VILLAGE OF LINCOLNSHIRE

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Your Vote Matters

Residents are encouraged to vote in the **April 6 consolidated election**. Residents will have the opportunity to vote to fill three Village Board of Trustee positions. Jill Raizin, current trustee, and Robert Mitchell, 29-year Lincolnshire resident, are officially listed on the ballot. There are also two write-in candidates: Gustavo (Gus) Cavalcanti and Sandra Wright. Residents can see a list of all Lincolnshire candidates by searching "Lake County April Candidate List" on the internet.

In addition to voting to fill local elected offices, the Village Board took action to place an advisory referendum regarding the sale of adult-use recreational cannabis on the consolidated election ballot. The referendum question reads as follows:

> "Shall the Village of Lincolnshire allow the retail sale of adult-use recreational cannabis products at dispensary businesses licensed by the State of Illinois, subject to statutorily permissible restrictions?"

Residents will be given the option of "yes" or "no" on the ballot. Advisory referenda are non-binding and do not require the Board of Trustees to take action on the results.

During the January 11 Regular Village Board meeting, the Board of Trustees expressed interest in further studying the issue of recreational cannabis businesses in Lincolnshire. The Village Board unanimously determined it desirable to gather feedback from voters.

After the April 6 consolidated election, the Village Board is expected to review the results and make a decision on whether to permit recreational cannabis sales in the Village. Board members consistently expressed any recreational cannabis sales, if allowed, should be located in Lincolnshire's business or office/industrial district and not be near schools.

The State of Illinois legalized adult-use recreational cannabis through the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act as of January 1, 2020. The Act granted Illinois municipalities the authority to regulate or prohibit cannabis businesses within their corporate boundaries. The Village Board enacted an ordinance to prohibit cannabis businesses during the December 9, 2019, Regular Village Board meeting.

Residents who voted in Lake County for the November 3, 2020, election are still registered to vote in the April 6 consolidated election. Residents who were not previously registered to vote in Lake County, changed their name since the last election, or moved to Lincolnshire between November 2020 and April 2021 can register online to vote by visiting: https://ova.elections.il.gov/.

Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Goals and Capital Projects

The Fiscal Year 2021 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Program for the Village of Lincolnshire identifies over 30 Village-wide and departmental goals, as well as allocates $3,429,000 for capital improvement projects. Some major goals include:

Community Relations and Policing – The Police Department will continue to work with community leaders to formulate a new Chief's Advisory Committee. The Committee – comprised of diverse stakeholders – will meet regularly to discuss current events and police operations and provide input on best policing practices and community needs.

Updated Comprehensive Plan – The Community & Economic Development Department will update the Village's Comprehensive Plan. The Plan will focus on incorporated and unincorporated properties adjacent to Lincolnshire boundaries ripe for new development in the next 10 years.

Playground Surface Safety and Accessibility – The Public Works Department will develop a program to evaluate Village playgrounds and determine areas for new handicap accessible safety surface installation.

Information Technology (IT) – Village staff will review existing technology, evaluate organizational needs, and execute on key projects to position the Village for future growth, innovation, and service to residents and businesses.

The Village of Lincolnshire has an aggressive Capital Improvement Plan addressing critical equipment, infrastructure, and facilities scheduled to take place in 2021, including the following:

North Park Athletic Court Resurfacing and Installation – The North Park athletic courts were originally planned to be resurfaced in 2019, but the project was paused due to a failing sub-base. The Village Board directed staff to explore alternative options specifically related to tennis and pickleball courts for the vacant space. In January, the Village Board directed staff to solicit bids for court resurfacing to include both tennis and pickleball playing courts.

Cross Town Water Main Project – The Village is planning to install a 12" water main for the final two segments of the Cross Town Water Main Project. The water main will run along Riverwoods Road from Brampton Lane south to Duffy Lane. The water main will increase the Village's water delivery capacity and improve overall system reliability. In conjunction with the water main installation on the west side of Riverwoods Road, a new multi-use path will be constructed between Pembroke Drive and Surrey Lane. This project will result in major construction along the streets mentioned above.

Police Department Body Cameras - The Police Department is evaluating and testing body camera software.

Street Resurfacing – The Village recently completed a pavement analysis of all the driving surfaces in the Village to prioritize failing roadways as part of the annual resurfacing program. Approximately 1.5 miles of roads were identified as priorities in 2021 which include Marriott Drive, Cedar Lane, Elmwood Lane, Hickory Lane, and Oakwood Lane.

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South Village Green Reconstruction – The paver-brick access roadway for both South Village Green condos will be excavated due to poor soil under the road causing failures on the driving surface. Paver bricks will be replaced with asphalt.

Queens Way Drainage Improvement – This project will address the streambank and improve drainage at Queens Way, as well as address the outfall of the ditch at Westminster Way where water discharges into the ponds at the Tri-State International Business Center. This project is being funded in part with a grant from the Lake County Stormwater Management Commission's Watershed Management Board.

Residents are strongly encouraged to sign up for Lincolnshire's regular E-News and Construction Updates E-Newsletter on the Village website to receive the most up-to-date information regarding projects throughout Lincolnshire.

Tree Removal Permits

All trees or group of trees measuring 6" or greater in diameter require Village approval before being removed. You can apply for a tree removal permit online by clicking the "Service Requests" icon on the Village's homepage, or by navigating to the "Service Requests" webpage and selecting "Apply for a Permit". The Village will review applications and make a decision within 10 business days after receiving the application. For additional forestry related questions, contact Tim Baynon, parks and forestry foreman, at 847-913-2382 or by email at tbaynon@lincolnshireil.gov.

Spring Into Safety

As we unthaw from winter and look forward to the springtime bloom, remember these Lincolnshire Police Department safety tips to keep you, your family, and your property safe:

⇒ Even though it's called the #9PMRoutine, residents should follow these tips throughout the day! Always lock your doors and windows when you exit your car or leave your home, turn on extra security measures like alarms and exterior lights, and never leave valuables outside your home – even if they're in a locked car.

⇒ Don't become the victim of a ruse burglary. Never leave your home with anyone posing as a home improvement solicitor, utility contractor, or Village personnel without verifying their identity first.

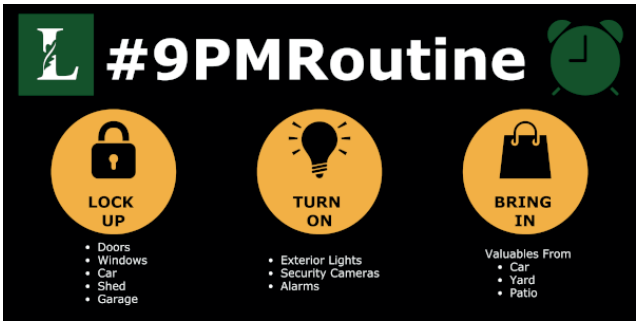
⇒ Be alert and slow down as the weather gets warmer! More kids will be playing outside and in Village parks.

⇒ Keep right while enjoying the Village's expansive path system. Pedestrians and bicyclists should keep to the right side of the paths except when passing another user.

⇒ Being a good neighbor is your best crime prevention tool! Watchful, attentive neighbors can keep an eye on suspicious behavior near your home and alert you and the Police Department right away.

⇒ Change all smoke detector and carbon monoxide batteries.

⇒ Remember, if you see something, say something. Immediately call 9-1-1 for emergencies, and 847-883-9900 for non-emergencies.



Hydrant Flushing

The Village of Lincolnshire Utilities Division will begin flushing fire hydrants in May. Hydrant flushing ensures adequate water flow is available to fire fighters and to help the Village maintain water quality by clearing mineral deposits from the water distribution system. Flushing will be performed by Village staff during the daytime hours in 2021 rather than overnight. Residents are advised to check water color before doing laundry. For more information contact Max Geib, utilities superintendent, at 847-913-2383 or by email at mgeib@lincolnshireil.gov

Keeping our Waterways Clean

The Village of Lincolnshire participates in the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) to help keep our lakes, rivers, and streams as clean as possible. This program aims to assist homeowners and businesses in preventing the discharge of pollutants into the environment via storm sewer. Storm sewers, unlike sanitary sewers, go directly into the nearest river without being treated. When enough household chemicals – such as used motor oil and antifreeze – make their way into our waterways, it can kill fish and plants living in or near the water. For information regarding proper disposal of your used or unwanted chemicals, look for SWALCO's household chemical waste collection flyer by visiting www.swalco.org.

As part of the NPDES, the Village of Lincolnshire constantly monitors all storm sewer discharge points for signs of any contamination. The Public Works Department also has numerous policies and procedures in place to ensure the materials and chemicals we use to maintain Village infrastructure does not enter our waterways, including reducing the amount of salt used in the snow and ice removal program. If you would like to report a case of illegal dumping or have any other water quality concerns, please call the Village at 847-883 -8600. For additional information on the Village Storm Water Pollution Program, please visit the Village's website by going to the Public Works Department's webpage under "Departments", "Public Works", "Streets & Storm Water".

We're Hiring!

The Village of Lincolnshire is currently looking to hire a returning college student or high-school aged individual for the position of North Park laborer.

A seasonal laborer is needed for park and street maintenance. Work begins as soon as school is over and could run through the end of August.

Please visit the Village website at www.lincolnshireil.gov for an employment application or stop by Village Hall to pick one up!

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Spring Lake Beach Information

Summer at Spring Lake Beach will be different this year. Beginning in 2021, lifeguards will no longer be staffed at Spring Lake Beach. Swimmers are to swim at their own risk and adult supervision is recommended. Spring Lake Beach will be open from Memorial Day weekend, May 29, through Labor Day weekend, September 6, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

The Village of Lincolnshire Public Works Department will rake the sand once a week to maintain the beach, and treat the water in the event of a large scale algae bloom. The Lake County Public Health Department will continue testing the water at Spring Lake for bacteria levels twice a month to ensure safe bacteria levels for swimmers. For additional information regarding Spring Lake Beach, contact Marc Facchini, Public Works management analyst, at 847-913-2356.

Save Yourself a Trip! Apply for Permits and Inspections Online

Lincolnshire requires permits for just about every project needing tools, except decorating (e.g., painting, trim work, and carpeting). Contact Mike Jesse, building official, at MJesse@lincolnshireil.gov or 847-913-2318, or Carol Lustig, administrative assistant, at CLustig@lincolnshireil.gov or 847-913-2310 to make sure your next project has the proper permits to avoid delays and additional expenses. You can also save yourself a trip to Village Hall by applying and/or paying for permits online.

The following "express permits" can be applied for, paid for, and issued online:

- Residential Roofing
- Residential Mechanical (Furnace and AC)
- Dumpsters
- Garage/Estate Sales

The following permit applications and plans can also be submitted online:

- Building (Interior Renovations, Decks, Patios, and Sunrooms)
- Residential Driveways
- Fences
- Signage
- Site Work
- Tree Removals
- Fire Systems

Visit the Village website and look for the "Service Requests" icon to start your application permit process. You can also schedule inspections for your project this way as well!

Village Board Considering a Storm Water Utility Fee

The Village completed a Village-Wide Drainage Study in summer 2020 to identify and prioritize storm water capital projects. The study explored a variety of options to improve Village storm water infrastructure in light of more intense rain events, greater volumes of impervious surface upstream of the Des Plaines River, aging infrastructure, and early housing development within the floodplain. The study recommended the following funds needed for the respective categories of possible projects:

- $19 million in public storm water capital improvement projects
- $2.4-4.7 million in detention basins improvements (entailing public and private property improvements)
- $3 million in private property drainage concerns (e.g., backyard flooding)

Recognizing the need for storm water improvements, the Village Board incorporated the recommended projects within the Village's 10-Year Capital Improvement Plan. The Village Board also charged staff with exploring a dedicated funding source for these projects by a way of a storm water utility fee. A variety of communities across the Chicago metropolitan area implemented a similar fee to address storm sewer deficiencies. The fee structure varies across these communities. Some communities charge a flat fee to each property, while others charge the fee based on the volume of impervious surface (e.g., driveways, building footprints, parking lots) per property. Still others assess a special tax to properties that may benefit more directly from certain projects. Village staff continue to research which method may be most appropriate – and equitable – for Lincolnshire.

To learn more about storm water resources, visit the Village website and select "I Want To", then "Find", then "Flooding". To learn more about staff's preliminary research on a storm water utility fee, visit the January 11, 2021, Committee of the Whole meeting materials available on the Village website. Staff will continue to share information with the Village Board regarding fee options, and will develop a webpage with the prospective fee once details on a specific fee structure – and potential fee per property/utility customer – are known.

Back Row: Trustee Harms Muth, Trustee Grujanac, Trustee Leider, and Village Clerk Mastandrea

Front Row: Trustee Raizin, Mayor Brandt, Trustee Pantelis (Trustee Hancock not pictured)

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Architectural Review Board
March 16 - 7 p.m.
April 20 - 7 p.m.
May 18 - 7 p.m.

Board of Trustees/Committee of the Whole
March 8 - 7 p.m.
March 22 - 7 p.m.
April 12 - 7 p.m.
April 26 - 7 p.m.
May 10 - 7 p.m.
May 24 - 7 p.m.

Park Board
March 15 - 7 p.m.
April 19 - 7 p.m.
May 17 - 5:30 p.m. (Tour starting at North Park)

Police Pension
May 11 - 6 p.m.

Zoning Board
March 9 - 7 p.m.
April 13 - 7 p.m.
May 11 - 7 p.m.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

- **March 14** - **Daylight savings time starts**. Turn clocks ahead one hour
- **April 17 - Spring Cleanup** - Residents may put out household goods for pick-up with the exception of "white goods" (appliances), household chemical waste, and landscape waste. Items such as carpeting or lumber must be bundled in lengths not more than 4' long and 2' in diameter. All items must be able to be lifted by one person. All goods must be placed at the curb by 7 a.m. on the morning of the pickup. Residents may begin placing items at the curb after 7 p.m. the night before.
- **April 30** - **Arbor Day Celebration -** Location to be determined. Check the Village website for updates.
- **May 31** - **Memorial Day Commemoration**, 10 a.m. at Spring Lake Park, 49 Oxford Drive
- **May 31** - **Memorial Day** - Village Offices Closed
- **Lincolnshire Swim Club -** March Madness membership promotions start now. Call 847-945-6840 or email lincolnshireswimclub@gmail.com

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Leaf Collection User Charge

With the adoption of the 2021 Budget, the Village of Lincolnshire Board of Trustees made the difficult decision to introduce a user charge to cover the cost of the Village's annual leaf collection program. Village staff surveyed Lincolnshire residents about the leaf collection program and found that over 88% of residents surveyed indicated they utilize the service. A user charge allows the Village to continue offering the leaf collection program while also mitigating the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Collecting fallen leaves not only beautifies the Village, but also keeps streets safe by preventing leaves from clogging the storm sewer system.

The user charge will be reflected on residential Waste Management bills. Residents will be charged an increase of $6.53/month for the remainder of the year starting with Waste Management's March quarterly bill. The user charge will apply to all Lincolnshire households under the Village's residential waste hauling contract.