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TOUCH-A-TRUCK RETURNS!

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As I write this message Lincolnwood Fest has just come to a close and I'm again overwhelmed with Lincolnwood pride.

We have many events and special occasions in Lincolnwood throughout the year, but the sense of community and outpouring of compliments I receive from fest-goers year after year is wonderful. Many residents and non-residents alike circle this event on their calendars well in advance to make sure they don't miss the fun.



Lincolnwood Fest 2025

Lincolnwood Fest is truly an all-in effort with Staff from every Village Department joining in to make it happen. Particular thanks go to Director of Parks and Recreation Karen Hawk and the Staff of our Parks and Recreation, Public Works, and Police Departments for their tireless dedication to making this event a success.

We were glad to welcome back Sixteen Candles to headline our concert line up with homegrown stars Mia Cejovic and AJ Herrera opening the show. Thanks to Special Events Management, our fest operator, and Windy City Amusements for operating a top-notch carnival as well as the American Legion for the four fun days of Bingo.



Mia Cejovic

AJ Herrera

This year we also added a dunk tank with proceeds going to the Student Achievers Scholarship Fund. I joined Trustees Diaz-Herrera, Gussis, and Sargon along with Police Chief Parrot, Director of Parks and Recreation Hawk, SD74 Superintendent Dr. Russo, Niles Township Clerk Collins, and Park Board members Lovering and Malka in getting dunked many many times for the fund.



Mayor Patil joins in the fun with a splash at the community dunk tank.

Thank you to everyone for a great Fest and we look forward to seeing you next year.



As our community continues to grow and evolve, we've seen a noticeable increase in the use of e-bikes, e-scooters, and other motorized vehicles on our streets and pathways. These innovative modes of transportation offer convenient, eco-friendly ways to get around town, and their popularity reflects our shared commitment to sustainability. However, with this rise comes a growing concern about safety and responsibility on our public ways. As your Mayor, I want to address these concerns and share how we can work together to keep our community safe.

Many residents have reached out to the Village with questions and concerns about these unlicensed motorized vehicles. We've heard reports of e-bikes and e-scooters (currently prohibited in Lincolnwood) weaving through parks, traveling at high speeds on sidewalks, or failing to obey traffic signals at busy intersections. These incidents highlight the need for clear expectations for all users of our roads and pathways, whether they're operating cars, bicycles, e-bikes, or scooters. Safety is our top priority, and it starts with everyone following the rules of the road and practicing responsible habits.

The Village Board has begun discussing additional regulations for e-bikes, e-scooters, and other motorized vehicles on public ways. These discussions aim to balance the benefits of these vehicles with the need to protect pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers. While we explore these regulations, I want to emphasize that safety begins with shared responsibility. No matter what type of vehicle you operate—licensed or unlicensed—adhering to traffic laws and prioritizing safety is non-negotiable, this goes for pedestrians as well.

One of the simplest yet most effective ways to enhance safety is by wearing a helmet. Helmets significantly reduce the risk of serious injury in accidents, and I urge everyone to make this a habit. Additionally, using lights and reflectors is critical, particularly during early morning, evening, or inclement weather. These small additions make you visible to others, reducing the chance of collisions. Whether you're riding a traditional bike, an e-bike, or a scooter, equipping your vehicle with proper lighting and reflective gear is a small step that makes a big difference.

We also ask that all riders, drivers, and pedestrians respect the rules of the road. This means stopping at stop signs, yielding to pedestrians, signaling turns, using crosswalks, and staying within designated lanes or paths. E-bikes and scooters, while agile and fun, must not be used on sidewalks where they endanger pedestrians. By treating these vehicles with the same respect as cars or traditional bicycles, we can ensure our streets remain safe for everyone.

As we move forward, the Village will continue to gather input from residents, study best practices from other communities, and consider regulations that promote safe and responsible use of all vehicles and public ways. I encourage you to share your thoughts with us at our upcoming public forums or by contacting Village Hall. Together, we can foster a culture of safety and respect, ensuring our community remains a welcoming place for all to travel, whether by foot, wheel, or motor.

"The use of the road is not a right, it is a privilege and those who do not follow the rules of the road shall not be among the privileged." -unknown

Sincerely,

Mayor Jesal Patel

Lincolnwood Chamber Orchestra Concert

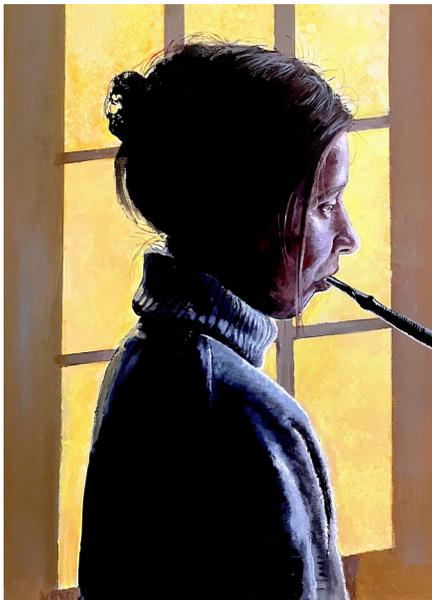
The Lincolnwood Chamber Orchestra invites you to a special concert on Sunday, September 14 at 3pm at the Lincoln Hall Middle School Auditorium (6855 N. Crawford). In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, the program will feature *The Four Seasons* by Astor Piazzolla, arranged by Leonid Desyatnikov, along with works by Ponce, Villa-Lobos, and Ginastera.

The performance will spotlight acclaimed violinist Desirée Ruhstrat, conducted by Philip Simmons. Admission is free, and all are welcome to enjoy this vibrant and culturally rich musical event.

Visit www.americanmusicfestivals.org for more information.



Now on Display: Art by Phil Gayter



Artwork by Phil Gayter

An art exhibit featuring the work of Phil Gayter is on display at Lincolnwood Village Hall through the end of October. The gallery is open to the public Monday through Friday, 9am to 5pm. A public reception will be held on Wednesday, October 1, from 5 to 7pm, where attendees can meet the artist and view the collection up close.

Phil, a Ravinia-based artist and former advertising professional, brings a sense of whimsy, subtle emotion, and unique perspective to his portrait work. Inspired by artists like Andrew Wyeth, his paintings often capture fleeting expressions and unexpected angles. His work has been featured in publications across the North Shore and even showcased live on WGN News.

Don't miss this opportunity to experience his distinctive style in person.

Fire Department Open House

Join the Lincolnwood Fire Department on Sunday, October 12, from 12 to 2pm at Station 15 (6900 N Lincoln Ave) for a fun and educational afternoon for all ages!

Bring the whole family to enjoy exciting live demonstrations, including a vehicle extrication, station tours, and hands-on activities. Learn about fire safety, meet your local firefighters, and explore real fire trucks and equipment up close.

Come celebrate 35 years with us at this special event, perfect for kids and adults alike!



Programs for Kids

Heartland Ice Arena Programs | New!

In partnership with Heartland Ice Arena, Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation is now offering brand-new hockey and skating programs.

- **Date:** Sessions begin September 6
- **Fee:** Varies
- **Location:** Heartland Ice Arena
- **Age:** 3-13+



For program registration, scan the QR code or visit www.lincolnwoodil.org/registration.

Glitzy Girls: Pajama Sleep Under Spa Night

Join Glitzy Girls staff for a fun, drop-off Spa Night in your jammies! Enjoy mini-manicures, mini-pedicures, nail stickers, and under-eye pads during Zen-time. Plus, make a charm bracelet to take home.

- **Date:** Tuesday, October 2 | 6:15–7:30pm
- **Fee:** Resident: \$34 / Non-Resident: \$42
- **Location:** Lincolnwood Community Center
- **Age:** 5–10



Programs for Adults

Co-ed 12" Adult Softball League | New!

Join our new co-ed fall softball league with natural grass fields and pro umpires! Free agents can email Alex Tagle at atagle@lwd.org.

- **Date:** Thursdays, September 11 - November 13
- **Fee:** \$350 per team
- **Location:** Proesel Park
- **Age:** 18+

Adult Cardio/Sculpt Fitness | New!

Get moving in this new five-week high-energy class combining cardio and strength training with light weights.

- **Date:** Thursdays, October 9 - November 13 | 6–6:50pm
- **Fee:** Resident: \$115 / Non-Resident: \$143
- **Location:** Lincolnwood Community Center
- **Age:** 18+

Programs for Seniors (Ages 55+)

Friday Afternoon BINGO & Coffee

Enjoy coffee, snacks, and BINGO with the Parks team. Play classic and fun patterns for small prizes.

- **Date:** Fridays, September 12 & October 10 | 12–2pm
- **Fee:** \$1 per card
- **Location:** Lincolnwood Community Center

Sip 'n Paint

Professional artists from Bottle & Bottega will lead a fall-themed painting class. Enjoy appetizers and refreshments, and take home your finished masterpiece.

- **Date:** Thursday, September 25 | 4–6:30pm
- **Fee:** Resident: \$10 / Non-Resident: \$30
- **Location:** Lincolnwood Community Center

SEP 12**MOVIE IN THE PARK: WICKED****Proesel Park | 7pm | Free Event**

Bring your blankets, lawn chairs, snacks and refreshments, and enjoy a free movie at the park.

SEP 14**TOUCH-A-TRUCK****District 1860 | 12:30-3pm | Free Event**

This free family-friendly event features police cars, fire engines, ambulances and more.

OCT 18**DIWALI****Community Center | 1-2:30pm | R: \$15 / NR: \$25**

Celebrate Diwali with arts and crafts, a live musical performance and refreshments.

OCT 26**TRUNK-OR-TREAT****Aquatic Center Parking Lot | 3-5pm | Free Event**

Wear your Halloween costume and join us for this family-friendly event of treats and spooky fun.

NOV 01**SAVE THE DATE****DIA DE LOS MUERTOS****Community Center | 1-2:30pm | R: \$15 / NR: \$25**

Celebrate with music, crafts, and an Ofrenda to honor loved ones who have passed.

NOV 23**SAVE THE DATE****TURKEY TROT****Proesel Park | 8:45am | Register Online**

A chip-timed 5K/10K race with events for all ages & abilities. Learn more at www.lincolnwoodil.org/trot.

Get Ready for a Safe & Fun Halloween

As Halloween approaches, it's important to keep safety in mind while enjoying the festivities. Trick-or-treating hours are 3 to 7pm on Friday, October 31. Whether you're trick-or-treating or hosting, here are some tips for a great time:

- Wear flame-resistant costumes and add reflective tape to stay visible after dark.
- Use sidewalks and crosswalks. Carry a flashlight or glow stick.
- Check all treats before eating. Avoid homemade or unsealed items.
- Keep decorations away from flames and make sure walkways are clear and well-lit.
- Keep pets indoors during the celebration.
- Trick-or-treat in groups and set a meeting spot for older kids.
- Visit only well-lit houses and never enter strangers' homes or cars.
- Make sure costumes fit well and wear comfortable shoes.



By following these tips, Lincolnwood can enjoy a safe and spooktacular Halloween!

Drive Now, Text Later

Distracted driving happens whenever your eyes leave the road, your hands leave the wheel, or your mind drifts from driving safely. Texting is especially dangerous because it involves all three.

In 2022, 3,308 people died in crashes involving distracted drivers. Reading or sending a text takes about 4.6 seconds. At 55 mph, that is like driving the length of a football field with your eyes closed (USDOT).

To stay safe:

- Silence and store your phone before driving to avoid temptation.
- Pull over safely if a message cannot wait.
- Never text or use the internet while driving. It is illegal and puts everyone at risk.

Stay focused. It could save a life.



Lincolnwood Earns ISO Class 3 Rating

The Lincolnwood Fire Department has earned an ISO Class 3 rating, recognizing our strong ability to respond to fires and protect the community. ISO (Insurance Services Office) is an independent organization that evaluates fire departments across the U.S. ISO ratings range from 1 (best) to 10. Lincolnwood is in the top 8% of departments nationwide and top 7% in Illinois.

The rating is based on things like fire department staffing and training, access to water (hydrants), 911 systems, and fire safety programs. Insurance companies use these ratings to help set rates, so a better rating can mean lower insurance costs. We're proud of this achievement and remain committed to keeping Lincolnwood safe.

Ordinance Reminders

Help keep Lincolnwood safe and accessible by following these important rules:

- **No parking in fire lanes:** Fire lanes must stay clear for emergency vehicles at all times.
- **Handicap parking:** Only vehicles with valid disabled parking permits may use designated spaces on Village property. Questions? Call the Lincolnwood Police Department at (847) 673-2167.
- **No parking on sidewalks:** Sidewalks must remain open for pedestrians at all times.
- **Leaf blower use:** Gas-powered leaf blowers are banned from May 15 to September 30. From October to mid-May, they're allowed on weekdays (7am–6pm) and Saturdays (7am–12pm), but not on Sundays or holidays.

Thank you for doing your part to keep our community safe and welcoming.

Online Water Bill Payments

In June 2025, the Village switched to a new payment system for online credit card payments of water bills. This affects customers who saved credit card info in Civic Pay and use auto pay. Customers making one-time payments or using ACH auto debit are not affected.

If you haven't updated your payment info, please delete your saved card and add it again. You should have received an email about this in August. Your payment data remains safe and secure.

As of August 29, 2025, impacted customers who have not updated their payment method will have automatic payments disabled. Detailed instructions on the changes needed 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.

2026 Budget Process Overview

The Village of Lincolnwood follows a calendar fiscal year for its budget process. Here's a summary of key steps:

April to July:

- Develop the budget calendar with deadlines and responsibilities.
- Hold a kickoff meeting with the Village Manager, department directors, and staff.
- Provide budget documents for departments to prepare their requests.

August to September:

- Village Manager and Finance team meet with departments to review budgets, including expenses, staffing, and capital projects.
- Finance Committee reviews financial policies and budget recommendations.
- Capital Improvement Program (CIP) workshop with Village Board and staff.

October to December:

- Operating budget workshop with Village Board and staff.
- Prepare the full budget document for presentation in mid-November.
- Village Board holds a public hearing and considers budget approval in early December.

Early February:

- Additional public hearing to review the Annual Appropriation Ordinance, the legal authorization for spending. This must be adopted and filed by March 31.

Remembering Former Mayor Gerald C. (Jerry) Turry

It is with sadness that the Village of Lincolnwood announces the passing of former Mayor Gerald C. (Jerry) Turry.

First elected as a Trustee in 1995, Jerry served the Village until 2005, then as Mayor from 2005 to 2017. During his time in office, he provided strong leadership that improved infrastructure, secured grants for trails and a pedestrian overpass, and supported key economic developments including new retail and dealerships. His administration earned multiple budget awards and implemented important policies that helped guide Lincolnwood's growth. In 2023, the Village honored him by dedicating the Gerald C. Turry Village Board Room.



Before his public service, Jerry was a longtime educator and Athletic Director at Nilus West High School and was inducted into the Illinois Athletic Directors Hall of Fame. He was also a proud Loyola University Chicago graduate and passionate Cubs fan.

Fall Yard Waste Reminder

As we head into fall, please remember that leaves and landscaping debris must not be dumped in streets or alleys. This is a code violation. Offenders will be ticketed and required to clean up the area. Yard waste, including leaves, must be bagged and placed out for collection Mondays through November 24.

For collection reminders and service alerts, download the free Recycle Coach app. It's easy to use and helps you stay on schedule. Learn more at www.lincolnwoodil.org/RecycleCoach.

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.

9PM Routine

The #9PMRoutine is a simple nightly habit that helps keep your home, vehicle, and belongings safe. At 9pm each night, take a few minutes to check that everything is secure.

At 9pm each night, remember to:

- Lock all car doors and remove valuables from sight
- Close and lock all home doors and windows, including garage doors
- Turn on exterior lights to increase visibility around your home
- Secure bicycles, tools, and other outdoor belongings

These small steps can help prevent theft and support a safer Lincolnwood. Make it part of your nightly routine and encourage your neighbors to do the same. If you see something suspicious, report it. Call the Lincolnwood Police Department at (847)-673-2167 for non-emergencies or 9-1-1 in an emergency.

Valley Line Trail Clean Up

Join village volunteers on Sunday, September 14, from 11am to 1pm for a fall cleanup of the Valley Line Trail. Meet at the Pratt Avenue entrance.

Gloves, vests, bags, and trash grabbers will be provided. Please wear comfortable clothes, old shoes or boots, and work gloves if you have them.

Bring your family and friends. The event will take place rain or shine. Questions or want to RSVP? Email NBenner@lwd.org.

Composting in Lincolnwood

Want to cut down on household waste and help the environment? Lincolnwood offers several composting choices to fit your lifestyle:

- **DIY Compost Tumblers:** Use a closed, off-ground tumbler for backyard composting. It is rodent-proof, reduces odors, and speeds up the process with regular turning. Open pile composting is not allowed by Village Code.
- **Curbside Pickup with Collective Resource:** This service picks up food scraps including meat, bones, and compostable paper on a weekly or bi-weekly basis. It is great for those who want to compost without doing it at home.
- **Curbside Pickup with WasteNot Compost:** WasteNot offers flexible plans with zero-emission pickups. They provide bins and compostable liners and accept food scraps, dairy, meat, and compostable packaging.
- **Seasonal Composting with Groot:** Subscribe to Groot's yard waste program for a 95-gallon cart that also accepts approved food scraps in paper bags only from mid-March to November. No plastic or non-compostables are allowed. Call Groot at (847)-734-6400 to arrange 2026 service.

Learn more at www.lincolnwoodil.org/Composting.

Oaktoberfest 2025

Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 26 and get ready to learn about composting, native plants, and sustainability in our community.

Oaktoberfest will take place alongside Trunk-or-Treat from 3pm to 5pm in Proesel Park. Come early to get a free oak sapling for your yard!

Lincolnwood Pumpkin Smash

Save the date for Lincolnwood's annual Pumpkin Smash on Saturday, November 8. From 9am to 12pm, bring your Halloween pumpkins to the parking lot just south of Public Works at 7001 N. Lawndale Avenue to smash and compost them with your neighbors.

This fun and eco-friendly event, held in partnership with SCARCE, SWANCC, and Groot, helps keep pumpkins out of landfills and turns them into nutrient-rich soil.



Planning a Home Project Before Winter?

If you're thinking about making improvements to your property, don't forget that permits can now be applied for online. Through the Village's LAMA (Land Management) portal at www.lincolnwood.onlama.com, you can easily apply for, track, pay for, and print building permits from the comfort of your home.

The Community Development Department issues permits for remodeling, repairs, new construction, and demolition. Permits are also required for certain outdoor projects. For example, did you know that you need a permit to permanently remove or install an irrigation system? Permits and licensed contractors help ensure that work meets safety codes and does not impact the Village's infrastructure, including the water system.



Not sure if your project requires a permit? Call Community Development at 847-673-7402 or visit the Frequently Asked Questions section on the Community Development page at www.lincolnwoodil.org.

Backflow Prevention Program

If your home or business has a backflow prevention device, annual testing is required by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Public Health. These devices help protect the public water supply by preventing non-potable water from entering the drinking water system during pressure changes, such as a water main break.

To manage this program, the Village has partnered with Backflow Solutions, Inc. (BSI). BSI sends reminders when testing is due and collects test results online. You may hire any licensed tester to complete the inspection. Please note that BSI does not perform tests but can provide a list of certified contractors upon request.

For more information, contact BSI at 800-414-4990, bsionline@backflow.com, or visit www.bsionline.com.

New Businesses

A & B Wireless

3952 W Touhy Ave
Cell phone sales, plans, and accessories.

Best Care Home Health, Inc.*

7100 N Ridgeway Ave
License Medicare-Certified Home Health Agency that specializes in patient recovery.

Best Care Services, Inc.*

7100 N Ridgeway Ave
Provides non-clinical in-home service that allows seniors to remain safe in their homes.

Dunkin*

4010 W Touhy Ave
Drive-thru fast casual concept serving donuts, coffee, sandwiches, and specialty drinks.

The Trendy Table

3766 W Devon Ave
Boutique with gifts, decor, and tableware.

Burger Buz

3901 W Touhy Ave
Burgers, Sandwiches, Shawarma, and more.

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BOARD AND COMISSION 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 (every other month)

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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Trustee: Atour Sargon
Trustee: Christopher Martel
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Village Manager: Anne Marie Gaura

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- Village of Lincolnwood:



- Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Department:



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Public Works	(847) 675-0888
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