Village Hall Campus Marks 25 Years

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Village Hall Campus “Village Hall”. To commemorate the occasion the Village will be hosting an event on Thursday, September 8 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (weather permitting) in the Promenade, between Village Hall and the Police Department. All residents and friends of Lincolnwood are encouraged to stop by to participate in the event, featuring a performance from the Lincolnwood Youth Orchestra, food trucks, and entertainment. Residents are encouraged to contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (847) 677-9740 with questions about the event.

Village Hall was approved in 1989 and built at a cost of $5,474,000. The Village Hall was designed by O’Donnell Wicklund Pigozzi & Peterson Architects, Inc., and Glenn H. Johnson Construction Company served as the general contractor. The Village Hall was dedicated in November of 1991.

Located on the east-side of Proesel Park, Village Hall is centrally located in the community with convenient access to the major thoroughways of the Village. The unique prairie design was inspired by Frank Lloyd Wright and was designed to blend into the scenic park situated to the west of Village Hall.

The Village Art Gallery, pictured on the left, is another prominent feature in Village Hall where local artists display their work year-round. The Art Gallery is open to the public, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information on current displays, please visit the Art Gallery page at www.lincolnwoodil.org/art-gallery.

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Dear Residents & Friends,
I am hoping that you can feel the coming of the fall now and with it the beauty of this season. It’s always such a nice time of the year, albeit the summer blooms are beginning to fade away.
I feel it is important that you are aware of some unscrupulous contractors and sales reps who are inundating the Chicago Metropolitan area with announcements about water line protection plans. If you get a call about your water line from a company you have not used before call the Village’s Public Works Department at (847) 675-0888.

The Village and Human Relations Commission have partnered in creating a Multi-Cultural Diversity Task Force with Clerk Beryl Herman and Police Chief Bob LaMantia serving as the Co-Chairs. This Task Force is working on a long term plan to actively bring our faiths together for meaningful dialogue in a relaxed climate. The first event is “Coffee with the Clerics” on Monday, September 19th, 7:00 P.M. in our Community Center. Desserts and coffee will be provided which meet dietary restrictions of all of our residents. There is one caveat however! This event only works if everyone brings at least three friends to attend. It is our belief that in Lincolnwood we are more similar than we are different. Come and welcome some new friends!

For those of you who participated in Lincolnwood Fest, you know we had to deal with terrible weather. Chairman Damien Kardaras and his lovely spouse, Samantha, along with his hard working committee did a yeoman's job in taking great care of every need. Our Police and Fire Departments acted quickly in determining when to close the Fest during the heavy rains. In the end, this year’s Fest proved to be fun, but challenging. Mr. Kardaras had a great deal of help from the Lincolnwood Chamber of Commerce and the interim Executive Director, Linda Bouviliom, as well as Randy Miles, owner of Village Inn Pizza in Skokie, Paul Levine, car show organizer and Lincolnwood's own, Keri Roberts, Resurrection Hospital, and Steve Ramos, Advanced Plastics. It was well run with excellent entertainment, albeit cut short by the weather.

The event brings so many of us together to share and take pause. The Fest provides a few days which allow us to enjoy good music, food, and friends. We are grateful for the leadership and devotion of all the volunteers who participated in making it happen. Everyone should be aware that the net proceeds from the Fest go directly to Parks and Recreation. That continues to provide funding for a number of initiatives which benefit all residents of our Village, especially those who participate whether just sitting on a bench in the park, walking the perimeter, or actively participating in our programming. I want to thank those residents who live around Proesel Park for their cooperation during the four day event.

If you missed the performance of our Lincolnwood Youth Strings on the Fourth of July and their performance on July 30th at Lincolnwood Place, you missed two great performances. Under the leadership of Lincolnwood resident, Carol Janosy along with her son, Jim, they have put together an extraordinary group of very talented young musicians.

We are thankful for their partnership with our LW Youth Strings. Lincolnwood Place is a great corporate citizen in providing a free musical event for all of us each summer. This was their 10th Annual Summer Concert. Jane Woloson, Executive Director, and Amy Kraabel, Director Sales and Marketing, along with their excellent staff took great care in providing food and beverages for the patrons.

As the leaves turn and fall takes hold, I wish to extend our best wishes to all of our Jewish residents who soon will be celebrating the Jewish New Year & Yom Kippur, the day of Atonement. May it bring you and yours good health, prosperity, and peace. Happy 5777!

In addition the Holiday Festival whose roots can be traced to ancient India, known as Diwali, the brightest of all Hindu festivals, will begin this year on October 30th. We wish our Indian residents and friends a Happy Diwali 2016. Shubh Diwali!

With warmest regards to you and yours,

Gerald C. Turry
Village President

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Save the Date for the 40th Annual Turkey Trot

The annual Lincolnwood Turkey Trot, one of the highlights of the fall season in the Village, will be held on Sunday, November 20. This year, the Village will be celebrating the 40th Anniversary of this Lincolnwood tradition. The CARA Certified 5K and 10K race winds through Lincolnwood and features a flat, fast course perfect for novice as well as more experienced runners. The Turkey Trot also features a popular 5K Fitness Walk and a Drumstick Dash, 50- and 100-yards, for children six years and younger.

This year will feature the new 40th Anniversary Finisher Medals that will be awarded to each registered participant who crosses the finish line. Registration for the 40th Annual Turkey Trot is now online at active.com, in person or by mail at the Parks and Recreation Department, located in Village Hall, 6900 N. Lincoln Avenue. Early race discounts are available through November 4 at 5:00 p.m., and Lincolnwood residents and CARA members can save an additional $2 off the registration fee, so do not wait to register. For more information about the 40th Annual Turkey Trot, including volunteer opportunities, please see page 6.

September 11 Memorial

The Village will be holding its annual tribute to honor and remember the victims of September 11th. The tribute will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, September 12 between the front entrance of Village Hall and the Police Department.

Show Your 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!


The Lincolnwood Public Library is renovating their facility to meet increasing demand for functional, dynamic, innovative and collaborative spaces, while allowing for major planned improvements such as a new roof and updated HVAC. The first of the three construction phases was completed in mid-August and visitors are able to use the new vending café, pictured above, as well as access a portion of the renovated lobby that includes a new collection, Hot Pucks.

Some sections of the building, including the program rooms, will be closed off until the end of the renovation. The library will host events at alternative locations around the Village. Check the library newsletter or website at lincolnwoodlibrary.org to note the offsite locations.

The library phased the project to remain open during construction with an exception of a few days when the library has large equipment being installed and needs to maintain safety. Construction notices and updates are available on the library website at lincolnwoodlibrary.org.

At the conclusion of this process, the community will have a library that can satisfy the growing demand for access to resources, educational programs, improved technology infrastructure, and a space for everyone in our community to gather and learn. The project should be complete in early 2017.

Village Mobile App

The Village’s recent mobile app now has over 120 downloads. With the Village’s updated news and push notifications in the app, you can stay up to date. To download the app, visit the App Store or Google Play Store and search “Lincolnwood”. 

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**Avoid Volcano Mulching**

The term “volcano mulching” refers to the practice of piling mulch against the trunk of a tree. While mulching can be one of the most beneficial things that can be done to keep trees healthy, if done improperly, it can lead to disease, infestation, and even death of the tree. Volcano mulching has been found to contribute to uprooting, increased risk of root stress, vulnerability of fungal diseases, and bark decay.

**Bicycle Trail Projects**

Both the Valley Line Trail and the Union Pacific Trail are currently under construction. The Valley Line Trail, (in black on the map), located along the Commonwealth Edison right-of-way, will be 12 feet wide with two foot shoulders on each side and will connect to the existing paths in Skokie and Chicago at Lincoln Avenue and Devon Avenue, respectively. The contractor, Chicagoland Paving, expects the project to be completed in September. The Union Pacific Trail, (in red on the map), located on the former Union Pacific right-of-way, will be a 12 foot wide path that extends from Devon Avenue near Springfield Park to Touhy Avenue near the Lincolnwood Town Center. The contractor, Alliance Contractors, expects the path to be open this fall. More information about these projects and all of the Village’s construction projects are available at www.lincolnwoodil.org/infrastructure-projects.

**Leaf Blower Restrictions**

Starting October 1, leaf blowing is not allowed before 7:00 a.m. and after 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday or 7:00 a.m. and after noon on Saturdays. Leaf blowing is prohibited on Sundays and holidays.

**Keep Line of Sight Open for Motorists**

The Village Code requires that landscaping on corners within the Village be maintained to a height of no more than 30 inches in a defined line-of-sight triangle at all times to ensure a clear line-of-sight for pedestrians and the motoring public. A line-of-sight triangle is measured as 35 feet back from the curb line in the street on both sides for residential to residential intersections and 40 feet for arterial or collector intersections. Please contact the Public Works Department at (847) 675-0888 with any questions regarding these regulations.

**Fall Family Fun with Parks and Recreation**

There are so many great activities this fall for kids to get excited about, from trucks to treats, we have something for everyone.

**Park Passport** — Visit all 13 Lincolnwood Parks and get a prize! Park explorers of all ages are invited to register for this free program, which rewards spending time at each of the parks in Lincolnwood. This program will run through October 28. Stop by the Parks and Recreation Department to register and pick up your passport. Learn more at www.recreation.lwd.org/park-passport.

**Touch a Truck** — On Saturday, September 10 from 10:00 a.m. to noon at Proesel Park, behind the Fire Station (parking on Morse Avenue), children of all ages will have the chance to see the world from the driver’s seat of fire trucks, garbage trucks, police cars and more.

**Family Fun Fest** — On Sunday, September 18 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in Centennial Park, 6801 McCormick Boulevard, the entire family can enjoy this free event which offers activities for kids of all ages including kite flying and decorating, kayaking, a bounce house, and DJ-led games. Dogs, on leash, are also welcome.

**Pumpkins in Proesel Park** — On Saturday, October 22 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Proesel Park Shelter, 6915 Kostner Avenue, there will be no tricks, just treats at this Halloween party at the corner of Morse and Kostner Avenues. There will be trick or treating, a pumpkin patch, a bounce house, DJ-led games and refreshments. If it rains, the fun will be moved inside to the Community Center.

For more information about these fall family fun events, please visit www.recreation.lwd.org/special-events.

**Halloween Safety Tips**

The Fire and Police Departments want to share some tips and tricks to have an enjoyable Halloween:

- Trick or Treating should take place between 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- Costumes should not drag and shoes should fit properly to avoid tripping or falling
- When wearing a mask, make sure you can see properly, and remove it when walking
- Wear clothing with reflective tape or markings
- Carry a flashlight
- Stay on the sidewalk and obey traffic signals
- Stay in neighborhoods that are familiar
- Approach only houses that are lit
- Never enter a stranger’s home or car
- Know the route the children are taking
- Check all treats before you eat them
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**International Soccer Academy**

Kids ages eight to 14 are invited to join the Lincolnwood International Soccer Academy’s Fall Soccer Program. Led by a professional coaching staff, the goal of the academy is to help players of all levels improve their game in a fun and safe atmosphere that stresses respect and sportsmanship. Kids will be taught the fundamentals of soccer, as well as technical and tactical skills through drills and scrimmages. Players will be challenged physically and mentally and kept active throughout the season.

The fee includes one practice and game per week and uniform including two game jerseys, shorts and socks. Practices are held once a week on Thursdays from September 8 through November 12. Scrimmages will be held on Saturdays from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. All practices and scrimmages will be in Proesel Park. For more information, please visit recreation.lwd.org/registration.

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40th Annual Turkey Trot
Volunteer and Be Part of the Fun and Tradition
Volunteering for the 40th Annual Lincolnwood Turkey Trot is a terrific way for schools, businesses, organizations, and individuals to participate in the fun of the event. As a volunteer, you have the choice of assisting with registration, packet pickup, gear check, water stations, or as a course marshal. To join the volunteer team for this year’s race, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (847) 677-9740 or visit www.lincolnwoodil.org/turkeytrot/volunteer.

Sponsor the Turkey Trot and Support our Community
Without our wonderful sponsors each year, we would not be able to bring you this historic event. We have sponsorship opportunities at all levels, and also welcome in-kind donations, such as raffle prizes and food and drink donations. If you know of a business or organization that would be interested in learning more about sponsoring the Lincolnwood Turkey Trot, please visit www.lincolnwoodil.org/turkeytrot/sponsorship or contact Linda Vering at tvering@lwd.org or (847) 745-4726.

Stay Connected with the Latest Turkey Trot News
To stay on top of all of the latest news about the Turkey Trot, make sure to like Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation on Facebook (LincolnwoodParks), and follow us on Instagram (LincolnwoodParks) and Twitter (LincolnwoodPks).

Adult Programs and Events from Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation
Improv Classes from Knuckleball Comedy (18 years+)
Get ready to laugh! With the direction and coaching from an experienced comedian, participants will learn the basics of improvisation. Along the way, you will learn to think quickly and gain valuable team-building tools for the workplace and more confidence in social situations. Learn through laughter in this six week program. Advanced registration is required.

Painting and Wine Tasting (21 years+)
Grab a friend for an evening of painting and wine tasting! Whole Foods Market Sauganash will provide tastings of their Top 10 seasonal wines with local cheese pairings so you can find the perfect wine to round out your fall meals. For the painting portion, an instructor will guide you through the process of creating your own wine-themed masterpiece.

AARP Defensive Driving Course (55 years+)
This eight hour classroom refresher course is held at the Lincolnwood Community Center. Participants will learn the current rules of the road, defensive driving techniques and how to adjust to common age-related changes in vision, hearing and reaction time. Please call (847) 677-9740 or stop in the Parks and Recreation Department to reserve a spot. Fees are paid to the instructor on the first class. Please bring a check payable to AARP. You must attend both days to receive certification for insurance discounts. Session I will be held on September 13 and September 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Session II will be held on October 18 and October 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Memorial Bench in Honor of Dr. David Cornbleet
Earlier this summer a bench was installed in the Village’s Promenade between Village Hall and the Police Department within Proesel Park in honor of long-time Lincolnwood resident Dr. David Cornbleet. The bench was generously donated in loving memory by Dr. Cornbleet’s family including his wife Aileen and children Jonathan and Jocelyn. The bench is inscribed with a quote from Thomas Jefferson that embodies Dr. Cornbleet’s love of reading, “I cannot live without books.” Residents are encouraged to stop by and read at the Memorial Bench.

Lincolnwood in Bloom
The Beautification Task Force will be holding the “Lincolnwood in Bloom Contest” to showcase property owners that landscape and beautify their homes and neighborhoods. Applications to enter this year’s contest are available at lincolnwoodil.org. The contest will run through September 12. For more information, please contact Charles Meyer, Assistant to the Village Manager, at (847) 745-4715 or cmeyer@lwd.org.

Dog Leash Requirement
As a reminder, the Village requires that dogs be kept on a leash while in the public areas of the Village. Any dogs that are found at large will be taken and be placed at the Police Department while the owner is located. If you have any questions about the dog leash requirement, please contact the Police Department at (847) 673-2167.

School District 74 Highlights
STEM Labs at Lincoln Hall – Ready For Creative Minds
As Phase I of the Lincoln Hall construction project continues, so too continues the conversion of old learning spaces into the new STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) laboratories. During the course of the last two school years, District 74 has piloted STEM instruction as part of the Expressive Arts five-week rotation, with great success. As a result, the STEM program has justified the development of these additional learning spaces as part of the ongoing construction project. All Lincoln Hall Middle School students will now receive three full years of exposure to the STEM curriculum. Thank you, Lincolnwood community, for your continued support of School District 74.

Interventionists Program – Personalizes Learning for Students
To help all children succeed, Interventionists are a part of our teaching teams. Interventionists help students, particularly in reading and math. They have the task of working with students within a classroom setting and to create or develop a strategy to help particular students become successful within their regular classroom. District 74 currently has Interventionists on staff at both Rutledge Hall and Todd Hall. This year, the Interventionist program has been expanded at Lincoln Hall to include all three grade levels, with the belief that academic student performance will continue to be positively affected as a result.

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

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

Recent Board Actions

• Approved drive-through developments as a special use in the B-3 Business District
• Recognized Eric Gronlund as the 2015 Police Officer of the Year
• Approved the Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan
• Proclaimed June 21 as “Student Achievers’ Day” in recognition of Illinois State Scholars