

LINCOLNWOOD CONNECTIONS



January/February 2018

Village of Lincolnwood

Capital Project Update

Construction of the Touhy Avenue Pedestrian/Bicycle Overpass remains on schedule for completion in the summer of 2018. The local access paths have been constructed and paved, and the storm sewer has been installed. The next step of the project includes the installations of the bridge's footings. The bridge is being fabricated off-site and will be installed in the spring.



The Village obtained a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Grant (CMAQ), which covers 80% of the project

cost with federal funding. The bridge will serve as a gateway feature for the Village, and include landscaping, signage, and lighting. More information about the project may be found on the Infrastructure Projects page on the Village's website, www.lincolnwoodil.org.

Stay Connected

Interested in staying up-to-date on activities within the Village of Lincolnwood? Not only can you follow us on all social media, but you can also sign-up to receive the Village's bi-weekly e-newsletter, the *Lincolnwood Local*, by visiting www.lincolnwoodil.org/getlincolnwoodlocal/. Additionally, you can sign up for the Village's App in the iTunes or Android store by searching for "Lincolnwood". The App allows you to make and check the status of service requests along with being notified of alternate side parking and other important information about the Village. To learn more, please contact Heather McFarland, Management Analyst, at (847) 745-4716 / hmcfarland@lwd.org.

Coming Together

School District 219's "Coming Together in Skokie and Niles Township" is a unique project created eight years ago to present the special cultural diversity of our community. The goal is to study a different culture each year for six to eight weeks, with an emphasis on literacy. This year Coming Together will celebrate Muslim American Cultures. In a series of events and programs from late January to the end of March, we will learn about Muslim contributions to the fields of science, literature, the arts, education and much more. To learn more about this program and the calendar of events for this event, please visit comingtogether.in.

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President's Message

My Fellow Residents,

As 2017 has come and gone, I want to take this opportunity to update you on events and projects we are undertaking as we step off into 2018.

Our long term Chief of Police Robert LaMantia retired after serving our community for 11 years and an impressive overall 37 year career in law enforcement. We honored him at our December Board Meeting. We wish Chief LaMantia the best of luck in retirement and thank him for his decades of commitment to public safety service to communities throughout the north shore. We have a deep gratitude for his commitment and loyalty to our residents. Our appreciation cannot be overstated for all who serve as our first responders.

As the Village begins the process of searching for a new Police Chief, Bruce Rottner will be serving as the interim Police Chief. Interim Chief Rottner comes to the Village with a wealth of experience having served the City of Chicago for almost 40 years. From Patrol Officer to the rank of Deputy Chief of the Area Three Bureau of Patrol, his experience will be a great contribution and give us a seamless transition until a permanent candidate is selected.



Mayor Barry Bass

The Village was proud to be working with the Niles Township, and neighboring communities, to promote the Food Pantry Awareness Month this past December to help those facing challenges, especially during the holiday season. The Niles Township provides over 100,000 pounds of food a month to 1,800 households within our greater community. While the Food Awareness month has passed, donations are welcome throughout the year and we look forward to continuing our commitment to the Township's efforts in helping our neighbors. To learn more, please visit nilestownshipgov.com/food-pantry-donations/.

We are proud to announce, the Village received the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Award for Distinguished Budget Presentation for the Fiscal Year 2017/2018 Budget. Lincolnwood is only one of the 7% of Illinois municipalities that received this award from the GFOA in the State of Illinois. A special thanks to the Finance Department in coordinating this effort.

The Human Relations Commission named Pastor Elias Jinar as the Lincolnwood Person of the Year at the October 17, 2017 Village Board Meeting. Pastor Jinar exemplifies all of the core qualities which should be celebrated. His contributions to our community are most appreciated.

The Village Board is developing and implementing plans related to storm water management and infrastructure improvements. As we prepare for the 2018/2019 Budget, we will be providing all available resources to our Police/Fire Departments as public safety is and will always be a priority.

We look forward to the opening of The Carrington at 3501 Northeast Parkway this winter. The assisted living facility will be home to 383 new residential units available in our community.

The restaurant designed and operated by premier restaurateur Phil Stefani, on the corner of Cicero and Pratt will be a welcome addition to our growing culinary community.

I also wanted to take this opportunity to provide some public service announcements regarding issues of importance:

Alternate side parking during snow events continues through April whenever there is two inches or more of snow.

Commercial vehicle regulations were approved by the Village Board in 2017. The Village has developed a webpage (www.lincolnwoodil.org/commercial-vehicle-parking-regulations/) that provides a comprehensive review of the regulations.

I want to remind residents of the importance of awareness and vigilance. Residents serve as an extra set of eyes for our Police. The term "See Something-Say Something" is universal in keeping us safe. Please report any suspicious activity to the Police Department. Additionally, residents should remember to lock their vehicles and homes to ensure they keep themselves and their property safe.

I hope that everyone had a great holiday season and wish all a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barry C. Bass". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mayor Bass

Village News

Lincolnwood Police Chief Retires

Robert LaMantia, who served as the leader of the Lincolnwood Police Department since 2006, announced that he would retire after a 37-year career in law enforcement as of December 1, 2017. During his tenure as Police Chief, LaMantia worked to ensure that officers under his command were always addressing safety concerns aggressively and professionally while also strengthening the relationship between the Police Department and the community it served.

LaMantia was appointed Chief of Police in October 2006 after having served for more than 26 years for the Wilmette Police Department. While there, he rose steadily through the ranks and was appointed Deputy Chief in 1998.

During his tenure, Chief LaMantia was the staff liaison to the Traffic Commission, reviewing traffic safety improvements, public hearings on the Crawford Avenue reconstruction process and many policy initiatives such as alternate side street parking during snow events and commercial vehicle parking amendments. LaMantia was also



*Robert LaMantia
Retired Police Chief*

instrumental in the Village's Coffee with the Clergy program, a series of interfaith conversations led by religious leaders in the community. Most recently, LaMantia was responsible for the transition of E9-1-1 dispatch services to the Village of Skokie.

The Village of Lincolnwood appointed retired Chicago Area Three Deputy Chief Bruce M. Rottner as interim Chief of Police during the search process for a permanent Chief of Police. Rottner served 39 years in the Chicago Police Department before retiring in 2011. He began his career as a Patrol Officer in the 20th District, later being promoted to Field Sergeant of the 16th District, Community Policing Sergeant of the 24th District, Lieutenant of the CAPS Project Office, Watch Commander of the 23rd District, District Commander of the 24th District and finally Deputy Chief of the Area Three Bureau of Patrol. Bruce M. Rottner was sworn in as Interim Police Chief at the December 5, 2017 Village Board Meeting.

Library Updates

The Lincolnwood Library is asking for you to help shape your library's future by participating in the strategic planning process in January 2018. There are several ways you can participate, choose what fits best for you:

- Complete a short (10-minute) online survey at www.lincolnwoodlibrary.org or via a mailed survey that will be sent to you, or in-person at the Lincolnwood Library.
- Attend one of two "community conversation" sessions on Saturday, January 20 at 2:00 p.m. or Monday, January 29 at 7:00 p.m. Cookies and coffee will be served.

Strategic plans help the library set priorities while focusing energy and resources on the services, collections, and other offerings that our community wants most. Your input will help create the plan for the next three years of your library's future.

Holiday Tree Collection

Groot will collect holiday trees on Tuesday, January 2, and Monday January 8, 2018. Trees must have all decorations removed and be placed curb side for pick-up. There is no additional cost for this service. Trees larger than six feet must be cut in half.

Tree Pruning

The Public Works Department will be performing its annual cycle tree pruning this winter to maintain the health of the parkway trees. This year, Village Forestry crews will be trimming Section 4, which is located north of Touhy Avenue. Door hangers will be placed on homes informing residents that the parkway tree in front of their property has been selected for trimming.

Protect Your Water Lines

As winter is upon us, the Village would like to remind residents to prepare water lines for freezing temperatures. Here are a few simple tips to protect your water line:

- Disconnect garden hoses from all outdoor faucets. This allows water to drain from frost free faucets.
- Leave a trickle of water running 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.

If you plan to leave for an extended period of time, the Village is available to turn your water off at the b-box to help prevent freezing pipes. Contact the Finance Department at (847) 673-1540 if you suspect your meter to be frozen or would like to schedule a water shutoff.

Upcoming Events

Indoor Playground

Parents and children ages 9 months to 4 years are invited to escape the cold temperatures and head indoors to the Lincolnwood Community Center's bright, warm Indoor Playground. Tots love exploring the coloring station and playing on a variety of indoor playground equipment including cars, trikes, see-saws, a play house, and mini slides.

Children must be accompanied by a caregiver. Our Indoor Playground will be open on Thursdays starting January 14 - February 22 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Only \$2 for residents, no registration required.

Daddy Daughter Dance

This February, dads and daughters ages 5 to 14 are in for a real treat with Lincolnwood's Daddy Daughter Dance. This Valentine's Day-themed event provides the perfect opportunity for dads and their daughters to spend some memorable quality time together.

Besides the fun of dressing up and dancing the night away, dads and daughters are invited to enjoy a delicious buffet dinner, dessert, DJ-led games and dancing, and a candy buffet at the end of the evening. Partygoers will also be able to capture the moment with a special photo at our photo booth and make a special commemorative keepsake.

The Daddy Daughter Dance will be held at Skokie Banquet & Conference Center Ristorante, 5300 W. Touhy Ave. on Friday, February 2 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Register by January 15 at 5:00 p.m. to save \$10 per couple. For tickets and more information, please visit www.lincolnwoodil.org/daddy-daughter-dance.



Honor Loved Ones

The Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Department's park donation program is a wonderful way to honor a special individual or group, or to celebrate a birthday, anniversary or special event. Trees and benches can be installed in the following parks: Central, Flowers, O'Brien, Centennial, Goebelt, Rossi, Columbia, Kenneth, G.G Rowell, Drake, Kildare and Springfield. For more information, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (847) 677-9740 or visit www.recreation.lwd.org.

Snowboard at Chestnut Mountain

Teens are invited to ski or snowboard on Chestnut Mountain's slopes, which features 19 runs that range from novice to black diamond. The registration deadline is Monday, February 5 at 5:00 p.m. Ski, snowboard, helmet and lift ticket packages available. Please call the Parks and Recreation Department at (847) 677-9740 for more information.

Art Gallery

The next Village Hall Art Gallery begins with the new year on January 2, 2018 with a Bicentennial Celebration. Award winning artist Sandra Holubow grew up in Illinois and used its places and spaces as her backdrop, the source of her inspiration for this Bicentennial Celebration. In working on this Bicentennial project, her purpose was not to create a photo realism of Illinois towns and cities, but to present a feeling of life in the Heartland, the richness of its soil and the diversity of its people.

Meet Sandra in person at her Art Gallery Exhibit on January 16, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. in Village Hall.

Cardboard Coupe

Kids ages 2-5 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'll 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 23 from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at the Lincolnwood Community Center. This program is free, but advanced registration is required (#101804.A), and a parent or caregiver must be present during the event (no drop offs).

LWBBA Registration

The Lincolnwood Baseball and Softball Association offers baseball, softball and t-ball leagues for kids from pre-k through eighth grade. Registration starts in February. For more information, visit www.lwbba.org.

BUSINESS CONNECTIONS



Business Spotlight

Phil Stefani Signature Restaurants is scheduled to open their latest creation, Stefani Prime at 6755 N. Cicero Avenue in mid-February, 2018. Lincolnwood residents Phil and Karen Stefani have tapped their daughter, Gina, to manage and operate the business. Gina has operated the very-successful MAD Social in the West Loop since early 2016. We asked Gina a few questions about this opening and why Lincolnwood is so special to her:



Chicago Tribune, December, 2016

Q: What was your inspiration for getting into the restaurant business?

My dad opened his first restaurant the year I was born. I literally grew up in the restaurant business. I recall every special occasion was at one of our restaurants. As I got older I would work in the restaurants on school breaks and during the summer. It was always a lot of fun visiting my dad at work and talking to people in the dining rooms.

Q: Why choose Lincolnwood for your restaurant?

My mom grew up in Lincolnwood and then my parents bought our house, when I was one year old, in which they still live. Lincolnwood will always be home to us.

Q: What do you enjoy most about operating restaurants?

I love the logistics of creating and building a new concept. It's a lot of work but I have been lucky enough to work on two openings over the last two years and it's exciting to see it all come together. I look forward to diving into planning for Lincolnwood.

Q: Describe the dining experience you're aiming for in Lincolnwood.

Neighborhood place to meet that will include great food, cocktails and service. Guests will experience what the Stefanis do best - Italian food, steaks and seafood. Customers can also opt to experience a social environment if they just want to sip drinks and have delicious bites at our bar.

Q: What has been the proudest moment of your career?

Working with my parents and having the opportunity to open my first restaurant MAD Social in the west loop in 2016. And now recently working alongside my brother in opening his first place Bar Cargo in river north. It's a great feeling to see results of hard work.

Q: Is there a dish you're excited about serving in Lincolnwood?

I'm excited about the process of creating our menu.

Q: Restaurants can be like children, each one has a special place in your heart. What will make this one special?

The location--having the restaurant in a neighborhood that I grew up in is very special. It will be fun to see familiar faces frequently.

Purple Hotel Site Foreclosure Settled

The 8.4 acre Purple Hotel site, at the northwest corner of Touhy and Lincoln Avenues, is the gateway to the Village for most drivers entering the Village from the Edens Expressway. After the unexpected false start of the previous Shoppes at Lincoln Pointe proposal from 2013, the property appears to now be ready for its moment in the sun.

The property has been in foreclosure since January, 2016, preventing the Village from any action to move development of the property forward. The financial hardships of the developer held the property captive for some time prior to the foreclosure. However, the foreclosure process finally concluded on October 12, 2017 when the parties reached a settlement. Cook County Circuit Court has since returned the property to the lender after accepting their bid in the foreclosure sale.

Over the past six months, developers have been meeting with Village representatives to discuss the Village's aspirations for the property and how their own plans can meet the goals of Lincolnwood's residents. That engagement from developers has grown stronger in the weeks following October 12. It is likely that a developer will enter into a purchase contract for the property by early 2018. Once a purchase has occurred it is anticipated that the developer will work with the Village in the approval process through public hearings and public meetings. Construction on an approved plan could begin as

soon as Fall, 2018. The Village will pursue removal of the existing foundations as one of the first action steps on the property.



Satellite View of Purple Hotel Site

The Carrington Senior Housing

3401/3501 Northeast Parkway

In November, 2015, the Village approved a 383-unit senior housing development on the site of the former Bell &



Howell development, between Pratt Avenue and Northeast Parkway, west of the current Planet Fitness development. Construction began on this four-story campus in Fall 2016. The project is now ahead of its scheduled Summer 2018 completion, with first occupancies for new residents anticipated in January 2018 and completion of the entire project expected in late Spring 2018.

Radler Plaza Multi-Tenant Commercial Center

4320 W. Touhy Avenue

A 6,430 square foot multi-tenant center received zoning approval in early 2017. The center is expected to include a drive-thru Starbucks as well as two-three other commercial tenants. Construction plans were completed in November, 2017 and submitted for Building Permit. Construction is expected to begin in Spring 2018, with the center ready to open by late Summer 2018.



Zoning Code Updates

The Village Board has directed Village staff to begin the required Public Hearing and review process to consider business-friendly Zoning Code amendments. Several potential amendments are currently in the Public Hearing process. These amendments, as proposed, would expand the list of permissible uses in commercial zoning districts, as well as relax some of the more strict sign regulations. The intent is to update Village Codes so they are reflective of the Mayor and Board of Trustees' goal of minimizing bureaucracy and streamlining approvals, where appropriate. Keep an eye out for upcoming hearings by visiting the Village website and clicking on the "Pending Zoning Applications" section under the "Business" tab.

Stefani's Restaurant

6755 N. Cicero Avenue

A new 5,425 square foot Stefani's restaurant, on the former Kow Kow Restaurant site, received Village development approvals last May, after going through an expedited review process. After the closure of that restaurant in 2015, the property was on the market for



over a year and was purchased in December, 2016 by local resident and restaurateur Phil Stefani, who has entrusted his daughter Gina with management of all aspects of this restaurant (see the "Business Spotlight"). Construction began on the new restaurant last Summer and is expected to be completed and opened to the public in the first quarter of 2018.

AT&T Retail Store

3701 W. Touhy Avenue

The redevelopment of the former ANI Safety and Supply office, an industrial equipment supplier, to a new AT&T retail store is complete, with the store opening taking place at the end of October, 2017. This store offers AT&T retail sales and service for phone, internet and television. This was the first redevelopment project in the Village's Retail Overlay District, designed to bring commercial retailers and service uses to long-time industrial



properties along Touhy Avenue. The Village Board approved a second Retail Overlay District along Devon Avenue, west of Lincoln Avenue, in August, 2017, with the anticipation that additional commercial development will also occur in that area.

New Businesses

Lincolnwood is pleased to welcome the following new businesses who have joined our growing business community:

AT&T Mobility

A new AT&T Retail and service store at 3701 W. Touhy Ave. The store can be reached at (847) 329-0770.

Compassion Home Care

Compassion Home Care, located at 4433 W. Touhy Ave., Suite 522, is a non-medical home care agency serving families throughout the greater Chicagoland area. They can be reached at (773) 599-9174.

George Diamandakis Allstate Agency

Visit George Diamandakis for your All State Insurance needs including auto, home, life, and business insurance. This office can be reached at (847) 796-3003 and is located at 6708 N. Crawford Ave.

Lincolnwood Mall Dental

A new dental office is located in the Lincolnwood Town Center, 3333 W. Touhy Ave., (847) 796-3003.

Rye Ink

A graphic design office offering services ranging from wedding invitations and banners to business printing needs. The office is located at 7331 N Lincoln Ave., Suite 3, and can be reached at (872) 222-7931.

Suss International

A kiosk in the Lincolnwood Town Center that specializes in Himalayan Pink Salt Beauty Products can be reached at (312) 203-2523.

The Professionals Inc. Moving Specialists

A new moving company located at 3665 W. Lunt Ave. can be reached at (773) 478-1365.

Home Medical

A new medical services company located at 6550 N Hamlin Ave., can be reached at (847) 480-939.

Edens Accounting and Tax Service

An accounting firm located at 3943 W Touhy Ave. Contact them at (773) 583-1899.

All-States Transit, Inc.

Transportation company located at 4433 W. Touhy Ave., Suite 240. can be reached at (773) 807-1247.

VR Entertainment

New entertainment company located at the Lincolnwood Town Center, 3333 W. Touhy Ave.

T Shirts Station

New apparel company located at the Lincolnwood Town Center, 3333 W. Touhy Ave.

Square Decko

Located at 4433 W. Touhy Ave., Suite 242.

Shoe MGK

Apparel company located at the Lincolnwood Town Center, 3333 W. Touhy Ave., Suite 2C.

CIBC

New banking center located at 4007 W. Touhy Ave. can be reached at (847) 440-0220.

USA Moving and Storage

Moving company located at 3665 W. Lunt Ave. can be reached at (847) 673-6302.

Dale Events, LLC

An event planning company located at the Lincolnwood Town Center, 3333 W. Touhy Ave.

Business Communications

We welcome the opportunity to work with interested business owners to find space for lease/purchase in the Village and answer any questions you may have. Please feel free to contact Steve McNellis, Community Development Director, at smcnellis@lwd.org to discuss how to improve your business outlook by becoming one of a growing number of valued business residents!

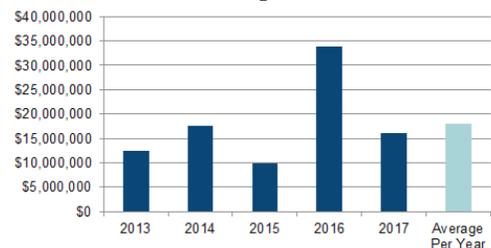
Additionally, if you have any information on business anniversaries, special events related to business in the Village, or any related happenings of a business nature that may be of interest, please contact Steve McNellis to have this information considered for future Business Connections newsletters.



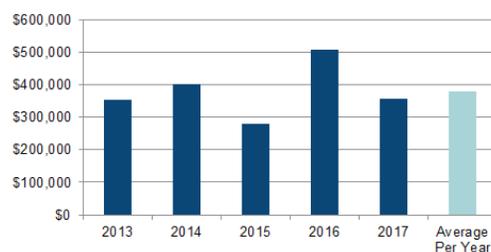
Building Permits

Below is a summary of the Building Permit activity (Residential and Commercial) over the past five years between the months of January and October. The high number for 2016 is due to a large residential project.

Building Value



Permit Fees Generated



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We're Hiring!

We're looking for enthusiastic students and adults with a passion for serving the community. Visit www.lincolnwoodil.org/employment to learn more about the available summer positions with Lincolnwood Parks & Recreation.

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 for Board and Commission meeting dates, agendas, and minutes. To receive meeting agendas, send an email to subscribe@lwd.org.

(TV) = Broadcast live on Comcast Channel 6, RCN Channel 49, AT&T U-Verse Channel 99 and 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.

Keep in Touch

Have questions about a Village service? Contact us at one of the numbers below or follow us on social media.

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| 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 | 1 (800) 244-1977 |

Recent Board Actions

- Approved Property Enhancement (PEP) and Green Initiatives for Tomorrow (GIFT) Grants for the Econocare Properties located at 6980 and 6990 N Central Park Avenue in Lincolnwood
- Approved the purchase and installation of 72 trees for the fall, 2017 planting

2018 Blood Drive Dates

The 2018 Blood Drive Dates have been announced for the following:

March 8

June 21

September 20

December 20 – Larry Froman Memorial Blood Drive

All events are held in the Council Chambers, 6900 N Lincoln Avenue, from 1:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Village Hall Closings

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

**President's Day
February 19, 2018**