



# LINCOLNWOOD CONNECTIONS



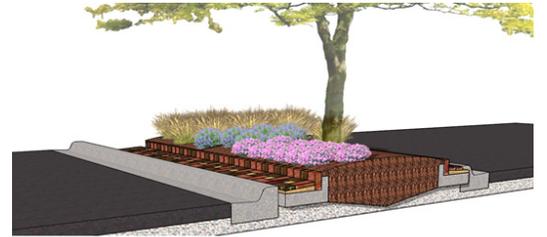
January/February

Village of Lincolnwood

2017

## Capital Projects Continuing in Lincolnwood

The Village of Lincolnwood continues to make improvements to the capital infrastructure of the community. 2016 was a busy year for the Village's infrastructure program with last year's projects including the renovation of the Proesel Park picnic shelter, resurfacing Pratt Avenue between Lockwood and Crawford, constructing two multi-use recreation paths, and building the first phase of the stormwater street storage pilot project. Projects that will be wrapped up during the 2017 Spring Season will include the replacement of street lights on Touhy Avenue and the construction of a trailhead parking lot along the west side of the former Union Pacific right-of-way between Lunt and Morse Avenues.



*Proposed Concept Plan Design for Composition and Landscaping of Lincoln Avenue Medians*



*Proposed Concept Plan for the Touhy Overpass*

In addition, the Lincoln Avenue Median Reconstruction Project, which will involve the installation of raised beds that include landscaping, irrigation, and brick edging on Lincoln Avenue from Devon Avenue to Jarvis Avenue will be completed in 2017. The Village will also be starting the construction of the Touhy Overpass bridge for the Valley Line Trail. The Touhy Overpass will allow pedestrians to safely cross Touhy Avenue. Construction on the Touhy Overpass is expected to be completed by 2018. To learn more about the Village's infrastructure projects please visit [www.lincolnwoodil.org](http://www.lincolnwoodil.org).

## Annual Blood Drive Dates Announced for 2017

The Village has announced the 2017 dates for the quarterly blood drives held in the Council Chambers, 6900 N Lincoln Avenue. These blood drives allow residents and employees in Lincolnwood to support the greater Chicagoland area through their donation. Each donation has the potential to be used by three people. The events are normally held from 1:30 pm to 7:00 pm and will be on the following dates:

March 16

June 15

September 21

December 21 - Larry Froman Memorial Blood Drive

If you have any questions about this program, please feel free to visit the Village's website at [www.lincolnwoodil.org](http://www.lincolnwoodil.org).



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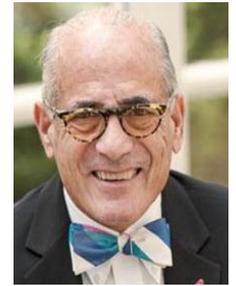


# President's Message

Dear Fellow Residents,

As we begin the New Year it is my pleasure to wish each of you and yours a New Year filled with happiness, good health, prosperity and peace. This is the time of year filled with great expectations and great plans. This New Year more than ever brings the message of hope. For those following national news, President Trump will soon identify his plans through his inaugural address on January 20th and I encourage you to watch it. If you are traveling abroad this year, be sure to check with the U.S. State Department at <https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/alertswarnings.htm>.

In early April all Illinois municipalities, including Lincolnwood, Niles Township, and School District 74, will hold local elections. Please mark your calendars for April 4, 2017 to let your voice be heard.



Mayor Turry

## Here are some of the important 2016 events:

**Toys for Tots Report:** This year's Toys for Tots brought the joy of the holidays to some children who might not have otherwise been able to celebrate. The efforts of John and Dee Barbino (23rd consecutive year) were honored by Mayor Turry and the Village Board by renaming the event the John & Dee Barbino Toys for Tots Campaign. Our Departments, Chamber of Commerce, and our great residents again showed a wonderful side to our character as a caring community.

**Holiday Lights Ceremony in the Village Promenade:** On December 5th our Parks and Recreation department brought us together to light the Christmas Lights and Menorah in celebration of the Holidays for Christians and Jewish faiths. The Jewish Community once again held its 5th annual **Village Wide Chanukah Party** on December 26th in an effort to bring all faiths together. Once again Lincolnwood's Rabbi Moshe Wolf and Rabbi Joel Gutstein orchestrated a large gathering in our Community Center.

**Human Relations Commission & the Ad Hoc Cultural Diversity Committee:** The HRC and a new group headed by Village Clerk Beryl Herman and Parks Superintendent Katie Gamroth, with several members of our local clergy worked to develop events to stimulate discussion among our residents to encourage better understanding within the community.

**Rescue Rangers:** Now that we are in the midst of winter's grasp, seniors who have difficulty with life's daily tasks can sign up for our Rescue Rangers program. The Village will work to connect student volunteers with seniors to help with these tasks. Contact my office at (847) 745-4717 and let us know if you need some help.

**Business News:** 2016 saw the opening of Binny's Beverage Depot, the largest Binny's of their 33 stores. Binny's CEO, Mike Binstein is trying to bring Cubs Manager Joe Maddon to Lincolnwood for the official opening. Stay tuned.

**Noise Pollution News:** Since I became a member of the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission last year we have worked diligently to acquire a noise monitor, which will be in place for three months, to help demonstrate the impact of aircraft travel patterns to our residents. If the noise monitor records sound levels of 65 decibels or more, we can make a case for relief. We will provide additional information in the future after the results of the sound monitor have been collected. The sound monitor has been in place since December and will record until March, 2017.

**Earth Hour:** I have been working with this ad hoc committee to plan for Lincolnwood's first ever Earth Hour observance on March 25, 2017 from 8:30 PM to 9:30 PM. Residents will turn off lighting and nonessential other household functions spending an hour in darkness with family. We will feature Earth Hour in the March edition of *Connections*.

**Faces and Places in Lincolnwood:** We welcomed Laura McCarty, Parks and Recreation Director, and Steve McNellis, Community Development Director. We said goodbye to our Assistant Villager Manager Doug Petroshius, who became the Village Administrator for Lake in the Hills after 12 years of service to our community.

We also opened two new multi-purpose trails in our Village bringing a great deal of enthusiasm from our residents. Make sure you wear a helmet if you are cycling and be sure to stop at all the intersections where you see stop signs. Be sure to observe courtesy by walking, running and cycling to the right. This allows faster moving traffic to pass you on your left.

With warmest regards for an early spring,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gerald C. Turry".

Gerald C. Turry, Village President

# News and Events

## 100th Sprinklered Home

The Village Board recently recognized 6529 N Drake for being the 100th home in Lincolnwood to have sprinklers installed. Since 2006, the Village has required that sprinklers be installed into new homes and to homes with significant renovations. It has been found that sprinklers increase fire safety and reduce insurance rates for home owners. If you are interested in learning more about this program, please contact the Fire Department at (847) 673-1545.



## Art Gallery Exhibit

The artwork of Jack Matsumoto, titled "A Sansei's Experience," will be on display in the Art Gallery beginning January 3. A public reception will be held on January 17 at 5 pm in the Art Gallery in Village Hall. All are invited to come meet the artist and celebrate his work.



Refreshments will be served.

Jack is a third generation Japanese-American, known as a "Sansei" and harnesses his unique perspective to influence his art. Jack states, "As a result of growing up as a Sansei, the Japanese culture and traditions that have inspired and affected my art comes from both the old and the new." For Jack's complete artist's statement, please visit [www.lincolnwoodil.org/art-gallery](http://www.lincolnwoodil.org/art-gallery).

## New Assistant Village Manager

The Village is pleased to announce that Ashley Engelmann, former Public Works Director, accepted the position of Assistant Village Manager starting December 12, 2016. Ms. Engelmann began her career with the Village in 2008 as the Public Works Management Analyst. In 2011, her position was reclassified to Assistant to the Public Works Director and in 2014 she was promoted to the position of Public Works Director. Ms. Engelmann has obtained a Bachelor of Science in Sociology and Master of Public Administration with an emphasis in Urban Management from Northern Illinois University. Ashley Engelmann can be reached at (847) 745-4711 / [aengelmann@lwd.org](mailto:aengelmann@lwd.org).

## Phase 2 of the Library Renovation is Open!

The Lincolnwood Library recently opened the newly renovated Youth and Teen Area. The Youth and Teen area includes large windows for more natural light along with colorful walls and furniture to brighten up the entire space. Each table in the youth and teen area includes an outlet for charging electronic devices.



The first of the three program rooms are complete with sliding glass panels to open the floor space for large crowds or section the room off for programs and classes. This room features a flatscreen TV for movies, videogames, or presentations and also has tables and chairs for craft activities or homework time.

During the final phase of construction, the Library's main entrance, program rooms, adult department and remaining staff spaces will be demolished and reconstructed in order to install new computer stations, a renovated women's bathroom, individual study rooms, large divisible program rooms, and an updated and comfortable adult materials area.

All of Lincolnwood is welcome to join the Lincolnwood Library during the grand reopening on Sunday, February 19, 2017 from 1 to 3 pm! Visit the Library's website for important construction updates at [www.lincolnwoodlibrary.org](http://www.lincolnwoodlibrary.org).

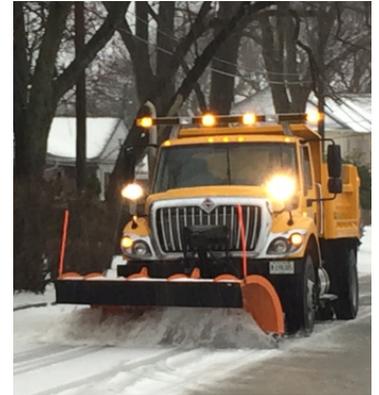
# Public Safety

## Snow Plowing and Parking Restrictions

As a reminder, please assist the Public Works Department by following the Village's Alternate Side Parking Ordinance for the first two days following snow events when two or more inches of snowfall has accumulated. On even numbered dates of the month, between the hours of 8:30 am to 3:30 pm Monday through Friday, motor vehicles may only be parked on the side of the street with even numbered addresses. On odd-numbered dates of the month between the hours of 8:30 am to 3:30 pm Monday through Friday, motor vehicles may only be parked on the side of the street with odd numbered addresses.

Alternate side parking is not in effect during weekends or major holidays. Alternate side parking does not include Pratt Avenue which is a designated snow emergency route. After two inches of snowfall no parking is permitted on Pratt Avenue.

Please remember that the Village does not maintain any roads that fall under the jurisdiction of another agency. Lincoln, Cicero, Touhy, Devon, and McCormick are maintained by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). Crawford Avenue is maintained by Cook County. To contact Cook County please call (708) 485-7130 and IDOT can be reached at (847) 705-4000.

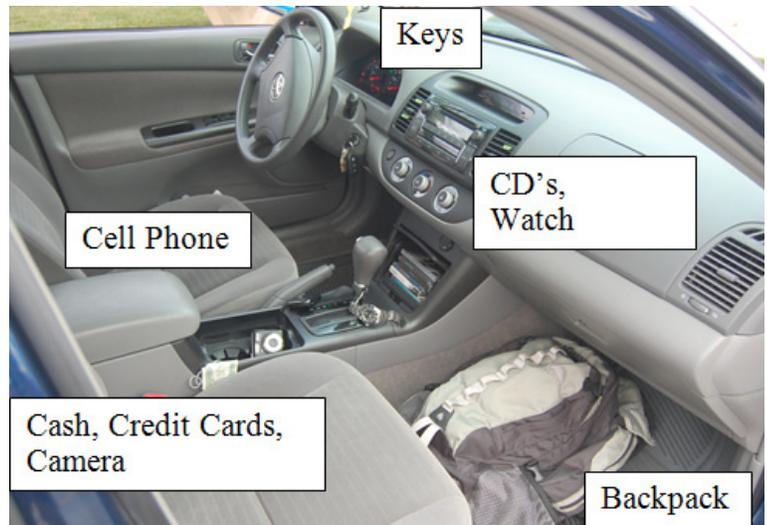


## Keep Vehicles and Homes Safe

The Police Department would like to remind residents that they should take pre-emptive measures to keep their vehicles safe including:

- Whenever leaving your vehicle parked outside, make sure that you keep the vehicle locked.
- Do not keep any valuable items in the vehicle (especially in plain sight to anyone who walks by the car).
- Do not keep FOBs in the vehicle that will allow criminals to steal the vehicle.
- Do not leave the vehicle running and unattended, even if it is just for a couple of minutes.

To learn more about these tips, please contact Randy Rathmell, Police Lieutenant, at (847) 673-2167.



*Don't leave "Free Stuff" out for someone to steal!*

## Snow Blower Safety

Each year, thousands of people are injured while snow blowing. This year please remember the following tips: turn off the engine before clearing a clog; use hearing protection; wait until a gas model's engine is cool before refueling; and for electric models, use an outdoor extension cord with an outlet that has ground-fault-current-interrupting (GFI) protection.

## Recreation Path Safety

The multi-use recreation paths along the former Union Pacific right-of-way and the ComEd right-of-way are now complete. The crossings at Devon, Lincoln, and Pratt Avenues include flashing signs that are activated by a push button. The Village highly encourages users of the path to use these flashing signs to provide greater visibility when they cross the roadway. In addition, motorists should maintain awareness of the crossings and stop for all pedestrians and cyclists in the crosswalk.





# Public Works



## Tree Pruning Program

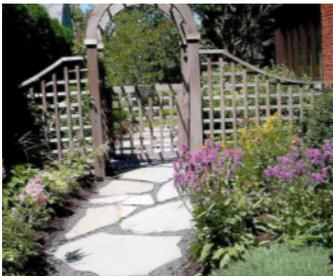
The Public Works Department will be performing its annual cycle tree pruning this winter to maintain the health of the street trees. As part of the program the Village is divided into sections and pruned once every six years. Village staff will be trimming Section 3 during this winter. Notification letters will be distributed to residents two weeks in advance of trimming.

This program increases the Village's ability to identify and remove high-risk trees. For more information about this program, please contact the Public Works Department at (847) 675-0888.



## Lincolnwood in Bloom

The Village's Beautification Task Force highlights the natural beauty of Lincolnwood. The Task Force has held the Lincolnwood in Bloom contest for the last four years to highlight the efforts by residents to improve the community through their own gardens and yards. The event will be publicized in a future edition of the newsletter. For more information, please contact Andrew Letson, Acting Public Works Director, at [aletson@lwd.org](mailto:aletson@lwd.org) / (847) 745-4851.



2014 Winner  
6612 Le Mai

## Frozen Water Meters

As winter is here, Public Works reminds residents to prepare water lines for freezing temperatures. Here are a few simple tips to protect your water line:

- Disconnect garden hoses from all faucets.
- Leave a trickle of water run from a faucet to keep water moving through the line.
- If your water meter is located in a furnished area of your basement, check to be sure that the meter has been insulated properly and has protection from freezing during winter months.

Please contact Public Works at (847) 675-0888 if you suspect that your meter may be frozen or if you have any questions.

## Garbage, Recycling and Yard Waste

Groot picks up refuse, recycling, and yard waste on Mondays. If a pick-up is missed, residents must call the Public Works Department at (847) 675-0888 before 11:00 am on Tuesday. Groot containers (refuse and recycling) must be removed from the street by 8:00 am the day after collection. Violators are subject to a citation. Yard waste collection will resume in March 2017.

## Fire Hydrant Accessibility

In cases of emergency, seconds count. This winter, help out by adopting a fire hydrant. Adopting a fire hydrant near your home includes clearing the snow between the street and the hydrant following a storm. When you adopt a fire hydrant, you ensure that it is accessible to the Fire Department during an emergency.

## Holiday Light Recycling

As you take down your holiday lights for the season consider recycling those lights that are not useful any longer. The Village is offering a free holiday light recycling program in conjunction with the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County and Elgin Recycling, Inc. Accepted items include: mini-lights (or Italian lights), C7 lights, C9 lights, rope lights, LED lights, extension cords, etc. Containers are available at the Public Works Department located at 7001 N. Lawndale Monday-Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. The program will end on January 31, 2017.



# Parks and Recreation



## Daddy-Daughter Dance Announced!

This February, we invite dads and daughters, ages 5 to 14, to our special Daddy-Daughter Dance at Monastero's Ristorante. This Valentine's Day-themed event provides the perfect opportunity for dads and their daughters to spend some memorable quality time together.

Guests will enjoy dinner, dessert, and a photo booth to help capture all of the memories of the evening along with DJ-led games and dancing on our cosmic dance floor.

The Daddy-Daughter Dance will be held at Monastero's Ristorante, 3935 W. Devon Avenue on Friday, February 3 from 6 to 9 pm. Advance registration is required. Register at [www.lincolnwoodil.org/daddy-daughter-dance](http://www.lincolnwoodil.org/daddy-daughter-dance) by 5 pm on January 15 to save \$10.

## Stay Fit in Lincolnwood!

The Village wants to remind residents of the great opportunities to stay healthy during the winter:

**Zumba Plus Strength Class:** Blends upbeat world rhythms with easy-to-follow choreography for a total body workout on Sunday mornings starting January 8. Zumba Plus Toning Class includes light hand weights for some serious body-sculpting to red-hot rhythms on Wednesday evenings starting January 11. Register for whole sessions or drop in for an individual class for a \$10 fee that can be paid at the door.

**Fit at Fifty:** Designed to give you a full body workout at a slow to medium tempo to increase your mobility and keep joints healthy and pain-free. Register the whole session or drop in for an individual class for a \$10 fee that can be paid at the door.

**Peace Yoga Class:** Includes yoga postures, breath work, meditation and relaxation with classes on Monday evenings, starting January 9.

To register or to learn more about these programs, please visit [www.lincolnwoodil.org/adult-fitness](http://www.lincolnwoodil.org/adult-fitness).

## Play Indoors with Parks and Recreation

### Playground at the Community Center

Escape the cold temperatures and head indoors to the Lincolnwood Community Center's bright, warm indoor playground this winter. Children from nine months to four years old will love exploring the coloring station and playing on a variety of indoor playground equipment. Children must be accompanied by a caregiver. Our Indoor Playground will be open on Thursdays, January 5 - February 23 from 10:30 am - 12:30 pm. There is no registration required and the drop in fee is \$2 for residents.



### Coupes & Comedy: Drive-In Theater at the Community Center

Kids ages two to five years old can create their very own cardboard coupe and then cruise over to our indoor drive-in theater to watch an animated film on the big screen. We will supply the materials for building and decorating the coupes, but kids are encouraged to bring their own "seat cushion" to place inside the car during the feature film. Coupes & Comedy takes place on Friday, February 24 from 10 am - 12 pm. This activity is free, but advanced registration is required.

To register or to learn more about these programs, please visit [www.recreation.lwd.org](http://www.recreation.lwd.org).

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## Lincolnwood Pride

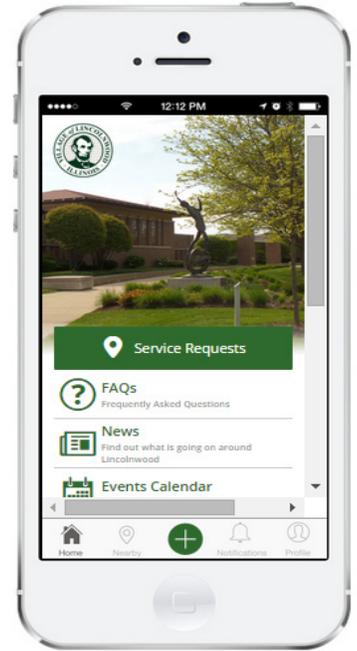
Do you love Lincolnwood and want everyone to know it? Now you can show your Lincolnwood pride on your ride! The license plate holders are available in the Village Hall for \$5.00, cash or check only please. Start showing your Lincolnwood pride today!



## New Mobile App

The new Village mobile app is now available to download for free through the Google Play Store on Android devices or Apple App Store on iPhones. The app features custom push notifications so that you can customize which items you would like delivered instantly to your mobile device! Simply search "Lincolnwood" in the appropriate store to find the app.

Through the app, you can submit a request for service - from reporting potholes to requesting a replacement garbage toter - and your request will be submitted directly to the Village and automatically routed to the appropriate staff member to respond to your request. You can also track the status of your requests and receive updates from staff.



## Get to Know a Retail Area – Cicero / Devon

Shop local! As you may know, the Village relies heavily on sales tax to fund the daily functions of our municipal operations. In total, sales tax is responsible for 35% of the Village's General Fund. Each dollar collected through sales tax is one less dollar that needs to be collected through other means. Lincolnwood is fortunate in that the Village has a wide variety of commercial areas with different retail and restaurant options.

The strip mall located at 6411 - 6423 N Cicero, just north of Devon Avenue, features David Style Hair Salon, Master Care Cleaners, Eye Was Framed Optical, QSR Awards & Engraving, and Miska's Keystone Liquors. This strip mall is situated along Cicero Avenue, one of the Village's major arterial roads that connects Lincolnwood to the rest of the Chicagoland area.



## Lincolnwood District 74 Celebrates Alumni

Lincolnwood School District 74 (SD 74) would like to acknowledge the following Alumni Achievements:

- Lincoln Hall graduate Emily Silber has earned the designation of National Speech & Debate Association Academic All-American. She has served as Co-Captain of the Niles West Debate Team for the 2016-17 school year.
- Lincolnwood School District 74 would also like to extend a special "thank you!" to Faith Geraghty, another SD 74 alum who spoke with current Lincoln Hall students about getting involved in the Debate Team.
- The Niles West High School Varsity Girls' Volleyball Team took 4th place at State this year. Lincolnwood School District 74 is proud to acknowledge that five of the team's starters are Lincoln Hall graduates. Lincolnwood's own Bianca Tomuta was recognized as being a great help for their Regionals victory!
- Atorena Michael is an ISCC All-Conference player, who ran the Oakton Owls offense as point guard. She averaged 7.5 points and 4.9 rebounds last season.

SD74 Alumni continue to make us proud. Please share any Alumni news through the District website at [www.sd74.org](http://www.sd74.org) on the "74 Alumni News" page. Go Jaguars!

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### HRC Accepting Nominations

The Human Relations Commission (HRC) is accepting nominations for the 2016 Person of the Year Award. Nominations should include the letter of nomination with supporting documentation that includes their accomplishments and how the Village has benefited from their work. Nomination forms can be found at [www.lincolnwoodil.org](http://www.lincolnwoodil.org) and should be mailed to the Human Relations Commission Awards Committee, Village of Lincolnwood, 6900 N Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, IL 60712.

### Welcome New Businesses!

Family Tradition Foods, LLC  
Foodservice Distributor  
4368 Touhy  
(224) 251-8584

Hallmark & Johnson Property Mgmt  
Property Management  
7370 N. Lincoln, Suite A  
(773) 545-6160

Farabi Distributors, Inc.  
Spice Supplier  
6440 N Hamlin  
(847) 213-1010

Gamers World  
Games and Puzzles  
Lincolnwood Town Center  
(847) 410-7713



#### Board and Commission Meetings

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

Village Board meetings are held in the Council Chambers in Village Hall at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. Please check the Village's website at [lincolnwoodil.org](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).

### Recent Board Actions

- Approved the 2016 property tax levy to be payable in Calendar Year 2017. The levy was an adjustment of .7% over last year's levy.
- Approved a grant through the facade Property Enhancement Program for improvements to the Brickyard Bank located at 6676 N. Lincoln Avenue.
- Approved an agreement with the Village of Skokie to provide emergency dispatch services for the Village of Lincolnwood. A future edition of the *Connections* newsletter will provide more information on this program. For additional information, please contact the Village Manager's Office at (847) 745-4717.

### Village Hall Closed

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

Monday, January 2 for New Year's Eve  
Monday, February 20 for President's Day

