Lincolnwood Recognizes Outgoing Trustees and Establishes New Village Board

The new term for the Lincolnwood Board of Trustees began with a swearing in ceremony at the May 5, 2015 Board Meeting. Barry Bass and Jennifer Spino joined the Village Board. Trustee Patel is returning to the Board following his re-election.

The meeting also included a ceremony for departing Trustees Nicholas Leftakes and Renee Sprogis-Marohn. Trustee Leftakes served on the Board from 1997 to 2007 and more recently has served since 2009. Trustee Sprogis-Marohn has served on the Board since 2003.

Photos courtesy of Steve Lasker

Trustee Barry Bass

Trustee Jesal Patel

Trustee Jennifer Spino

Nicholas Leftakes

Renee Sprogis-Marohn

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Dear Residents and Friends,

Well summer is in full swing. At last we feel the summer’s heat and beauty beginning to take hold. I am hoping you are planning to devote some time for rest and relaxation this summer. We should all make it our mission to spend some quality time with our families and friends. If you were present for the festivities of Memorial Day, you will certainly remember how our lives are changed by the small things which somehow become more important than they should. Take some time to recover from the work load and come together as family for rest and relaxation.

The development at the “Shoppes at Lincoln Pointe” (the former Purple Hotel site) has slowed to a snail’s pace. It is anticipated that construction will not begin until early 2016. The Village is awaiting the final Planned Unit Development (PUD) which will be presented at a future Plan Commission and Village Board meetings. This will require public meetings with public notice. Meeting dates will be posted on the Village's website, lincolnwoodil.org.

If you were in Village Hall in May, you saw the annual School District 74 art show. The “Back to the Basics” student art show was led by teachers Debby Barabasz, from Rutledge Hall, Holly Lukasiewicz, from Todd Hall, and Andrew MacCrimmon, from Lincoln Hall. These fine teachers bring the work of our SD74 students to a high level. I hope you had a chance to see their work and are able to join us next year for the show.

Returning again to perform on the 4th of July in the Freda Proesel Shelter is our Lincolnwood Youth Strings Orchestra under the direction of the Janossy family. Mother, Carol, and sons, Jim and Dave, will bring their promising Youth Strings back for their popular July outdoor concert. Please mark your calendars for the free concert on Saturday, July 4th at 10:30 a.m. You are encouraged to bring your families and friends. On Saturday, August 1 the Youth Strings return to Lincolnwood Place once again for an outdoor afternoon concert beginning at 4:00 p.m.

I hope you were in town for our Memorial Day Parade this year. The parade continued through the rain with many residents braving the elements. I thank you for your patriotism in joining us for the Parade. The ceremony moved into the packed Community Center where we were treated to musical renditions by retiring teacher Steve Kikoen and his student choir along with Niles West’s Jesse Sacks who performed “Taps” for the fourth consecutive year. Kudos to our Village departments and the American Legion for orchestrating this year’s wonderful event! (I also want to thank the Niles West Marching Band for their support for this important tribute to the American spirit. I hope that they will continue their commitment to our Memorial Day Parade for years to come.)

I am proud to announce that Barbara Faermark, President of Marc Printing & Graphics, was presented with the 2015 Human Relations Commission Award at our June 16th Village Board Meeting. Also honored were the graduating seniors from our area schools who earned Illinois State Scholars status. The class of 2015 was well represented as the Village Board recognized them as Lincolnwood Student Achievers. Each received a flash drive in a handy notebook compliments of Republic Bank of Lincolnwood. The two top scholars were honored for their exceptional work in high school. They were Scott Troiani and Sabreen Ali, both of Niles West. The Madeleine Grant Scholarship sponsored by Liberty Bank and awarded by the Lincolnwood Chamber of Commerce was given to Jesse Sacks of Niles West.

Donald Gelfund was the recipient of the Madeleine Grant Volunteer of the Year for his contributions to the community through his work with the Village and Niles Township during the last 20 years. This includes the Chair of the Lincolnwood Traffic Commission, Trustee of Niles Township, the Niles Township Food Pantry, and Lincolnwood Fest. He was nominated by School District 74 Board member, and last year’s Madeleine Grant Volunteer of the Year, Georgjean Nickell, as well as Lincolnwood Plan Commission Member Steve Jacobowski and State Representative Lou Lang.

With best wishes to you and yours for a warm and restful summer,

Gerald C. Turry
Village President
Update on the Bike Path Extension
The Village of Lincolnwood approved an agreement with Commonwealth Edison (ComEd) to lease the old railroad right-of-way adjacent to the area under high wires owned by ComEd.

This lease will cover land from Devon to the intersection of Lincoln and Jarvis and will be used to continue the Sauganash Valley Trail through Lincolnwood to meet the Skokie Valley Trail, which is in the process of being extended within the community of Skokie. Our neighboring communities north of Skokie are working to secure land to extend this path into Lake County.

The Lincolnwood portion of this path will tentatively be constructed in spring 2016 with an overpass across Touhy to be constructed in early 2018 that will provide safe passage for users of the path.

Besides offering a safe place for people to walk, run or ride, the continuation of this path will also encourage people to connect with nature, which has been proven to offer tangible health benefits and well-being.

Recycling and Document Shredding
On Saturday, July 25, from 9:00 a.m. to noon, the Village will be hosting an electronics recycling and document shredding event. A Salvation Army truck will also be on site for donations. The event will be in the large parking lot south of Rutledge Hall (at the corner of Pratt Avenue and East Prairie Road).

This program, provided by Suburban Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC), is available to residents of SWANCC communities. Please have your ID or utility bill available to be checked for proof of residency. Unfortunately, no electronics or documents will be accepted from businesses or schools.

This is a great opportunity to dispose of old televisions, computers, and other electronic items because state law prohibits electronics from being thrown away in the weekly trash collection. The full list of acceptable items will be posted on lincolnwoodil.org. Additional recycling options are available at swancc.org.

Outdoor Equipment in Proesel Park: A Beautiful Memorial to Honor a Beautiful Life
The Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Department was recently contacted by the family of Madeline Horwitz Boccuzzi, a former resident of the Village who died on July 30, 2014 of melanoma. Madeline was 30 years old and a former camp counselor in Proesel Park.

A bright young woman who made a difference in every life that she touched, Madeline was an alumna of Colby College and of Duke University where she received a Master of Science degree in Global Health. She was working at Keck Medical Center of USC as a Strategic Affiliations Manager and had previously worked for Relief International, the Duke Global Health Institute, and the World Health Organization. From a young age, Madeline knew that she wanted to bring medical equipment and supplies to people in need.

As a living memorial to honor the life of their daughter, Madeline’s parents, Dr. Steven and Donna Horwitz of Lincolnwood have generously donated funds to add an outdoor fitness equipment area in Proesel Park, a park much loved by Madeline. Proesel Park will be the first park in Lincolnwood to feature outdoor fitness equipment. We know the community will appreciate having a place to perform strength training in such a wonderful setting. This area will complement the heavily-used walking path around the park.

A dedication of the new global fitness spot is tentatively planned for August 2015. Information about the dedication ceremony will be available on lincolnwoodil.org and on our social media pages. Please call the Parks and Recreation at (847) 677-9740 for more information.
Crawford Avenue Reconstruction Update

Construction on Crawford Avenue is coming to a close. The project is tentatively scheduled to be completed in late August, weather permitting. Until that time, the west side of the road will remain closed to accommodate the installation of new street lights, pavement, and final water main connections. Landscape restoration will continue through spring 2016. Information regarding the project is available at www.lincolnwoodil.org/crawford-avenue or by calling the Public Works Department at (847) 675-0888.

Lincoln Avenue Street Light Replacement

The Village’s contractor, Utility Dynamics, is preparing to begin installation of new LED street lights along Lincoln Avenue between Kostner and Devon Avenues as part of the Village’s five year Street Light Replacement Program. The section between Kostner and Jarvis will be completed in conjunction with the development of the Purple Hotel site. LED street lights will be installed on McCormick Boulevard from Pratt to Devon Avenues. Construction is tentatively scheduled to be completed by November, weather permitting. Similar lights have been installed on Pratt and Crawford Avenues. Please contact Public Works at (847) 675-0888 with any questions.

Stormwater Pilot Project Approved

At the May 19 Committee of the Whole Meeting, the Village Board provided direction to move forward with completing the design of the stormwater pilot project. The project includes the installation of on-street berms and submerged restrictors within the Village’s catch basins to reduce the rate of flow into the combined sewer system reducing the risk of backups into basements. The pilot area, located in the southeast corner of the Village (pictured below) will be evaluated to determine if the berm and submerged restrictor system should be expanded to the entire Village. The Village’s engineering consultant is working to complete the design of the project and anticipates construction by spring 2016.

Additional information regarding the Village’s stormwater improvement plans are available at www.lincolnwoodil.org/resident-services/stormwater-study/. Questions about this project can be directed to the Public Works Department at (847) 675-0888.
Summer Concert Series Heats Up in July
The Summer Concert Series at Proesel Park is now in full swing. We invite you to come for the bingo and kid’s activities at 6:00 p.m. and then stay for the live music at 7:00 p.m. Things are going to really heat up with our three remaining evenings.

July 9 • ABBA Salute – Celebrate your inner “Dancing Queen” with this acclaimed musical group, who will put on a tribute act that you will not forget. It has been said that ABBA Salute is the most accurate ABBA tribute band in the country.

July 16 • Just South of Heaven – Country with a twist! This band features two power-house vocals as well as cello and violin for a true Americana sound. They also know how to get a crowd going with new sing-along classics like “Ho Hey” and “Wagon Wheel”.

July 30 • Midwest Dueling Pianos – Our Summer Concert Series finale will feature a 100% request-driven dueling piano show that will have you singing, cheering, dancing, and laughing all evening.

Proesel Park Family Aquatic Center Theme Nights
We are excited to present our new Aquatic Center Theme Nights. Mark your calendar for these special events that will light up the summer.

July 4 • Military Appreciation Day
10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
To honor the men and women who serve our country, we are offering free admittance with proof of service all day.

July 17 • Movie Night “Surf’s Up”
7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Have fun at the pool and then enjoy this fun and heartwarming animated film featuring surfing penguins that kids as well as adults will enjoy.

August 14 • Luau Night
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
It is all things Hawaiian at this special Luau Night. You will not want to miss it!

Lincolnwood’s First In-House Soccer Program
The new Lincolnwood International Soccer Academy Summer Camp will serve as training for our new fall in-house soccer program offered by Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation and sponsored by Loeber Motors.

The team of international coaches is committed to teaching players how to play and love the game. The challenging curriculum will include both technical and tactical skills. The players will be entertained and kept active throughout the whole day. Our camps are designed for ages 5-14, all levels and abilities, from beginners to more advanced players. The summer soccer camp runs from August 3-7. For details, please visit www.recreation.lwd.org/programs/soccer or call the Parks and Recreation Department at (847) 677-9740.

Summer Book Cart and Safety Break Story Time at the Pool
Enjoy some great poolside reading material this summer courtesy of the Lincolnwood Public Library.

The book cart will be stocked regularly throughout the summer and readers are welcome to take books home.

From June 9 to August 11, children will be treated to a short poolside story read by a librarian during the first afternoon safety break Tuesdays from 12:50 to 1:00 p.m.
Sewer Line Repair Rebate Program

If your house has experienced the failure of your private sanitary sewer line, and a repair or replacement of the line is necessary, you may qualify for the Village’s sewer line repair rebate program. If the collapse is on private property (outside of the Village right-of-way, typically 33 feet back from the center of the street) the repair (all costs) is the responsibility of the property owner.

Collapses determined to be in the Village right-of-way and are directly caused by tree roots from a Village-owned tree, the repair and/or replacement may be eligible for a rebate of up to $2,000. Detailed eligibility requirements may be found within the application.

Applications are available at lincolnwoodil.org under “Residents” then “Streets and Sidewalks” and also at the Public Works Department, 7001 N. Lawndale Avenue or by calling Public Works at (847) 675-0888.

Arbor Day Celebration

On May 22, the Village celebrated Arbor Day by planting a Hophornbeam tree in Centennial Park. The Village was joined by the community’s youth in planting the tree this year. Mayor Turry attended and read a proclamation declaring the day as Arbor Day in Lincolnwood and describing the benefits of trees in our community. The planting is part of an ongoing program to plant new trees and replace ones that have been removed due to disease within parks and rights-of-way throughout the Village.

Parkway Tree Planting

In 2014 the Village Board approved funding to replace trees lost due to the Emerald Ash Borer. Since the Borer was discovered in Lincolnwood, the Village has removed approximately 1,200 trees. The Village has been proactively replacing these trees and have planted approximately 325 trees since 2014. It is anticipated that over the next two years, the Village will plant an additional 325 trees. Trees will only be replaced if there is sufficient room in the parkway.

The Ash Trees that have been removed are being replaced with a variety of species including:

- Baldcypress
- Honeylocust
- Kentucky Coffee
- Red Maple
- Sugar Maple
- Chinquapin Oak
- Red Oak
- Pear
- Beech
- Crabapple
- Hackberry
- Hophornbeam
- Linden
- Norway Maple
- Sugar Maple
- Burr Oak
- Swamp White Oak

Residents who would like a parkway tree, but have not had one removed may be eligible for the 50/50 Parkway Tree Planting Program. Residents pay half the cost for a tree to be planted in their parkway, while the Village pays the other half. Residents’ costs include the tree, installation, and a one-year warranty. Please visit www.lincolnwoodil.org/resident-services/tree-management for more information.

Mulch Delivery Program

Hold off on purchasing mulch this fall! The Public Works Department will be offering a one-time program to deliver wood chips to residential properties at no cost. Details will be made available in the September/October newsletter.
Upcoming Events

Lincolnwood Fest Set for July 23-26
Celebrate this summer with friends and family at Lincolnwood Fest from July 23 through July 26, 2015! The Fest will be located at Proesel Park, 6900 N. Lincoln Avenue.

Fourth of July Concert
Come and join the Human Relations Commission (HRC) for the annual Fourth of July Concert. The concert will be held in Proesel Park Shelter, 6915 Kostner Avenue at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 4.

The concert features
Ms. Carol Janossy and the Lincolnwood Youth Strings.
The HRC hopes to see you there!

Village Art Gallery: A New Slant on the Old West
A new show will be featured from July 15 to August 31 in the Village Art Gallery. A New Slant on the Old West features oil paintings that reveal a whimsical new slant on the Old West.

The artist, Karen Barrie, of Wilmette, blends her talents and training into a multi-faceted career. Her work is inspired by girlhood Saturday morning TV westerns and grown-up cowgirl days on dude ranch vacations.

Come join the artist at the public reception on July 21 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall Art Gallery located at 6900 N. Lincoln Avenue. Refreshments will be served.

Village Updating the Comprehensive Plan
The Village is seeking input from residents and businesses for the new Comprehensive Plan that will provide a framework for how the community desires to develop into the future. The plan includes goals to guide the community over the next couple decades in areas such as land use and development, open space, and transportation.

You can contribute to the planning process by completing an online survey available at www.hlplanning.com/portals/lincolnwood. In the survey, you can indicate what you like about the community and what you think needs to be improved. All input through the survey will be considered and will help guide the preparation of the updated Comprehensive Plan.

This annual Festival is back and bigger than ever hosting a great mixture of live entertainment, carnival rides, games, beer garden, delicious food, family fun, kid-friendly activities, a fabulous car show and more!

Our featured headliners include Think Floyd USA, Rico, Deacon Blues and Marlon Longid and the Shakes! Opening performances by Rose Hill Revival - an Allman Brothers Tribute, Triple Threat and the Bluegrass Boomers. Lincolnwood Fest also presents a very special edition of Monday Night Car Shows on Sunday, July 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For the full schedule and Fest hours visit lincolnwoodfest.com.
Welcome New Businesses!

Doc’s Customized Fitness
Exercise Studio
4360 W. Touhy Avenue
(312) 465-8508

Sacred Heart Home Care
Home Care Services
4433 W. Touhy Avenue
Suite 207

Jaffa Bakery
Restaurant
3300 W. Devon Avenue
(847) 674-0075

T-Mobile
Kiosk, Phones
Lincolnwood Town Center
(847) 673-7751

The Suit Co.
Men’s Clothing
Lincolnwood Town Center
(847) 410-7772

Recent Board Actions

- Approved street light improvements along Lincoln Avenue and McCormick Boulevard
- Approved a conceptual design for the Touhy Pedestrian Bicycle Overpass Bridge

Village Hall will be closed on Friday, July 3 in recognition of Independence Day.

Happy Fourth of July!