

# LINCOLNWOOD CONNECTIONS



November/December 2018

Village of Lincolnwood

## The Touhy Avenue Overpass is Open



The October 11 Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Touhy Avenue Overpass concluded the Village's contribution to the larger, regional trail network spanning multiple communities while also enhancing pedestrian and bicyclist safety within our community. The original concept of these projects was conceived in the Village's 2006 Bikeway Plan. The Valley Line Trail and the Touhy Avenue Overpass were each funded by Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grants. The construction of the Union Pacific Bike Path and purchase of the former Union Pacific right-of-way was also funded through a CMAQ grant, while the remainder of the cost was covered by the Northeast Industrial Tax Increment Financing District. The Valley Line Trail, which the Touhy Avenue Overpass is a part, is one piece in a larger network that when complete will connect Chicago to the Wisconsin border.

The Touhy Avenue Overpass is intended to serve as a functional, safe crossing of Touhy Avenue, while at the same time be a gateway to the community. Architectural elements such as enhanced accent lighting, masonry piers, and Village identification pieces such as logos and signage were included to make the bridge uniquely Lincolnwood. The pre-rusted bridge structure is intended to serve the dual purpose of providing a natural look, while being low maintenance. By securing the CMAQ grants, in 2010 and 2011 the Village was able to make substantial improvements for our residents while only being responsible for 20% of the overall cost. The CMAQ grants funded the remaining 80% of the total cost of each project combined. The Village will continue to seek out grants that will help fund projects that improve the quality of life for our residents.

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# President's Message

## My fellow residents,

As the fall begins in full earnest, I want to provide you with some information on recent events in our community:

- The Touhy Overpass bridge was installed in September with a dedication ceremony that occurred in October. The overpass was the culmination of years of work by Village Officials and Village Staff.
- The Carrington at Lincolnwood celebrated its grand opening with a ribbon cutting on October 16. It brings Lincolnwood a new generation in senior living. The Carrington offers 400 units of independent and assisted living, and memory care. It is a welcome addition to the Lincolnwood landscape. Learn more at [thecarringtonatlincolnwood.com](http://thecarringtonatlincolnwood.com).
- I would like to congratulate several members of the Police Department who were recently promoted: Lieutenant Schenita Stewart was appointed to the position of Deputy Chief of Police; Sergeants Travis Raypole and Timothy O'Conner were appointed as Lieutenants; and, Officer David Kramarz was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. These officers are commended for the exemplary service and serve as examples of the excellence and caliber of the Lincolnwood Police Department. Additionally, three new police officers were also sworn in; they are: David Sparks, Scott Hill and Alberto Ortega. The swearing in of the personnel promoted and newly hired, took place during the September 20, 2018 Village Board Meeting. I wish them all the best of luck in Lincolnwood.
- The Parks and Recreation Department held the annual Touch-a-Truck event on September 8 in the Village Hall parking lot. The Parks and Recreation Department was joined by Public Works, Police and Fire in showcasing the Village's equipment. The event was made possible thanks to a donation from NorthShore University HealthSystem. The Family Fun Fest was a success once again. The family-centered event included crafts, a bounce house, outdoor games, kayaking and more.
- Lincolnwood's Police Department is now on Facebook and Twitter. Follow them at [@LincolnwoodPD](https://www.facebook.com/LincolnwoodPD) to receive daily safety reminders and to learn more about our brave police officers.
- Our annual September 11 memorial held this year was a solemn opportunity to thank our emergency responders in the Police and Fire Departments. A special thank you to the students of Lincolnwood School District 74 who sang and recited poems along with Trustee Ron Cope who never fails to disappoint with his beautiful rendition of "God Bless America."



*New & Newly Promoted Officers*



*Mayor Bass and Judge Garland*



*Rendering of Wal-Mart Concept*



*Officers at our September 11 Ceremony*

- Former Lincolnwood resident Merrick Garland, Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals, spoke to a large crowd of alumni, residents and guests at School District 74's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event over the summer. We are honored that he took the time to speak at the sold out event.



*Mayor Barry Bass*

With the fall approaching we have a lot to look forward to in the Village, including:

- Tucker Development Corporation ("Tucker Development") continues their process in developing the former Purple Hotel Site. Tucker Development has been presenting to the Village Board, Plan Commission, and Economic Development Commission in order to bring a new development to Lincolnwood. Tucker Development's project is named "District 1860" in honor of President Lincoln's election that year. District 1860 is poised to become an iconic development that incorporates retail, residential and two different hotel concepts into the proposed project. To learn more or to follow Tucker Development through the preliminary planned unit development ("PUD") process, please visit [www.lincolnwoodil.org](http://www.lincolnwoodil.org).
- Wal-Mart has filed an application to amend the preliminary PUD to fill the remaining 2/3 of space where Dominick's was previously located. Wal-Mart is proposing a prototype store that will serve as an internet grocery pick-up location. The new concept will be the first of its kind to be developed by Wal-Mart. The store will provide additional sales tax while mitigating the traffic impact of the development due to the unique nature of internet grocery pick-up locations.
- The Village wide Hanukkah party is set for Wednesday, December 5, 2018 from 5:00 - 8:30 p.m. in the Community Center. All residents are welcome to attend this event hosted by Rabbi Moshe Wolfe of the Cheder Lubavitch Hebrew Day School.

As a reminder, please refer to the Village's website and calendar, [www.lincolnwoodil.org](http://www.lincolnwoodil.org), for upcoming events and meetings.

Sincerely,

Barry Bass  
Mayor

# Village News

## SD74 Updates

Family Reading Night, hosted by the SD74 PTA, is scheduled for Thursday, November 8 at 6:00 p.m. at Rutledge Hall. All SD74 parents are encouraged to attend with their children to enjoy an evening of reading and fun activities. The annual Holiday Concert will be on Thursday, December 20 at 6:30 p.m. at Lincoln Hall and is open to the community.



## Garbage Reminders

Single family homes in Lincolnwood have access to waste and recycling services through Groot Industries. Residents may also place an unlimited number of 35-gallon garbage cans at the curb each week. In addition, one bulk item (example: mattress, refrigerator, etc.) per week is permitted to be placed by the curb. Groot picks up garbage and recycling on Monday of every week. Missed pickups and other problems must be reported by noon on the Tuesday following the Monday pick-up. If Monday is a holiday, garbage will be picked up on the following day. If the holiday falls on a Saturday, pick up will stay the same, and if the holiday falls on a Sunday, pick up will be on Tuesday. Per Village Code all Groot containers (recycling and garbage) must be returned to their premise's storage location by 8:00 a.m. on the day after collection, and cannot be out prior to 7:00 p.m. on the day before collection. If you have any questions about refuse and recycling please call Public Works at (847) 675-0888.

## Rescue Rangers

The Rescue Rangers program is a resource for senior and disabled residents who lack the physical or financial ability to complete daily tasks such as shoveling snow, walking pets, or bringing out and returning garbage totes. Rescue Rangers are local middle and high school students who have signed up to earn approximately \$10 per hour (the exact amount is negotiated between the resident and student). If you are a local student and are interested in becoming a Rescue Ranger or if you are interested in hiring a Rescue Ranger, call (847) 745-4717.

## Art Gallery

Join the Village as we celebrate the next art installation by artist Amanda Evanston on December 4 at 5:00 p.m. in Village Hall. Learn more about the artist and her work at [www.amandaevanston.com](http://www.amandaevanston.com).

## New



Lincolnwood's Library of Things expands on the traditional Library by adding a host of new items including a GoPro, binge watching a favorite Hulu or Netflix show using a Roku Express+, or ditching the Ethernet cables with a WiFi hotspot. For additional information, please contact the library's Information Services Department at (224) 233-1841 or stop by the library. You can also learn more at [lincolnwoodlibrary.org/](http://lincolnwoodlibrary.org/).

## Fall Leaves: Collection Tips

Each autumn, large piles of leaves are found in public streets throughout the Village. The Public Works Department requests that residents assist Village crews by not raking leaves into the street to reduce the possibility of clogging storm drains. Yard waste, such as leaves, can be disposed of by collecting them in brown yard waste bags. Sticks and branches should be bundled together, not exceeding four feet in length, no branch should be larger than four inches in diameter, and the bundle cannot weigh more than 50 pounds. Yard waste should be set out with refuse and recycling on Mondays. The last day for collection is November 26.

## Holiday Light Recycling

Beginning on November 12, the Village will again offer a free holiday light recycling program in conjunction with the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County and Elgin Recycling. Accepted items will include: mini-lights (or Italian lights), C7 lights, C9 lights, rope lights, LED lights, and extension cords. The Village will not be accepting garland, live greens, wreaths or other non-recyclables.

Containers will be available at the Public Works Department located at 7001 N. Lawndale Avenue, Monday through Friday, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. The program will end on January 31, 2019.

## Snow Plowing

Public Works asks all residents to assist in snow removal by parking vehicles in driveways or garages and refraining from blowing snow into the street. Snow plowing operations begin when snow becomes more than two inches deep and freezing temperatures indicate that no melting will occur. Learn more about snow emergency parking regulations at [www.lincolnwoodil.org/](http://www.lincolnwoodil.org/).

# Upcoming Events

## Seasonal Fun with Parks and Recreation

The holiday season is almost upon us, so mark your calendars for some of the great family activities in Lincolnwood coming up in the next few months:

**Dreidel and Ornament Decorating** (Tuesday, November 27, 4:00 p.m. at the Community Center): Paint your very own ceramic dreidel or ornament to cherish for years to come. Family members of all ages are invited to join in on the fun!

**Holiday Treasure Hunt** (Thursday, November 29, 5:45 p.m. in Village Hall Promenade): Uncover some holiday treasures with flashlights! Make sure to dress for the weather and bring your own flashlight and sack for your finds.

**Lincolnwood Lights** (Thursday, November 29, 6:00 p.m. at Village Hall): You are invited to celebrate the holiday season with hot chocolate, music from Lincoln Hall's Chorale group and the ceremonial lighting of the holiday lights. The kids will also enjoy a surprise visit from Santa Claus who will make an exciting arrival by Fire Truck.

**Santa Letters** – (Wednesday, November 9 through Friday, December 9): Share some holiday magic with your little

ones by giving your child the chance to receive a letter from Santa himself! Santa will mail replies to all letters sent by Lincolnwood children (make sure to include your child's name and address). You can drop off letters at the Santa Letters Mailbox located in the mail circle of Village Hall starting November 9.



**Holiday Cookie Crumble** (Tuesday, December 4, 4:30 p.m. at the Community Center): Decorate a variety of festive and winter themed cookies that are sure to taste delicious! Each child will decorate up to 10 cookies. Kosher cookies will be available during this festive event.

**Gingerbread House Decorating** (Thursday, December 6, 4:30 p.m. at the Community Center): Come decorate a gingerbread house with your friends and family. No

experience or supplies necessary. Registration fee is per gingerbread house, and up to two participants.

**Breakfast with Santa Claus** (Saturday, December 8, 10:00 a.m. at the Community Center): Enjoy a light breakfast while Santa visits you tableside to share your holiday wishes. We will also be accepting donations of new toys for the annual Toys for Tots. Register early to reserve your seat.

## It's Not Too Late Register for this Year's Turkey Trot

It's not too late to get in on the Turkey Trot fun on Sunday, November 18. A Lincolnwood tradition, this CARA Certified 5K/10K race and 5K fitness walk features a flat, fast course perfect for novice as well as experienced runners and walkers. Lincolnwood residents receive \$2 off the registration fee.

Register now at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com), or in person or by mail at the Parks and Recreation Department, located in Village Hall, 6900 N. Lincoln Avenue.

### Don't Forget the Raffle

Whether running, walking or just cheering on your favorite athlete, make sure to bring a non-perishable food item or monetary donation to be included in the post-race raffle for a chance to win fabulous prizes. All non-perishable food items and a portion of the proceeds from this event will benefit the Niles Township Food Pantry.

### For the Littlest Turkeys

For our youngest athletes (six years and under), the Drumstick Dash 50 & 100 yard dash is the perfect way to round out this historic running event. All pre-registered racers are guaranteed a long sleeve race shirt, finisher medal & goody bag, and of course, a selfie with the famous Turkey Trot mascot!

### Sponsorship of the Lincolnwood Turkey Trot

If your business or service would like to be part of this historic event as a sponsor or donor, please have them contact Dan Peck, Community Outreach and Marketing Coordinator, at [dpeck@lwd.org](mailto:dpeck@lwd.org) or (847)745-4726.



## Winter Break Camp

Our Winter Break Camp is back at the Community Center for students in Kindergarten through fifth grade during the weeks of December 26 - 28 and January 2 - 4. We also offer a flexible pick-a-day option.

Our Winter Break Camp features a different field trip each day, including bowling, laser tag, ice skating and more. Kids will also enjoy art projects, active games, educational games and team-building activities, and if weather permits, we'll have outdoor fun, too.

To register or learn more, visit [www.lincolnwoodil.org/winter-break-camp](http://www.lincolnwoodil.org/winter-break-camp).



# BUSINESS CONNECTIONS



## Incentivizing Redevelopment

In 2011, the Village, in conjunction with local taxing bodies (including School Districts 74 and 219, as well as the Library District, Niles Township, Oakton Community College and Cook County) approved a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District (known as the “Lincoln-Touhy TIF”), in order to help redevelop an area focused on the Purple Hotel site. TIF Districts are generally considered to be helpful economic development tools, where difficult and expensive to develop properties lie vacant and dormant. In the case of this TIF District, the Purple Hotel site had suffered from years of disinvestment and had been abandoned. The Village and other taxing bodies saw an opportunity to assist in making this property attractive to developers for redevelopment.

After the Lincoln-Touhy TIF was approved, the 2008 economic recession continued to wreak havoc on properties in this area. Negative economic factors throughout Chicagoland and the country led to a continuing decline in property values in the TIF District. The sole driver of revenue in a TIF District, which can be used to fund area-wide infrastructure improvements and land acquisition, is property tax over and above a base amount that is set when the TIF begins. Without property values increasing, TIF revenue is not generated. With declining property values, the ability to generate TIF revenue is further hampered.

In 2017, recognizing the Village was entering the sixth year in the 23-year life of a TIF District (as mandated by the State of Illinois), the Village Board began to consider a “Redesignation” of the Lincoln-Touhy TIF district, anticipating interest in the property from developers. A Redesignation essentially re-starts the 23-year “clock.” This would allow the Village to end the existing TIF District and start over

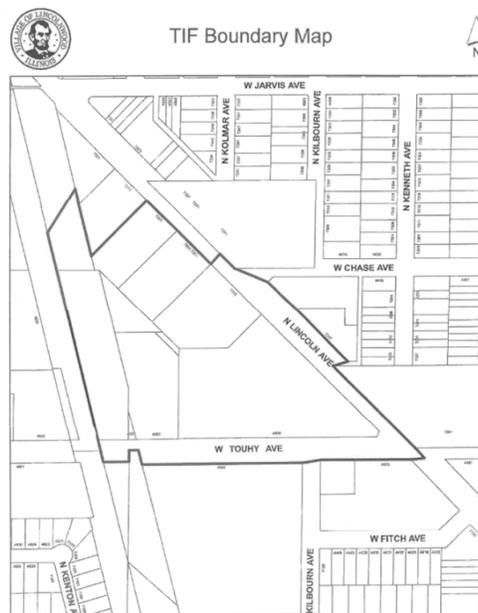
again, with a lower property value, allowing revenue in the TIF District to be generated at a faster rate. This past summer, with a previous foreclosure on the property settled, and Tucker Development Group moving forward on the review of their District 1860 plans, the Village Board authorized staff to begin the TIF Redesignation process. That process has been ongoing throughout the summer and fall, with Public Hearings and a review of the proposal

by the local taxing bodies at what is known as a Joint Review Board meeting. The Village has scheduled a Public Hearing at the regularly-scheduled Village Board meeting on November 20 to consider approving the new TIF District, now known as the “North Lincoln TIF.” If approved, this will allow revenues to be generated that will help secure the on and off-site improvements contemplated for the District 1860 project, including new green space and median landscaping improvements, a new traffic signal at the entrance to District 1860 from Lincoln Avenue, a Village Green, and the installation of the final section of streetlights along Lincoln Avenue, north of Touhy Avenue.

Expect to see work on the improvements for the District 1860 property and the adjacent roadways coming in late 2019 into 2020. This will help re-energize this key property in the Village, adding another piece to the northwest “Gateway” into the Village, along with the new Touhy Avenue pedestrian Bridge and accompanying Village identification sign. After too many years of blight at this property, the Village finally will be able to roll out the welcome mat to residents and visitors alike, along this busy section of Lincoln and Touhy Avenues.



Above & Below: TIF Boundary Maps



## Radler Plaza Multi-Tenant 4320 W. Touhy Ave.

Construction of a new 6,430 square foot commercial building is well underway at the site of the former Republic Bank drive-through. This multi-tenant center will house two-three commercial tenants, in addition to a Starbucks drive-through. Occupancy of the building is anticipated in early 2019.

## Proposed Medical Office Building 4656 W. Touhy Ave.

Review of a proposed renovation and expansion of the existing one-story building at the northeast corner of Touhy and Kilpatrick Avenues is scheduled to continue at the November 7 Plan Commission meeting. Onsite Health Care previously purchased this building for a proposed medical facility. Plans originally included a full second-story expansion. However, the owner is now proposing to maintain the existing building and renovate the interior. Variations related to the location and number of parking spaces will be part of the continued Public Hearing in November.



## Wal-Mart Grocery Pick-Up 6850 N. McCormick

In October the Village Board approved an amended Special Use permit for a new Wal-Mart grocery store pick-up facility in the former Dominick's building on McCormick Boulevard. The building will not be open to the public, but rather, the public will be invited to pick up groceries ordered through Wal-Mart's website at designated canopy-covered locations in the parking lot. Groceries will be delivered directly to customer's cars in this prototype facility, which will be the first of its kind in the country. Construction is underway in the interior of the building and the exterior parking lot work is expected to be completed in time for a spring, 2019 opening.



## District 1860 (former Purple Hotel Site) 4500 W. Touhy Ave.

In September and October, the Plan Commission held Public Hearings to review the proposed new development at the northwest corner of Lincoln and Touhy Avenues, from Tucker Development Group, known as District 1860. The proposed name of the development is a nod to the year the village's namesake, Abraham Lincoln, was first elected president. The proposed mixed-use development on 8.47 acres would encompass approximately 80,000 square feet of commercial ground-floor space, a dual-branded seven-story hotel, and 300 luxury apartments in a seven-story building. Review of this project, which would redevelop the former Purple Hotel site, will continue throughout the fall with final consideration by the Village Board expected by the end of the year.



## Renovated Office Center 7250 N. Cicero Ave.

The new owner of the existing two-story office building on the west side of Cicero Avenue, between Jarlath and Chase Avenues, has plans to breathe new life into this property, by redeveloping the building into a 21st Century commercial office building. Included in this redevelopment will be improvements to the exterior facade, landscaping and parking lot.



## Business Communications

We welcome the opportunity to work with business owners to find space for lease/purchase within the Village. Please feel free to contact Steve McNellis, Community Development Director, at (847) 745-4710 or [smcnellis@lwd.org](mailto:smcnellis@lwd.org) to discuss how to improve your business outlook by becoming one of a growing number of valued business residents!



## New Businesses

### Office and Commercial

#### Blue Arrow Technology

7358 Lincoln Avenue

A software developer and consulting services company has opened a new office in Lincolnwood Commons.



#### Maycor Electric Division

4433 Touhy Avenue

A satellite office of Maycor Construction has opened in the high-rise at the southwest corner of Lincoln and Touhy Avenues.

#### Lycatel, LLC

7300 N. Cicero Avenue

Lycatel is a Telecommunications company that has opened an office in Lincolnwood.

#### XSport Fitness

3333 W. Touhy Avenue

Come sign up for your local XSport fitness gym at this cart in the Lincolnwood Town Center.

## Business Spotlight Somerset Alpha Space

*Somerset Alpha Space, an 8,000 square foot co-working space opened on Lincoln Avenue in 2017. Co-owner Ruth Gleicher opened this new and exciting business to provide a work space for people who currently work-from-home but are finding that as their families grow, they need a close-to-home, hassle-free space to conduct their business. We asked Ruth a few questions about how Somerset Alpha Space operates and how they came to choose Lincolnwood to open their business:*



6601 Lincoln Ave.

Lincolnwood has many work-from-home residents whose families have grown, leaving them with the need for an affordable, quiet, professional place where they can get their work done. We provide this location in the heart of the community, where our members can easily hop between their home and our workspace. Our members are finding that coveted work-life balance that allows them to be both present in their children's

lives and actively engaged in their businesses.

### 1. Why did you choose Lincolnwood for Somerset Alpha Space?

Growing up in the Lincolnwood/Skokie area and spending my entire teaching career at Niles West High School provided me with the familiarity to know that Lincolnwood was the perfect place to open the Alpha Space Coworking business. This location allows us to attract residents of Lincolnwood, Skokie, Morton Grove, Niles, Park Ridge, and Rogers Park. It also provides our members with easy access to conduct business in the heart of Chicago.

### 2. What is the most rewarding part of your business?

The most rewarding part of our business is our members. We have attracted a culturally diverse group of people who work in many different businesses. What all of these members share, however, is that as their families grew, they needed a place outside of their home to work. By providing such a space our members can be present at home when necessary, yet work in a professional environment close to home to conduct their business.

### 3. What role does your business play in the community?

### 4. Where do you draw your customer base from?

Our members come from the Lincolnwood, Skokie, Morton Grove, Niles, Park Ridge, and Rogers Park area. They enjoy the location, since it allows them to move freely between their homes and our workspace. This location also provides our members with easy access to all of Chicago city neighborhoods, including the downtown area.

### 5. What amenities do you offer your customers?

Our members have free high speed internet and Wi-Fi, unlimited printing, scanning, free on-site parking, yummy snacks of all sorts, as well as hot drinks. Members are also provided with access to a professional training room and a broadcast studio that includes green-screen technology, and more.

### 6. Why did you choose to start this business at this time?

The opportunity to start this business was the result of a combination of life events. We found ourselves with the time and desire to diversify business investments. When we discovered this building was for sale we were excited by the combination of location and building style that would allow us to develop our co-workspace vision.

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## 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. Please check the Village's website at [lincolnwoodil.org](http://lincolnwoodil.org) for Board and Commission meeting dates, agendas, and minutes. To receive meeting agendas, send an email to [subscribe@lwd.org](mailto:subscribe@lwd.org).

(TV) = Broadcast live on Comcast Channel 6, RCN Channel 49, AT&T U-Verse Channel 99 and [lincolnwood.tv](http://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](http://lwdtv.org).

## 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

## Follow Us!

Did you know that you can follow the Village, including the Parks and Police Departments, on social media? The Village maintains a presence on Twitter, Facebook, Nextdoor, Instagram, and LinkedIn. Search for and follow us on those platforms to get updates on Village news. Additionally, the Village provides a bi-weekly electronic newsletter called the *Lincolnwood Local* that provides regular updates on events going on in the Village. Subscribe to the Lincolnwood Local by going to [www.lincolnwoodil.org/getlincolnwoodlocal/](http://www.lincolnwoodil.org/getlincolnwoodlocal/).

## Recent Board Actions

- Approved a contract to convert the alley on the north side of Devon Avenue between Spaulding and Christiana Avenues from gravel to pavement.
- Recognized Art Lovering as the Madeleine Grant Volunteer of the Year and Carol Janossy as the Human Relations Commission Person of the Year.

## 2018 Blood Drive

The 2018 Larry Froman Memorial Blood Drive will be held in the Council Chambers, 6900 N Lincoln Avenue, from 1:30 to 7:00 p.m. on December 20, 2018.

## Village Hall Closings

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

**Thanksgiving, Thursday - Friday, November 22 - 23, 2018**

**Christmas, Monday - Tuesday, December 24 - 25, 2018**

**New Year's, Tuesday, January 1, 2019**