



LINCOLNWOOD CONNECTIONS



March/April

Village of Lincolnwood

2015

Help Update the Village's Comprehensive Plan First Public Meeting to be Held on April 9 at 7:00 p.m.

In 2001, the Village of Lincolnwood adopted a Comprehensive Plan which establishes a vision for the community. A lot has changed in recent years with new development patterns in Lincolnwood and the Chicago region. Certain projects, such as the reconstruction of Crawford Avenue, the addition of new businesses in the Lincolnwood Town Center out-lots, and the demolition of the Purple Hotel, were completed or are in-progress, while other goals contained in the 2001 plan have not yet to be implemented.

The Village wants to recalibrate the 2001 plan and establish goals for the community based on current issues. The Comprehensive Plan will address a variety of land use issues, including parks, trails, traffic, transit service, utilities, residential neighborhoods, community facilities, schools, and the Village's multiple business districts. An important part of this effort is hearing

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from residents, business owners, and stakeholders to understand the community's goals for the future. Your participation is critical to this project!



There are many ways to participate, including taking an online resident survey at www.hlplanning.com/portals/lincolnwood, sharing views on the strength of the local business community, creating interactive maps, and attending workshops to help identify which issues should be addressed. The first community workshop will be held on April 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall Council Chambers, 6900 N. Lincoln Avenue. All are invited to participate.

The Village has hired the planning firm Houseal Lavigne Associates, LLC to assist in this process. Please visit their project website at www.hlplanning.com/portals/lincolnwood for additional resources. Please look for future meeting dates and times, or contact Tim Clarke, Community Development Director, at (847) 745-4710 or tclarke@lwd.org for more information.



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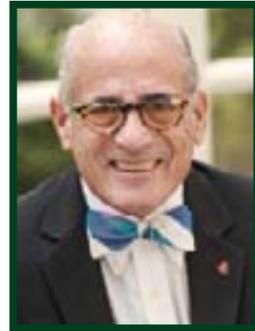


PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Residents,

Well I hope we are nearing the end of winter! I can assure you, we've all had enough. If it never snows again, I will be one very happy guy. Those temperatures were scary, even though after the first polar vortex in early January, when it went from 8 below to 35 degrees, I wore only a sport jacket to a meeting. I thought I could handle 35 degrees without a coat. That was foolish! Now, let's get to some of the really important information I want to share for this time of year.

By now you have received your first installment of your 2014 property tax bill from the Cook County Treasurer which includes information about the various taxing bodies. The Village receives a minor portion of the property taxes as the tax revenue is also distributed to the school districts, other governmental bodies, public library, community college, and the township.



There are four columns on the tax bill that I want to discuss starting with the furthest to the left titled "Money Owed by Your Taxing District." This amount is comprised of all outstanding bonded debt, loans, and accounts payable to our vendors and other miscellaneous payables. The next column, "Pension and Healthcare Amounts Promised by Your Taxing Districts" is the actuarial-determined benefits owed to current and retired employees of our Village. Our employees are participants in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund and sworn employees are in the Village's Police Pension Fund. The column labeled "Amount of Pension and Healthcare Shortage" are the funds needed to fully fund the benefits to the participants of these pension funds. The last column, "% of Pension and Healthcare Costs Taxing Districts Can Pay" is the portion of the total amount the Village has funded, to pay all of the retirement benefits for all retired and existing employees of the Village. The Village funds the required annual pension contributions to these plans in compliance with the State requirement that all pension funds be 90% funded by 2040. While the Village continues to fund pensions, the state pension continues to have funding challenges. I encourage you to learn more about these pensions by visiting the Illinois Municipal League website at iml.org.

On March 19 I will be speaking to members of the business community in our annual "State of the Village" speech to highlight significant achievements in 2014. The luncheon is open to all and usually is entertaining and educational with me simulating the high wire skills of Nik Wallenda. You can still reserve a seat at the luncheon by contacting Chamber Executive Director Jackie Boland at jboland@lincolnwoodchamber.org or (847) 679-5760.

The material below covers some of the accomplishments of the Village President and Board with future editions to cover the accomplishments of our Departments. The year 2014 showed some new business growth as several businesses opened their doors bringing new products to the Village, while others did major changes and improvements to existing businesses. These included The PrivateBank 4007 W. Touhy and Illinois Bone & Joint 6450 Lincoln Avenue.

The Village Departments partnered with the business community to create special events. The Human Relations Commission and Police Department partnered with MB Financial, Brickyard Bank, Republic Bank, Bank Financial, and Liberty Bank for the annual Food Drive and Independence Day Concert. Our Parks and Recreation Department held its 38th Turkey Trot and had 1,735 participants. Lincolnwood businesses that participated were Lou Malnati's, Accelerated Rehabilitation Center, Advanced Plastic Corp., Olympia Group, Psistaria Greek Taverna, Lincolnwood Town Center, Voss Belting, Republic Bank Starbucks, Meatheads, MB Financial Bank, CCDC, the PrivateBank, and North Shore Pediatric Therapy. The Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Department also hosted an enormously popular Boo Bash Halloween Event in partnership with the Lincolnwood Town Center with over 3,000 participants!

Mayor and Village Board Highlights:

- Created the Devon-Lincoln Tax Increment (TIF) Finance District
- Granted Preliminary PUD Approval for the Shoppes at Lincoln Pointe
- Approved Preliminary Plans for the Touhy Ave Pedestrian/Bicycle Overpass
- Developed Infrastructure Improvements on Crawford Avenue's East Side
- Installed a new traffic signal at Pratt and Central with a left turn light for a dedicated lane

You will hear much more at the luncheon. I hope to see you there.

With warmest wishes for the coming spring to you and yours,

Gerald C. Turry, Village President

NEWS AND EVENTS

Village Clerk Referendum: Public Meeting

On November 18, 2014, the Village Board approved a Resolution initiating the process to place a referendum question on the April 7 election ballot regarding appointing the Village Clerk. On February 23, a public meeting was held regarding the Village Clerk's position, responsibilities, and the referendum. The meeting video is available at lincolnwoodil.org/government/media-center/on-demand-video under "Special Events and PSAs".



Since the Village's incorporation in 1911, the Office of the Village Clerk has been an elected position. Under Illinois law, election of the Clerk is required unless the Village's voters approve a referendum to permit the appointment of the Clerk. Today, most of the formal duties of the Village Clerk are performed by professional staff acting in the capacity of Deputy Village Clerks

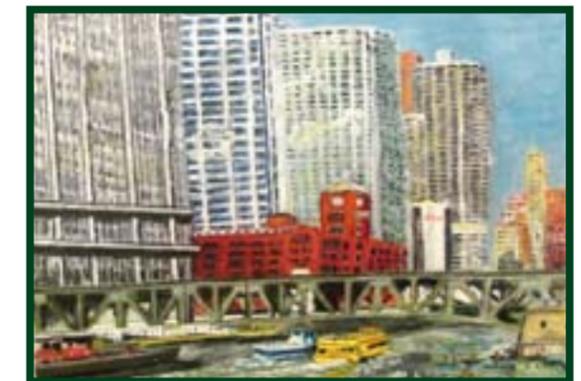
as permitted by the Village Code.

The referendum question will read, "Shall the Village Clerk in the Village of Lincolnwood be appointed by the Village President, with the advice and consent of the Village Board of Trustees, rather than elected?". If you have questions regarding the referendum, please contact the Village at (847) 673-1540 or visit the website at lincolnwoodil.org.

Village Art Gallery: Upcoming Exhibits

The artwork of David Zoberis will be featured in the Village Art Gallery from March 2 to April 30. David displays colorful images in everyday life through different art media and a painterly view.

His artwork has been displayed at Lincolnwood Symphony Orchestra concerts, Desmidi Gallery, Tin Duck Gallery, and Robert Jendra Gallery. David also gives seminars and workshops at libraries throughout northern Illinois. A public reception will be held on March 3 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Art Gallery.

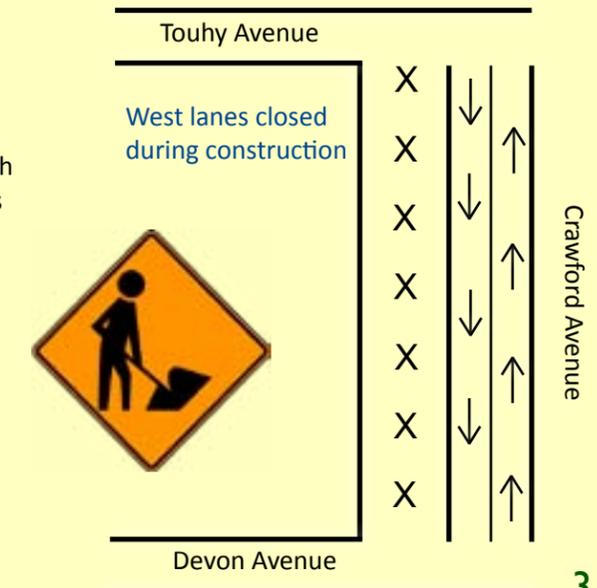


Upcoming Exhibit: School District 74 student artwork in "Beyond the Basics" will be featured from May 1 to May 29, and the reception will be on Tuesday, May 5.

Crawford Avenue 2015 Construction

Crawford Avenue reconstruction will resume in March or April 2015, weather permitting. During 2015, the west side of the street from Touhy Avenue to Devon Avenue will be reconstructed with new pavement. In addition, sidewalk on both the east and west side of the street will be completed as well as landscape restoration in the parkway and medians, street lights installed on the west side of the street, and various water main connections completed. The project includes upgrades of all major utilities.

During construction, from Touhy Avenue to Devon Avenue, traffic will be shifted to the east side of the street with one lane of traffic in each direction. Rolling lane closures and traffic pattern changes will occur as needed. The Village appreciates your patience during this process. For updated information on the construction, please visit lincolnwoodil.org or contact the Public Works Department at (847) 675-0888.





PUBLIC WORKS



Tree Removal Permits

With spring approaching, the Public Works Department would like to remind residents that in order to remove any private property tree that is eight inches or greater in diameter, you must first apply for a tree removal permit through the Community Development Department.



The Village's tree removal Ordinance is intended to protect, manage, preserve, and enhance the Village's urban forest. For questions regarding the Tree Management Ordinance or to obtain a tree removal permit, contact the Community Development Department at (847) 673-7402 or the Public Works Department at (847) 675-0888.

Hydrant Flushing

During the Spring, the Village will begin to flush hydrants. Signs will be posted in the areas that will be affected prior to flushing. Periodic flushing of fire hydrants is an important preventative maintenance activity to maintain the integrity of the water system and ensure quality water for all residents.



As a result of the flushing procedure, residents in the immediate vicinity of the work may experience temporary discoloration of their water. This discoloration consists primarily of harmless silt and precipitates and does not affect the safety of the water. If you experience discoloration in your water after crews have been flushing in your neighborhood, clear the pipes in your home by running all water faucets. If you have any additional questions regarding hydrant flushing, please contact the Public Works Department at (847) 675-0888.

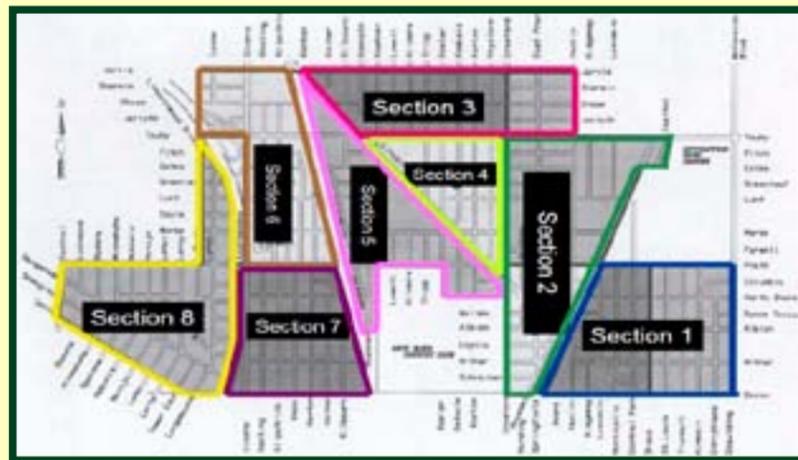
Permanent Street Sweeping Reminder

Each year the Public Works Department performs street sweeping throughout the Village to keep streets clean as well as to prevent dirt and debris from entering the Village's combined sewer system. In 2012, permanent signs were installed on each block notifying residents when street sweeping will occur in the area. Signs were installed on each block on each side of the street. Street sweeping is a two day process. Motorists should not park on the side of the street where street sweeping will occur that day.

Residents will have street sweeping performed every month on the same day of the week. Street sweeping will resume on April 1.

In the street sweeping schedule, the following days are swept each month:

- Section 1: First Tuesday and Wednesday
- Section 2: First Thursday and Friday
- Section 3: Second Tuesday and Wednesday
- Section 4: Second Thursday and Friday
- Section 5: Third Tuesday and Wednesday
- Section 6: Third Thursday and Friday
- Section 7: Fourth Tuesday and Wednesday
- Section 8: Fourth Thursday and Friday



To sign-up for e-mail reminders, please e-mail Francheska Martin, Public Works Coordinator, at fmartin@lwd.org with your property address. The street sweeping schedule map (shown above) is also available at lincolnwoodil.org under "Residents" then "Streets and Sidewalks". We encourage you to use your smart phones to set reminders for you to move your car to the proper side of the street according to the schedule and signs posted.



PUBLIC WORKS



RPZ Testing Compliance

As spring approaches, please remember that a licensed and certified back flow prevention assembly tester must perform an annual back flow prevention assembly test and certification on all RPZ valves installed on sprinkler systems. The test report must be mailed to the Village's authorized agent, Back Flow Solutions, Inc. (BSI) at P.O. Box 246, Worth, IL 60482 or faxed to (888) 414-4990.

If you have a lawn sprinkler system and do not have an RPZ valve installed you must do so immediately. Plumbing cross-connections, defined as actual or potential connections between a potable and non-potable water supply, constitute a serious public health hazard. If you have questions regarding the Village's Cross Connection Program, please contact the Public Works Department at (847) 675-0888.

Groot Garbage Pickup

Groot picks up garbage and recycling every Monday. If Monday is a holiday, garbage will be picked up the following day. During 2015, Groot will observe the following holidays that fall on Mondays: Memorial Day on May 25 (pick-up will occur on Tuesday, May 26) and Labor Day on September 7 (pick-up will occur on Tuesday, September 8). If a pick up is missed, residents must call Public Works on Tuesday prior to 11:00 a.m.

Yard waste pick-up will resume March 16. Groot will not pick up garbage that is mixed with branches and yard waste. If you have yard waste in your garbage, Groot will notify you by placing an orange tag on the garbage bin, and you must separate your garbage from the yard waste, then contact Groot at (847) 734-6400 to schedule a pick up. When disposing of yard waste, please ensure that branches are four inches or less in diameter, four feet or less in length, and tied together in bundles not exceeding 60 pounds.

Yard waste bags may be purchased at the Village Hall at a cost of \$2.00 for five bags. If you have questions, please contact Public Works at (847) 675-0888.



Animal Control Program

The Village has an animal control cost sharing program for opossums, raccoons, and skunks. Once notified, the Public Works Department will contact Animal Control Specialists to set-up an appointment with the property owner.



The homeowner must pay Animal Control Specialists \$90.00 to set the trap up and \$55.00 for each animal caught. Once the invoice is paid to Animal Control Specialists they will provide a copy of the paid invoice to the Public Works Department. The Public Works Department will process a reimbursement for half the cost of the service up to \$200.00. Animals that are inside of the home, on the roof or in the attic are not covered.

For questions regarding this program please contact the Public Works Department at (847) 675-0888.



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. For collapses determined to be in the Village right-of-way and that are directly caused by tree roots from a Village owned tree, the repairs and/or replacement may be eligible for a rebate up to \$2,000.

Applications are available at lincolnwoodil.org under "Residents" then "Streets and Sidewalks" and at the Public Works Department, 7001 N. Lawndale Avenue.



PARKS AND RECREATION

Proesel Park Shelter Reservation

The Henry A. Proesel Park Pavilion, commonly referred to as Proesel Park Shelter, is available for rental for groups of up to 150 people. Beginning on Monday, April 13 at 9:00 am, we will be accepting in-person rental applications at the Parks and Recreation office (note that this date is a week later than last year). For details, including pricing and rental requirements, please visit our website at recreation.lwd.org/facilities/outdoor-facilities.



Summer Day Camp - Early Resident Discount

Summer Camp registration is going on right now. Lincolnwood residents should have already received a Summer Day Camp guide in the mail and it is also available online at recreation.lwd.org. The Summer Day Camp is available from June 10 to August 14 with programming for children 3 to 15 years of age.

The department works to meet the needs of our families with full day, half day and partial week registration, as well as our "Pick-a-Week" option. Early registration discount is offered for Lincolnwood residents, sibling discounts and a camp payment plan. Early registration discount for Lincolnwood residents is available until April 17.

Spring Adult Softball Teams are Now Forming

You are invited to participate in the 2015 Spring Adult Softball season held at the beautiful Proesel Park. The program is an 18 years and older recreation slow pitch softball league, offering both 12" and 16" leagues. There will be prizes for the first and second place teams for the league. Full payment is due at the time of registration. For more information, please contact Parks and Recreation at (847) 677-9740 or visit recreation.lwd.org/programs/adult-softball.



Update Planned for O'Brien Park

Each year, the Village of Lincolnwood selects a park for renovation as part of the Village's Capital Plan. This year, the Charles L. O'Brien Park on 7260 Prairie Road will be getting a makeover, including a new design and playground equipment. This park features playground equipment, including slides, swings and climbing structures, and a half-court basketball court. The old equipment will get a new life through the "Kids Around the World" program where the playground will be refurbished and installed in a third world country or devastated area.

The Park Board held a meeting presenting proposed design concepts and to solicit feedback from residents on February 10. Children in the Club Kid after school program are also given the chance to weigh in on the designs. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram (LincolnwoodParks) or Twitter (@LincolnwoodPk) for the latest park renovation information. The new playground equipment is expected to be installed around April 18.

PARKS AND RECREATION

New Summer Soccer Day Camp

Do your kids love soccer? This new Lincolnwood International Soccer Academy Summer Camp option features a team of international coaches committed to teaching kids the principles and value of soccer. Participants will be challenged, entertained and kept active throughout the day. This camp is designed for players at all levels, and all participants will be evaluated on skills and age to form camp groups.



Proesel Family Aquatic Center

The opening day of the Aquatic Center will be Saturday, May 30. In addition to all the fun the pool provides, the Village is going to be debuting several Friday theme nights, including Noodle Night (June 12), Military Appreciation Night (July 4), Movie Night (July 17) and Luau Night (August 14).

Spotlight on Senior Exercise Participant

Juanita Ucciardi remembers attending her first Drop-In Senior Exercise class at the Lincolnwood Community Center over 20 years ago. Recently, we had the pleasure of celebrating Juanita's 98th birthday with her in class. According to Juanita, she initially joined the Lincolnwood Exercise Class for the social aspect, but she quickly realized that participating in the class made her feel better physically, mentally and emotionally. Her biggest piece of advice for seniors is to keep moving! She also believes in eating well. Juanita says she learned good eating habits while in nursing school in her teens, and it shows. Our Drop-in Senior Exercise Class (for ages 55+) is held at the Lincolnwood Community Center on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. For more information, call (847) 677-9740.



HRC Seeks Nominees for the HRC Award

The Human Relations Commission (HRC) is seeking nominations for the 2015 Lincolnwood HRC Award.

Any Lincolnwood resident, employee or business owner is eligible. The nominee must exhibit outstanding personal leadership and accomplishment in any job-related or volunteer work that supports the HRC's mission of promoting understanding, mutual respect and neighborly cooperation.

Nomination forms and more information may be found on the HRC page at lincolnwoodil.org. From the "Village Government" drop-down menu, locate "Boards and Commissions", then select "Human Relations Commission".

Annual Food Drive Sponsored by the HRC

Help stop hunger in our neighborhood. The Human Relations Commission will be running a food drive March 1 - April 15 to benefit the Niles Township Food Pantry. A permanent donation box is at Village Hall. Additional donation box locations can be found on the Human Relations Commission's page at lincolnwoodil.org.



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The Village Hall, Police Department, Fire Department, Community Development Department, and the Parks and Recreation Department are located at 6900 North Lincoln Avenue in the Municipal Complex. Village Hall office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Village Website	lincolnwoodil.org
Fire / Medical Emergency	9-1-1
Village Hall	(847) 673-1540
Police Department	(847) 673-2167
Fire Department	(847) 673-1545
Public Works Department	(847) 675-0888
Community Development Department	(847) 673-7402
Parks and Recreation Department	(847) 677-9740
Village Engineer	(847) 745-4862
Code Enforcement Officer	(847) 745-4811
Administration	(847) 745-4717
Social Services	(847) 673-2167
Groot	(847) 734-6400
SWANCC	(847) 724-9205
IDOT	(847) 705-4000
Cook County	(708) 485-7130

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 pm 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 e-mail to subscribe@lwd.org.

(TV) = Broadcast live on Comcast Cable Channel 6 and 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 Cable 6 and AT&T U-Verse and are also available on-demand at lincolnwood.tv.

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Recent Board Actions

- The Village and School District 74 entered an agreement to share the cost of Crossing Guard Services
- Proclaimed January 18-24 as "Lincolnwood Police Week"
- Extended agreement with North Capital Group to develop the former Purple Hotel Site
- Eliminated the prohibition of painting exterior brick facade

Village Hall Closures

Village Hall Offices will be closed Friday, April 3 in observance of Good Friday

