe to charge your EV in wet conditions.



District 1860 Construction Updates

Construction of District 1860 began in the Fall of 2021. Today, approximately 90% of the 299 residential units within the mixed-use building are leased. Plus, Fat Rosie's Taco and Tequila Bar, Mia Francesca, LensCrafters, and FatPour Tap Works are all open for business. Amazon Fresh and Venezia Nail Spa has an open building permit to build out its storefront within the development.

Building permits also have been issued for a 5-story, 152-room dual-branded Marriott Hotel on Lincoln Avenue, just north of the Village Green. The L-shaped building will feature an indoor pool, fitness center, dining area, and outdoor lounge. Construction activities have progressed with the completion of the foundation and pier system, the construction of above-ground steelwork, framing of wood panel walls for the fifth floor, and underground electrical and plumbing. The local developer, Lakhani Hospitality, plans to open the Residence Inn and SpringHill Suites hotels in 2025-26.

Business 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 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 key engines for its overall economic growth.

We see businesses growing in three ways:

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

For more information, 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.

Homes for a Changing Region Survey!

The Village of Lincolnwood is participating in the Homes for a Changing Region housing planning program and wants to hear your input on housing in Lincolnwood. The program will assist the Village in assessing local housing needs and opportunities through meetings with local stakeholders, analysis of trends in the local housing market, and input through the community survey. The process will result in a plan that summarizes local housing needs and opportunities and recommends strategies based on what has worked best in peer communities similar to Lincolnwood. The process is expected to be completed by the summer of 2025.

The Village invites you to take part in this process by completing a community survey. The survey, which is anonymous and takes about 10 minutes to complete, asks about how well housing in Lincolnwood meets your needs, what housing options are in-demand, and what improvements or additions to the local housing stock may benefit the community.

Please provide one response per household. The survey can be completed online, using the link below, or through a paper survey available at Village Hall (Community Development Department) at 6900 N Lincoln Avenue. <https://bit.ly/LincolnwoodHousingSurvey>

If you have questions, contact Scott Mangum, Community Development Director, at smangum@lwd.org.

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 encourages residents and businesses to submit building permit applications as soon as possible to avoid delays to their projects. The Community Development Department issues permits for remodeling, repairs, and all new construction projects.

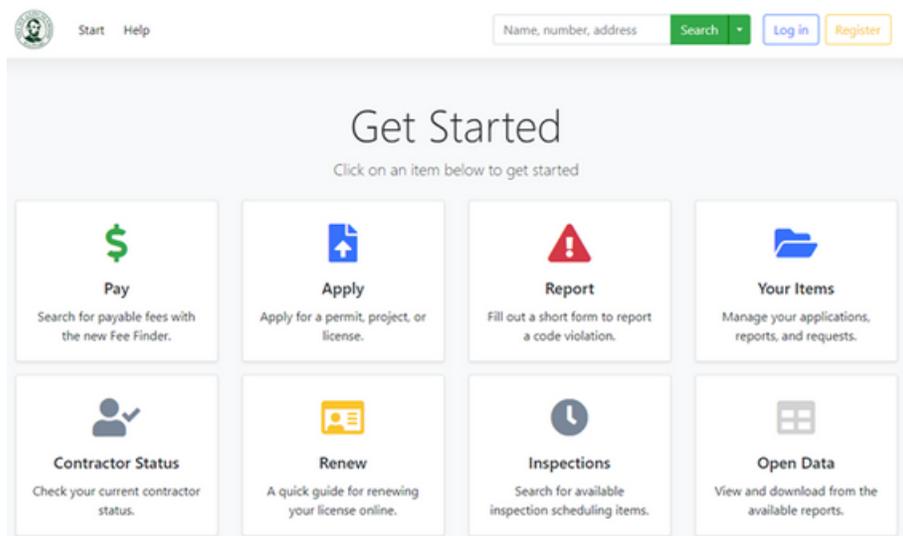
Most applications for small projects are reviewed within a week of receiving complete permit materials, but that timeframe may increase as spring approaches and more projects are submitted.

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 permit early so that they can 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 at lincolnwood.onlama.com include a list of currently registered contractors, the ability to file a code enforcement complaint, and the ability to check the status of a permit at any address within the Village using the search bar.



New Businesses

Embassy Studios

6455 N Cicero Avenue
Embassy Studio is Chicago's boutique hair replacement salon providing personalized hair replacement solutions for men, women, and children. They know that hair loss for any reason is deeply personal, and they ensure the highest quality of custom, private care and tailored solutions to help you look and feel your best.

Neon Gaming Hub

3374 W. Devon Avenue
Providing a premier esports gaming environment for customers to play and engage with popular video games. Neon Gaming Hub offers access to top competitive games including Valorant, Dota 2, Counter-Strike 2, Apex Legends, Overwatch, and more on platforms like PlayStation 5 consoles and high-performance gaming PCs, providing an optimized gaming experience that meets the demands of esports enthusiasts and casual players alike.

Crash Champions

7100 N McCormick Boulevard
At Crash Champions, they believe the difference is trust and that sentiment is more than a tagline. All Crash Champions collision repair centers receive annual certifications at the highest levels from I-CAR, the industry's leading independent safety and training organization, which means you can trust their team to get you back on the road safely.

Center for Confident Communication

4433 W Touhy Avenue
The Center for Confident Communication offers personalized therapy for stuttering, thinking (cognitive) skills, and speech & language for children and adults.

Reiss Diamonds & Company

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BOARD AND COMMISSION MEETINGS

Village Board: 1st, 3rd Tuesday of the Month.
Park and Recreation Board: 2nd Tuesday of the Month.
Economic Development Commission: 4th Wednesday of the Month.
Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals: 1st Wednesday of each month with the third Wednesday of the month reserved if necessary.
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.



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ASSIST-A-FAMILY

The Assist-A-Family Program (previously known as the Harice Leavitt Memorial Fund) supports Lincolnwood residents in financial distress who need assistance with their water and sewer bills. Funded by public donations, the Assist-A-Family Program subsidizes water and sewer bills for qualifying residents. For more information or to donate, visit: www.lincolnwoodil.org/assist-a-family

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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