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Summer, when Lincolnwood shines! The parks are bustling, the pool is open, flowers are blooming, and Lincolnwood Fest is right around the corner. Of course, we also have a dozen blocks of road construction, lead water line replacements, Proesel Park and Goebelt Park construction, over 100 active home construction permits, and more new projects about to get underway. There's a lot going on in Lincolnwood.

This year the Village welcomes new Village Clerk Sokol Delisi. Clerk Delisi has served for over five years as a Commissioner on the Park and Recreation Board and three years as a Policy Committee Member for Lincolnwood School District 74. A resident of Lincolnwood for over two decades, Sokol is an alumnus of Lincolnwood School District 74 and Niles Township High School District 219. He graduated from DePaul University with a bachelor's degree in Political Science.

Currently, Sokol works as a project manager at a prominent eDiscovery firm, assisting corporations, government agencies, and law firms in solving complex legal data challenges. His favorite quote and guiding philosophy is from President Abraham Lincoln: "leave nothing for tomorrow which can be done today." It is a reflection of his passion for public service and his commitment to ensuring residents receive timely services.



Sokol Delisi



Neal Gussis

He looks forward to continuing to connect with residents, registering voters for upcoming elections, and improving the Village Clerk's office.

Also joining the dais is new Trustee Neal Gussis. Neal is a life-long Lincolnwood resident growing up here and moving just blocks away from his parents' house. Neal is married to his wife Jennifer, and they have a daughter, Lily and son, Henry, both recent college graduates. Neal and his children are products of District 74 and Niles West. Many in the community also know Jennifer as Mrs. Gussis who teaches early childhood development in the Pre-K program at Todd Hall.

For most of his career, Neal has focused on commercial real estate lending as both a direct lender and mortgage broker. Currently, he is an Executive Director of Capital Markets in a loan advisory division of a commercial real estate management and holding company. Neal graduated from Indiana University with a BS in Business. He also has his Illinois real estate broker's license. In his free time, he enjoys golfing, biking, gardening, bingeing a good mini-series and getting in a good workout.

Neal and Sokol are welcome additions to the Village Board and we continue to thank Clerk Herman and Trustee Saleem for their service to the Village.



Pictured from left to right: Trustee Craig Klatzco, Trustee Atour Sargon, Trustee Grace Diaz Herrera, President Jesal Patel, Clerk Sokol Delisi, Trustee Chris Martel, Trustee Jean Ikezoe-Halevi, and Trustee Neal Gussis.



As we move forward, a major focus of the Village continues to be in the Community Development Department whose purpose is to help the Village to grow and develop in conformity with the comprehensive plan. We have recently hired a new Assistant Director who brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Village and will help to move permit applications more easily and swiftly through the approval process.

As I write this, we are also working to hire a new Community Development Department Director. A major goal of the Board in the near term is to see the Lincolnwood Town Center redeveloped and returned to being the preeminent sales tax and property tax generating property for the Village. The new Director will certainly be a key figure for the Village as it relates to the mall site. For the last four years the owner of the property (through foreclosure) has failed to complete a sale.

Recently, the seller has become more aggressive in their approach to disposing of the property and the Village has been active in working with prospective buyers to attract the best for the Village. The department has seen tremendous improvement over the last four years with upgrades to systems and procedures and we will continue to make improvements with our new Staff.

Beyond Lincolnwood Town Center, we want to make the most of the underutilized sites which exist throughout the Village. Our M-B (manufacturing business) zoned districts as well as various commercial properties throughout the Village offer attractive redevelopment opportunities.

Working with property owners, businesses, brokers, and developers, the new Director can help to transform areas which have gone untouched for years, even decades, into attractive and vibrant pieces of the community. Promoting Lincolnwood as the ideal Chicago suburb in which to raise a family, build a business, buy a car, or go out to eat will also help to bring new development to the Village. We will work to let everyone know that we are open and accessible with a lot to offer.

As I reported in the last issue of this newsletter, we continue to execute our infrastructure improvement plan and seek out non-local funding sources wherever possible. We are now anticipating over \$4 million in state funding will be received to go towards our infrastructure and parks projects as well as to needed improvements to our police and fire stations. Additionally, the Village recently received notice that it will be awarded over \$3 million in grant funds for the construction of the long-contemplated Pratt Ave pedestrian bridge over the North Branch of the Chicago River.

Have a great summer and don't forget to buy and display your new 2025-2026 Village Vehicle Sticker and make sure your headlights are on.

“Learning is not attained by chance, it must be sought for with ardor and attended to with diligence.”

— Abigail Adams

Sincerely,

Mayor Jesal Patel

4th of July Concert in the Park | 25-Year Anniversary

Celebrate 25 years of music and community with Carol Janossy and the Lincolnwood Youth Strings on Friday, July 4, at 10:30am at the Proesel Park Shelter, as they present a patriotic musical salute to kick off Independence Day.

Join us for this special morning performance. Don't forget to bring your lawn chairs and enjoy a beautiful start to the holiday in the park!



Now on Display: Art by Larry Geni



An art exhibit featuring the work of Larry Geni is currently on display at Lincolnwood Village Hall through August 29, 2025. The gallery is open to the public Monday through Friday, 9:00am to 5:00pm.

A retired physics teacher, Geni now travels the world and transforms his favorite photos into expressive, instinct-driven paintings. Inspired by nature and memory, his work blends clarity and spontaneity to create a vivid sense of presence. Stop by and enjoy this vibrant collection while it's here!

Reverse 9-1-1

The Village of Lincolnwood uses Blackboard Connect to keep residents informed during emergencies. Whether it's a snow emergency, boil order, severe weather, flooding, or other critical situations, you'll receive timely alerts through your preferred communication method – text message, email, or phone call.

To register for emergency alerts, scan the QR code.



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Madeleine Grant Award

The Village of Lincolnwood is proud to honor the legacy of Madeleine Grant, former Mayor, Library Board President, and dedicated committee member who believed in the power of volunteerism to strengthen communities. Each year, the Village presents the Madeleine Grant Volunteer of the Year Award to a resident who exemplifies that spirit. This year's award will be presented at the Board of Trustees meeting on Tuesday, July 15, 2025.

Vehicle Stickers & Pet Licenses

Have you purchased your 2025–2026 vehicle sticker? Vehicle stickers and pet licenses were due by June 30, 2025. If you haven't renewed yet, be sure to purchase yours now to avoid any additional late fees. Stickers and licenses are available at Village Hall, by mail, or online. New residents have 30 days from their move-in date to comply. A \$10 late fee per month applies to vehicle stickers bought after June 30. Learn more at www.lincolnwoodil.org/PermitsandLicenses.

Programs for Kids

Summer Camp – Final Session!

Join us for the last session of Summer Camp from July 28–August 15, 9:00am–3:00pm. Open to kids ages 3–12. Registration closes Wednesday, July 16 at 5:00pm. Register using the QR code or visit www.lincolnwoodil.org/ProgramRegistration.



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Glitzy Girls Back to School in Style

Get ready for the school year with fun crafts and beading! Each child will go home with a surprise goodie bag.

- **Date:** Tuesday, August 5 | 6:15–7:30pm
- **Fee:** Resident: \$30 / Non-Resident: \$38
- **Location:** Lincolnwood Community Center
- **Age:** 5–11

Programs for Seniors (Ages 55+)

Friday Coffee, Games, & Cards

Enjoy an afternoon of games, snacks, and good company at the Lincolnwood Community Center.

- **Date:** Fridays, July 18, August 8, & August 29 | 12:00–2:00pm
- **Fee:** Free Event
- **Location:** Lincolnwood Community Center

4th of July BBQ

Celebrate with a delicious BBQ, live entertainment, and fun at the Proesel Park Pavilion.

- **Date:** Friday, July 11 | 11:30am–1:30pm
- **Fee:** Resident: \$5 / Non-Resident: \$10
- **Location:** Proesel Park Pavilion (Kostner & Morse)

Aquatic Center

Proesel Park Family Aquatic Center Hours

Cool off this summer at the Proesel Park Family Aquatic Center! Check out the regular season hours along with a few important schedule updates.

Regular Season:

- Saturday, May 31 – Sunday, August 17

Special Hours:

- Friday, July 4: Open 11am–5pm
- Wednesday, July 9 & 16: Main pool will close at 3pm for swim meets
- Tuesday, August 5: Entire facility will close at 8pm for staff training

Post-Season Hours:

As staff returns to school, the pool will operate on a limited schedule:

- August 23–24 (Sat & Sun): 11am–7pm
- August 30–31 (Sat & Sun): 11am–7pm
- Monday, September 1: 11am–5pm



LINCOLNWOOD FEST 2025

JULY 24 – 27 • PROESEL PARK

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT • FOOD VENDORS • CARNIVAL RIDES
FAMILY ACTIVITY TENT • BINGO • BEER AND WINE GARDEN
CLASSIC CAR SHOW • CARNIVAL GAMES • BUSINESS EXPO

Visit www.lincolnwoodil.org/LincolnwoodFest for more entertainment information and schedules!



SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

7:00 – 8:30 PM • PROESEL PARK • FREE ADMISSION

WILD DAISY
THURSDAY, JULY 3

HELLO WEEKEND
THURSDAY, JULY 10

THE MESSENGERS
THURSDAY, JULY 17

VALIUS
THURSDAY, JULY 31

LINCOLNWOOD
SUMMER
CONCERT
SERIES

MOVIES IN THE PARK

PROESEL PARK SHELTER • FREE ADMISSION

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 22
7:45 PM

WICKED
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
7:00 PM



The Village of Lincolnwood offers a variety of fun and family-friendly events all year long. For a full list of upcoming special events, scan the QR code or visit www.lincolnwoodil.org/SpecialEvents.



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Lincolnwood's 9-1-1 Dispatch

Have you ever wondered why Lincolnwood's 9-1-1 calls are answered in Skokie? In 2017, the Village transitioned its emergency dispatch services to the Village of Skokie in response to a state mandate. This change improved efficiency, ensured compliance with Illinois law, and allowed Lincolnwood to maintain high-quality police and fire response while reducing costs.



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Read more about the transition and what it means for residents by scanning the QR code or visiting www.lincolnwoodil.org/DispatchConsolidation.

Commercial Vehicle Parking in Lincolnwood

To maintain the safety of residential neighborhoods, Lincolnwood has specific rules for parking commercial vehicles. Generally, these vehicles must be stored in a garage and cannot be parked on the street overnight. Only one marked work vehicle is allowed per driveway, and size, signage, and vehicle type restrictions apply. RVs, trailers, and snowplow-equipped vehicles have limited seasonal allowances.

For full details, visit www.lincolnwoodil.org/CommercialParking or call 847-673-1540.

Fire Safety Reminders for Your Home

Cooking

Most home cooking fires start on the stovetop. Always stay in the kitchen while cooking, especially when frying, and keep flammable items, like towels, oven mitts, wooden utensils, and food packaging, away from the heat. Never leave active cooking unattended.

Extension Cords

Fires from extension cords and power strips occur more than twice as often as other electrical fires. Avoid running cords under carpets or across doorways, and remember that extension cords are for temporary use only. If you need more outlets, call a licensed electrician.

Summer Fire Safety Tips

Summer is a great time to check your home for potential fire hazards. Clean up clutter inside and outside, inspect appliance cords for damage, and review your family's fire escape plan.

Also, make sure:

- Fire extinguishers are in good condition
- Emergency kits are ready for power outages or flooding
- Windows open and close easily in case they're needed as exits
- Household chemicals are properly stored and never mixed
- Stove filters are clean and refrigerator coils are dust-free
- Stairs and landings are clear for safe evacuation



Lincolnwood in Bloom

The Village of Lincolnwood invites residents to participate in the Lincolnwood in Bloom Beautification Contest. This program is part of the Village's ongoing beautification efforts and encourages property owners to landscape and enhance their homes and neighborhoods throughout the year.

Any resident within the Village of Lincolnwood's corporate limits is eligible to enter. Entries are due by Friday, September 5, 2025. The application is available at www.lincolnwoodil.org/LincolnwoodInBloom. If you have any questions, contact Public Works at 847-675-0888.



Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

The Annual Water Quality Report for the period of January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024, is now available on the Village's website at www.lincolnwoodil.org/Water-Report. This report provides information on the drinking water supplied by the Village. For more information about this report or to request a hard copy, please contact Public Works at 847-675-0888.

Gas Leaf Blower Restrictions



Please remember that gasoline-powered leaf blowers are not allowed within the Village from May 15 to September 30. The use of gasoline-powered leaf blowers is time-restricted from October 1 through May 14.

Fun Fact: The Public Works Department uses electric blowers. Electric blowers are quieter, produce zero emissions, and help reduce our environmental footprint while keeping parks, streets, and sidewalks clean. The team has implemented electric blowers and some electric saws to support a cleaner, quieter Lincolnwood for everyone.

Online Water Bill Payments

In June 2025, the Village upgraded its system to a new payment processor for online credit card payments of water bills. The change will impact customers who have stored credit card information in Civic Pay and have enabled auto payment. Those who make one-time payments via the online portal or have enrolled in ACH auto debit are not impacted by this upgrade.

As part of the upgrade, customers will need to delete any saved payment method currently in place and re-enter or add a new payment method. Payment information remains safe and secure throughout the upgrade process.

Impacted customers received an email in June from both the Village and the Village's payment partner. Detailed instructions on the necessary changes are visible upon logging in to the online payment portal. These changes will enhance security for Village customers. Questions may be directed to Utility Billing at 847-745-4730.

Free Document Shredding & Electronic Recycling

On Saturday, August 9, 2025, the Village will host a document shredding and electronics recycling event from 9am to 12pm in the large parking lot south of the Public Works building, located at 7001 N. Lawndale Avenue (corner of Lunt and Lawndale Avenues).

This event is open to residents of communities that are members of SWANCC. Identification may be required upon arrival. Please note that documents from businesses or schools will not be accepted. The shredder can handle staples and paper clips, but binder clips must be removed. Each vehicle is limited to six small boxes or bags of documents.

To view a list of acceptable electronics for recycling, visit swancc.org.

Can't attend this event? Sign up for Recycle Coach to see a full calendar of recycling events available to Lincolnwood residents: www.lincolnwoodil.org/Recycle.



Lead Service Line Assistance Program

The Village is making it easier and more affordable for homeowners to replace lead water service lines through a new cost-sharing program. Whether you're planning a partial replacement (from the meter or buffalo box into your home) or a full replacement (from the water main all the way in), the Village will cover 50% of the total project cost, up to \$5,000.

Please note that interior restoration work is not covered under this program, and funding is limited. Rebates will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis, so early application is encouraged. To learn more or apply, visit the Village website at www.lincolnwoodil.org/LeadReplacement.

For questions, please contact the Public Works Department at 847-675-0888.

Infrastructure Newsletter

The Village will soon begin a variety of infrastructure projects, including roadway resurfacing, water main upgrades, lead service line replacements, and sewer improvements.

Want to stay informed and track progress in your neighborhood? Sign up for weekly construction updates to get the latest news delivered straight to your inbox:

www.lincolnwoodil.org/InfrastructureUpdates.

Assist-A-Family Donations

The Village of Lincolnwood has launched the Assist-A-Family Program (formerly known as the Harice Leavitt Memorial Fund) to assist residents facing financial hardship with their water and utility bills. Funded by public donations, the program offers subsidies for water and sewer bills to qualifying residents. To learn more or contribute, visit www.lincolnwoodil.org/Assist-A-Family.

Help Your Trees Thrive This Summer



The summer heat can be tough on trees, especially newly planted saplings. To keep them healthy, be sure to water at the base of the tree once or twice a week, depending on rainfall. A slow soak is best—aim for 5 to 10 gallons per watering.

Mulching around the base (but not touching the trunk) also helps retain moisture and protect roots from extreme temperatures. Your care now helps trees grow strong for years to come!

Join the Plastic Free July Challenge

This July, Lincolnwood residents are encouraged to take part in Plastic Free July, a global movement to reduce plastic waste. Whether you go fully plastic-free or simply pass on single-use items like straws and grocery bags, every step helps. Plastic takes centuries to break down and can harm our health, wildlife, and waterways. By cutting back, we keep Lincolnwood cleaner and more sustainable.

Simple swaps to try:

- Bring reusable bags instead of plastic
- Use a refillable water bottle
- Replace plastic wrap with beeswax wraps
- Choose eco-friendly takeout packaging

Find tips at plasticfreejuly.org. Let's make a difference together!

Water Conservation

As the weather warms up, please follow the Village's water conservation rules from May 15 to September 15:

- Use lawn sprinklers only on your designated day:
 - Even-numbered addresses on even days
 - Odd-numbered addresses on odd days
- Water only before 12:00pm or after 6:00pm (no watering during midday)

To help conserve water, avoid heavy use between 12:00pm and 6:00pm including washing cars, driveways, or buildings. Small changes like this protect our limited water supply and support long-term sustainability. If you've recently installed new sod, contact Public Works at 847-675-0888 to request a temporary watering permit.

Fall Clean Up Event

On Sunday, September 14, the Village will host a fall clean-up event on the Valley Line Trail. Join volunteers from the Environmental Commission to help keep Lincolnwood clean for everyone to enjoy.

- **Date:** Sunday, September 14
- **Time:** 11:00am – 1:00pm
- **Location:** Valley Line Trail
- **Meeting Place:** Pratt Entrance

Summer Renovations? Here's What Needs a Permit

Before starting projects like adding a deck, remodeling a kitchen, or installing a new HVAC system, check if a permit is needed.

Permits are required for:

- **Additions:** Decks, garages, sunrooms, and other conditioned or unconditioned spaces.
- **Major system installations:** HVAC systems, water heaters, and electric vehicle charging stations.
- **Structural changes:** Wall modifications, recessed lighting, and window or door replacements.
- **Flatwork:** Driveways, patios, sidewalks, and steps.
- **Landscaping:** Tree removal (greater than 8 inches in diameter) and regrading of the site.
- **Interior remodels:** Including kitchens and bathrooms.

Permits are not required for:

- Painting or wallpapering
- Replacing light fixtures or flooring (except in wet areas)
- Refacing cabinets or countertops
- Replacing standard appliances

Please note that this is not an exhaustive list. If you're unsure whether your project requires a permit, it's best to consult with the Community Development Department.

Applying for a Permit

To apply for a permit, visit the LAMA (land management) portal at www.lincolnwood.onlama.com. Permits are valid for one year, so it's advisable to apply early to avoid delays, especially with summer weather.

Need Assistance?

If you have questions or need clarification, contact the Community Development Department at 847-673-7402 or email commdev@lwd.org.

New Businesses

Elk Grove Distributors

7080 N McCormick Blvd
Wholesale distributor of canned cocktails for retail licensees; no alcohol sales on-site.

SMB Benefits Advisors LLC

3757 W Touhy Ave, Suite 106
Insurance agency specializing in employee benefits and group health plans.

Prime Healthcare Illinois Medical Group

7380 N Lincoln Ave
Primary care clinic offering health screenings and treatment for minor illnesses.

BRAVURA AUTOMOTIVE

6432 N Ridgeway Ave
Auto repair shop specializing in window tinting and detailing services.

Edward Jones

4433 W Touhy Ave, Suite 555
Financial services firm offering personalized investment advice and planning.

Hair Base Salon & Spa

3936 W Devon Ave
Full-service salon and spa providing hair, nail, skin, and massage services

Dino Loiacono State Farm Agency

6514 N Lincoln Ave
Insurance agency providing auto, home, life, and business coverage options.

Kpop Nara

7080 N McCormick Blvd
Retail and warehouse store offering K-pop merchandise and hobby items.

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BOARD AND COMMISSION MEETINGS

- **Village Board:** 1st & 3rd Tuesday
- **Park & Recreation Board:** 2nd Tuesday
- **Economic Development Commission:** 4th Wednesday
- **Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals:** 1st Wednesday (3rd Wednesday if needed)
- **Traffic Commission:** 4th Thursday
- **Environmental Commission:** 4th Monday

For up-to-date schedules, agendas, and minutes, visit www.lincolnwoodil.org. To receive agendas by email, contact subscribe@lwd.org.

Meetings are broadcast live on Comcast Channel 6, RCN Channel 49, and AT&T U-Verse Channel 99. You can also watch live or on-demand at www.lincolnwoodil.org/mediacenter.

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- **Construction Updates:** www.lincolnwoodil.org/InfrastructureUpdates
- **Social Media:** Follow us!

- Village of Lincolnwood:



- Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Department:



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Fire Non-Emergency	(847) 673-1545