

# LINCOLNWOOD CONNECTIONS



September/October 2021

Village of Lincolnwood

## Amazon Fresh to Join District 1860 Amendments Approved

The District 1860 development, located at the iconic former Purple Hotel site, recently announced that Amazon Fresh will be an anchor tenant for the development being overseen by Tucker Development. This is the culmination of a years-long process of coordination between Tucker Development and the Village of Lincolnwood to bring the vision for this site forward. The announcement was made by Rich Tucker of Tucker Development during the Village Board Meeting on July 20, where an Amendment to the District 1860 Planned Unit was approved along with a Second Amendment to the Redevelopment Agreement.



Amazon Fresh grocery store describes itself as a new grocery store designed from the ground up to offer a seamless grocery shopping experience, whether customers are shopping in-store or online. Customers shopping at Amazon Fresh will find a wide assortment of national brands and high-quality produce, meat, and seafood. Their culinary team offers customers a range of delicious prepared foods made fresh in-store every day. They have also introduced new ways to make grocery shopping more convenient, including the Amazon Dash Cart, which enables customers to skip the checkout line, and new Alexa features to help customers manage their shopping lists and better navigate our aisles.

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# President's Message

## Fall Into Autumn...

What a summer! It seems like just yesterday I was sitting down to write my first Mayor's Message. 2020 was a year unlike any other year we've had, so it was good to get back to life in Lincolnwood. Blessed with good weather, we enjoyed a record pool season, fully attended camps, and a host of concerts, parties, and other events. Lincolnwood Fest returned this July, and despite some rain, it was so well attended that it resulted in the highest revenue total in the history of the Fest. Special thanks go to the Lincolnwood Strings for putting on a beautiful 4th of July Concert, the Multicultural Task Force which held an event celebrating our Asian neighbors and to our Lincolnwood Police and Fire Departments for hosting the National Night Out. We look forward to continuing to support events like these which bring together all of our community.

I've continued my streak of attending the Mayor's office every business day when I have been at home in Lincolnwood, and despite the Village Board's limited summer meeting schedule, hard work continues at the Village Hall. We have held multiple meetings with neighboring jurisdictions to address important items such as traffic, parks, and new developments and have already laid the groundwork for beneficial partnerships as we move forward. We also called a Special Meeting of the Village Board in July to take the formal action necessary to apply for a grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for the renovation of Flowers Park. We are poised to receive as much as \$400,000 in funding for the complete renovation of Flowers Park which will include new amenities such as a fitness area. This summer's street resurfacing and water main replacement project is moving along as scheduled and is under budget.



**Lincolnwood Police Officers and Fire Fighters Interacting with Residents during National Night Out**

Substantial funds are coming available for infrastructure projects and we will be working in advance to be awarded as much funding as possible to complete our many needed infrastructure projects. As we seek out new revenue streams, we are moving forward with the permissibility of Retail Cannabis as we refine the proposed regulations in an effort to secure a top-line operator. We will also be taking up the matter of Video Gaming in coming meetings and discussing taking the new revenue to dedicate a set annual amount to decrease the Police Pension deficit we inherited decades ago. We have also made changes to our Code related to Advisory Boards and Commissions to allow for better utilization of resident input in the governance process. This is an ongoing effort and we are now looking for volunteers to serve on these updated bodies. If you are interested please email me at [jpatel@lwd.org](mailto:jpatel@lwd.org).

The Lincolnwood Town Center Mall went into foreclosure several months ago and has since been turned over to the lender. The mall still maintains strong occupancy amidst the difficult times in the retail environment and we are already working with the lender to enhance the marketability of the site. We will employ a concept plan similar to the plan that attracted Tucker Development to the former Purple Hotel site, the home of the new District 1860. Speaking of which, I am glad to report that as I write this, permit plans for the development are being reviewed and we anticipate a groundbreaking in late Fall of this year. The District 1860 development will include an Amazon Fresh grocery store, over 50,000 square feet of restaurant and retail space and 299 luxury apartments. I remain confident that we will secure a hotel developer for the North portion of the site, fulfilling the desires we set forth in the concept plans we developed back in 2016.



**Mayor Jesal Patel**

On a personal note, I was able to join some friends this summer on a backpacking trip in the Uinta Wilderness in Utah. Nature is simultaneously beautiful and peaceful while being hostile and unforgiving. In eight days we covered 120 miles including the highest point in Utah, King's Peak. I encourage you all to get out and enjoy our National Parks and Forests if you are able. I have included a photo below from the trip.

As summer comes to a close our children are now returning to full in-person learning so please be mindful of the changes in traffic patterns and the increased bus and pedestrian activity around the school campus. We will be bringing back the Village Hall art display program this winter and we will also begin an ongoing resident photo submission and display program in the Village Hall lobby. All of our Fall programs are now available on our website and we are already planning for a return to an in-person Turkey Trot.

Sincerely,

**Mayor Jesal Patel**

*"The secret of change is to focus all of your energy not on fighting the old, but on building the new" - Socrates*



**Sunset in Utah's Uinta Wilderness**

# Village News

## Inaugural OAKtober Fest Event

The Environmental Commission is pleased to invite you to our inaugural OAKtober Fest on Saturday, October 23 located in the Lincolnwood Community Center at 4170 Morse Avenue. The event will take place from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. Residents and visitors will be able to meet the Commissioners, learn about recycling and environmental initiatives, enjoy fun activities for kids and receive a free oak sapling as supply permits. Please feel free to stop by with family and friends to learn more about the exciting ideas the Environmental Commission has planned for the Village of Lincolnwood and how you can help sustain, grow and improve the environment through composting, recycling, rainwater maintenance and much more!



## Distracted Driving Awareness | Drop it and Drive

Distracted Driving occurs at any point when you take your eyes off the road, hands off the wheel or even your mind off the primary task of driving safely. Non-driving activities such as: texting; using your smart phone; eating/drinking; talking; reading; using GPS; watching videos and adjusting your music are just some potential distractions that can increase your risk of crashing. Distracted driving continues to account for close to 15% of injury crashes and 8% of fatal crashes.

The Lincolnwood Police Department would like to remind residents and motorists to remember some of these facts in order to stop distracted driving.

Did you know that you are 23 times more likely to crash your car if you are texting and driving? Distracted driving does not just occur while driving, even if you are stopped at a red light, it's illegal to use your phone. Texting remains the most alarming distraction because it involves manual, visual, and cognitive distraction simultaneously.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, in 2019, over 3,124 people were killed in distraction-affected crashes and another 424,000 were injured in crashes involving a distracted driver. Sending or reading a text takes your eyes off the road for 4.6 seconds. At 55 mph, that's like driving the length of just over an entire football field, blindfolded. Needless to say, it's extraordinarily dangerous. Anyone can drive distracted, but everyone can help by doing their part to prevent this. Building accountability into the driving habits of your friends, family, and yourself keeps not only them safe - but pedestrians, other drivers, and more. Illinois law prohibits the use of hand-held cellphones, texting or using other electronic communications while operating a motor vehicle.

The Lincolnwood Police Department would like to remind everyone of the simple phrase, "Phone in one hand, ticket in the other". Residents can do their part by remembering to DROP IT AND DRIVE. Enforcement efforts will be taking place for violators of the Illinois distracted driving law.



## September 11 Remembrance

The Village will be holding its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration of September 11<sup>th</sup> to honor and remember the lives of the first responders and victims who lost their lives during the tragic events of September 11<sup>th</sup>. The tribute will be attended by local elected officials and members of the Lincolnwood Police and Fire Departments and will begin at 8:30 am on Friday, September 10 in the Village's Promenade located between the Police Department and Village Hall. In the event of rain, the ceremony will take place in the Council Chambers at Village Hall.



# Parks and Recreation News



## L.E.A.P. PROGRAM LEARNING • ENRICHMENT • ART • PLAY

### WHAT TO DO... AFTER SCHOOL!

After school care, homework help, arts/crafts, athletics and more at the Rutledge Hall Multipurpose Room. Grade K-5 from 2:45-6:30 pm Every day School District 74 is in session in-person.

## HAVE A BALL THIS FALL

with Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Department special events, programs and recreational classes!

REGISTER **NOW** AT [RECREATION.LWD.ORG](http://RECREATION.LWD.ORG)



### PROESEL PARK

## MOVIE IN THE PARK

SAT., SEPT. 18 • 7:30 PM  
"HOOK"

(1991) Running Time: 2h 24m

### PROESEL PARK PAVILION



## PUMPKIN PICASSOS

SUN., OCT. 10  
1-3:45 PM

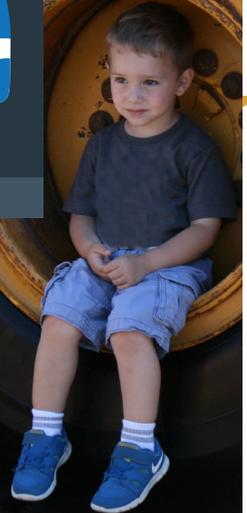
Create a Halloween masterpiece!  
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AT LINCOLNWOOD VILLAGE HALL

SUN., SEPT. 12 • 1-3 PM

Check out and sit in the driver's seat of fire trucks, police cars, and other equipment!



# Public Works Reminders

## Leaf Blower Restrictions

Starting on October 1, leaf blowing is restricted and is not allowed before 7:00 am and after 6:00 pm Monday through Friday, and is not allowed before 7:00 am and after noon on Saturdays. Leaf blowing is prohibited on Sundays and holidays.

## Leaf Collection Reminder

With fall just around the corner, the Village would like to remind residents to help keep catch basins clear of fallen leaves by raking them up and bagging them for collection. Catch basins that are obstructed by leaves prevent the flow of stormwater into the Village's sewer system, which can lead to flooded streets and sidewalks. Leaves should never be placed in piles on the roadway as the Village's waste hauler, Groot requires them to be bagged for collection.

## Tree Inspections

Residents concerned about dead or hazardous public or private trees are encouraged to contact the Public Works Department at (847) 675-0888 for inspection. If Public Works identifies a dead public tree, it will be scheduled for removal by the Department's Forestry Division. The Village retains the services of a consulting arborist for inspections of privately owned trees prior to removal. If the Village Arborist determines a tree is dead or hazardous, the resident can obtain a tree removal permit at no cost.



## Capital Project Updates

**Pratt Avenue Pedestrian Bridge:** In March of 2021, the Village applied for a Cook County Department of Transportation and Highway Invest in Cook Grant to assist with the funding of the Pratt Avenue Pedestrian Bridge across the North Shore Channel. In July of 2021, Cook County announced that the Village of Lincolnwood was awarded Invest in Cook Grant funding to cover 50% (\$70,000) of the \$140,000 Phase I Preliminary Engineering cost for the project. The Village will continue to identify and apply for grant funding opportunities for future phases of the project.



**Roadway Resurfacing/Water Main Replacement:** Year three of the 10-year roadway resurfacing program is currently one-third complete and remains on schedule. This year the project includes resurfacing of approximately 3.5 miles of Village roadways and 1.36 miles of water main replacement, along with concrete work including spot curb and sidewalk replacement.

**Street Storage Stage II:** As part of the Village-wide storm water management program, Street Storage Stage II is scheduled to begin this summer and be completed by this fall. The scope of this project consists of temporary storage of storm water on Village streets with a controlled release into the combined sewer system. This includes installing submerged restrictors in catch basins and inlets, and street berms to contain the storm water in a specific area.

## Lincolnwood in Bloom Contest

The Village of Lincolnwood invites residents to participate in the Lincolnwood in Bloom Beautification Contest. This program is part of the Village's community beautification activities and encourages property owners to landscape and beautify their homes and neighborhoods all-year long. Entries are due by September 10, 2021. The application to apply can be found on the Village's website.

If you have any questions about the application, please contact Brendon Mendoza, Assistant to the Public Works Director, at [bmendoza@lwd.org](mailto:bmendoza@lwd.org) or (847) 745-4851.

# BUSINESS CONNECTIONS



## Amazon Fresh to Join District 1860 (continued from page 1)

Upon completion, the 38,015 square foot grocery store will be the only full-service walk-in grocer in the Village of Lincolnwood. Construction of the proposed development is anticipated to begin this fall. In total the project consists of approximately 80,000-85,000 square feet of commercial space (grocery, restaurants, retail, and service uses) and 299 luxury residential apartments.

In addition to the grocery store, Tucker previously announced Fatpour Tap Works, part of the Big Onion Hospitality Group, and Fat Rosie's Taco & Tequila Bar, the latest outlet of the well-known Francesca's Restaurant Group as tenants. The Village and Tucker Development are excited that these regionally known brands will be opening their doors in Lincolnwood.



Tucker Development also announced that First Hospitality Group, the entity responsible for developing a hotel for the site, will be unable to move forward as originally envisioned on the site. This was in large part due to the financial impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Village is working with Tucker to ensure that the site is fully utilized to the benefit of the community.

In 2019, the Village approved a new North Lincoln Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District, to support development of the proposed District 1860 mixed-use development on 8.25 acres at the northwest corner of Lincoln and Touhy Avenues. This approval came after months of work between the developer, staff, the Mayor and Village Board. The support and assistance of countless community members, through reviews by the Economic Development Commission, Plan Commission, TIF Joint Review Board (which included members of local taxing bodies, including School Districts 74 and 219, the Lincolnwood Library District, as well as Cook County, Niles Township and Oakton Community College) and the involvement of Village residents, was invaluable.

At that same time, the Village approved a Redevelopment Agreement with Tucker Development, which detailed the concept plan for the area, as well as the developer and Village responsibilities as the project moves forward. The Village previously approved an Intergovernmental Agreement with Lincolnwood School District 74 and Niles Township High School District 219 to ensure that their costs to educate any students moving into the development from outside the Village will be covered by the revenue generated in the TIF District.

### Financial Progress

In 2020, the Village also completed a process of vetting the financial consultants who will serve on the Village's team, as the Village prepares to issue TIF Notes to assist in the financing of this \$150-175 million development. TIF Notes are a financial instrument, in which property and sales tax revenues generated in the North Lincoln TIF District itself are utilized to pay off the Notes. The Village is not pledging any revenues from the General Fund (which is used for the operating costs of the Village), and there will be no commitment from the Village to repay the Notes, nor a requirement by the Village to back the revenues by the Village.

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## Amazon Fresh to Join District 1860 (continued from page 6)

The Village also approved a sales tax sharing incentive agreement with Tucker Development at the September 15, 2020, Village Board meeting to incentivize the signing of a grocery store.

On June 16, 2020, the Village approved the hiring of a Bond Counsel and an Underwriter for the project. The fees for these two consultants are also paid by the TIF revenues generated in the North Lincoln TIF District, with no cost to the Village's General Fund. The role of the Bond Counsel is to provide guidance and an opinion regarding the proposed financing through TIF Notes, ensuring that the Village is following a complicated series of applicable State and Federal laws. The Underwriter assists the Village in the actual sale of the TIF Notes, which will be sold to investors, providing the up-front funds for financing. The investors are then paid-back through property and sales tax revenues generated in the North Lincoln TIF District. Work by the Bond Counsel and Underwriter to prepare the TIF Notes for issuance this fall.

### Next Steps

Once the Building Permit is issued, all approvals are received from outside State and local agencies, and the developer's financing and the Village's TIF Notes are approved, Tucker Development will proceed with the demolition of the remaining Purple Hotel foundations and begin grading the property. Richard Tucker, has stated that he would like to begin construction in the fall of 2021. The first two buildings of the project are anticipated to be completed and opened approximately eighteen (18) months after construction begins, with development of the "hotel parcel" to follow once an end-user is identified.



## New Businesses

### Commitment Fitness Training

4700 W. Touhy Avenue

Commitment Fitness Training offers fitness assessments, personal training with 1-on1 sessions, personalized programs, nutrition guidance, and a free consultation.

### “Shoe MGK” (Magic)

3333 W. Touhy Avenue

“Shoe MGK” (Magic) has a cart in the lower Kohl’s wing of the Lincolnwood Town Center. They sell shoe cleaning products and perform customer demonstrations.

### Budget Blinds of NW Chicago & Skokie

7080 N. McCormick Boulevard

Budget Blinds of NW Chicago & Skokie is a local window covering expert.

### Elevate Wellness

6708 N. Crawford Avenue

Elevate Wellness provides corrective exercise, chiropractic medicine, and manual therapy.

### Unlimited Moving and Storage

7080 N. Central Park Avenue

Unlimited Moving and Storage is a full service moving company.

### Hair by Maital, LLC

3772 W. Devon Avenue

Hair by Maital is a hair and wig stylist for all occasions cut, color, and style.

### Hollywood Smile

6439 N. Cicero Avenue

Hollywood Smile specializes in general dentistry.

### Fabulous Freddie’s Italian Eatery

7055 N. Kostner Avenue

Fabulous Freddie’s Italian Eatery is the concessionaire at the Lincolnwood Aquatics Center. Freddie’s offers a variety of different lunch and snack options and adds new items to their menu weekly.

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## Board and Commission Meetings

**Village Board:** 1st, 3rd Tuesday of the Month  
**Plan Commission:** 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:** 3rd Wednesday of the Month  
**Economic Development Commission:** 4th Wednesday of the Month  
**Traffic Commission:** 4th Thursday of the Month  
**Environmental Commission:** 4th Monday of the Month

Village Board meetings are held in the Council Chambers in Village Hall at 7:30 pm. Please check the Village's website at [lincolnwoodil.org](http://lincolnwoodil.org) for our most up to date Board and Commission meeting schedule, agendas, and minutes. To receive meeting agendas, send an e-mail to [subscribe@lwd.org](mailto:subscribe@lwd.org). All meetings listed above will be broadcast live on Comcast Channel 6, RCN Channel 49, AT&T U-Verse Channel 99 and [lincolnwood.tv](http://lincolnwood.tv). These meetings are available on-demand at [lwdtv.org](http://lwdtv.org) one week following the scheduled meeting. Every public meeting includes a "Public Comments" section in which the public can speak on a topic.

## Village Hall Closings

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

**Labor Day - Monday, September 6, 2021**

## Stay Connected

Do you know of all of the ways that you can stay in touch with the Village?

- Download our App – Visit the Apple Store or Google Play and search "Lincolnwood"
- Subscribe to Our Bi-Weekly E-Newsletter – Visit [www.lincolnwoodil.org/getlincolnwoodlocal](http://www.lincolnwoodil.org/getlincolnwoodlocal)
- Register for our Reverse 9-1-1 Program – Visit <https://lincolnwood.bbcportal.com/Entry>
- Subscribe to receive our Construction Updates - [www.lincolnwood.org/getconstructionupdates](http://www.lincolnwood.org/getconstructionupdates)
- Follow us on your favorite social media platform by searching for "Lincolnwood"

## Keep in Touch

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

Village Hall	(847) 673-1540
Public Works	(847) 675-0888
Community Development	(847) 673-7402
Parks and Recreation	(847) 677-9740
Police Non-Emergency	(847) 673-2167
Fire Non-Emergency	(847) 673-1545
Groot	(800) 244-1977