VILLAGE OF LINCOLNSHIRE

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What to Expect in 2022: Transitioning Waste Haulers, Investing in Infrastructure, and Maintaining Property Taxes

The effects from the COVID-19 pandemic are still being realized and felt in our community. While we made significant strides in battling this virus through high vaccination rates, taking care of one another, and supporting local businesses, Lincolnshire will still feel the impact of the pandemic in Fiscal Year 2022 (FY 2022), including the loss of $6 million in projected revenue between FY 2020 and 2022 due to less travel and leisure activities.

However, the Village Board of Trustees is diligently working to continue to invest in long-term solutions to increase sustainability while decreasing the negative effects of changing weather, implement new services to improve the lives of current and future residents, and find ways to put more money back into your pocket.

Page 2 discusses how switching waste haulers will save residents almost $100/year while also providing more services. This article provides a timeline of what residents can expect from the LRS transition throughout December.

On pages 3 and 6, you will read about how long-term commitments were made to increasing the size and improving the overall storm sewer system throughout the Village. Our goal is to reduce localized flooding by investing more than $9 million into storm sewer capital improvements over 10 years all while receiving less than $13/month from the average resident.

Finally, page 6 gives a high-level snapshot of the Village's priority projects and goals in FY 2022, including how Lincolnshire property taxes are the lowest compared to surrounding communities. Lincolnshire's rate will remain flat at .250 in 2022.

COVID-19 continues to affect us all, but through careful financial planning and decisive action, the Village of Lincolnshire is reducing long-term costs by investing in its infrastructure, negotiating contracts in the best interest of residents, and making our community more competitive than our neighbors.

Waste Hauler Transition Plan

The Village of Lincolnshire will transition waste hauling services from Waste Management to LRS on January 1, 2022. Residents are expected save $93/year, on average, and receive more services with the move to LRS.

Only single-family homes within the Village limits will be affected by the waste hauler transition. Townhomes, private homeowner associations, multi-family units, unincorporated neighborhoods, and businesses will not be affected. Those individuals will continue using their current waste hauler.

Waste Management's last pickup will occur on Wednesday, December 29. After the carts are emptied, residents should leave their green Waste Management carts at the curb until Waste Management collects them. The collection of all Waste Management carts may take several days. Residents will not be fined for having green carts at the curb during the transition.

Residents affected by the waste hauler transition will receive their new, blue carts in mid-to-late December. DO NOT begin using the blue LRS carts until after the final Waste Management pickup on December 29. LRS' first pickup will occur on Wednesday, January 5, 2022. If you have not chosen your desired cart sizes yet, log on to www.LRSrecycles.com/Lincolnshire.

NOTE: It is important to follow the above schedule as Waste Management will not empty blue LRS carts, and LRS will not empty green Waste Management carts.

In addition to refuse, recycling, and yard waste, LRS will also provide Lincolnshire residents with a number of additional services, including: leaf collection, seasonal organic waste collection program, electronic recycling events, reduced yard waste sticker pricing, allowing residents to dispose of one additional item outside of their container each week, spring cleanup, collection of bulk items and white goods, and shredding events. LRS will collect one real holiday tree per property in January at no additional charge. Holiday trees must be real, without decorations, and free of chemicals and sprays.

For questions regarding service, concerns, or to request a change in cart size, contact LRS directly by calling 844-NEED-LRS or emailing Service@LRSrecycles.com. To learn more about the waste hauler transition, scan the QR Code to visit the Village's website.

Holiday Tree Pick-Up

LRS will pick-up one live holiday tree on regularly scheduled pick-up days throughout January. Trees must be free of chemicals, sprays, and decorations. For additional questions regarding this program, please email Service@LRSrecycling.com or call 844-NEED-LRS.

Storm Sewer Utility Fee Approved

The Village Board approved the authority to charge a new storm sewer utility fee for all properties (residential and commercial) on November 8, 2021. The new fee is expected to show on utility bills mailed in February 2022. The new fee will fund $14 million in new storm sewer capital projects over the next 10 years based on recommendations in the 2020 Village-Wide Drainage Study.

Communities across the United States – including many Chicagoland municipalities – charge storm sewer fees much like charges for water and sanitary sewer services. Storm sewer fees fund expenses related to construction and maintenance of the Village's storm sewer system. The fee is based on the amount of impervious surface (e.g., parking lots, building footprints, patios) on each property and the ability of the property to capture storm water during rain events.

The Village Board is expected to approve the actual fee amount in December. Approximately 70% of all residential properties will pay $12.87/month or less, depending on the volume of impervious surface. Properties with more than 5,000 sq. ft. of impervious surface will pay higher monthly fees given the additional "use" of the storm sewer system. When combined with savings from the new waste hauler contract, the average household pay about $5 more per month for improved and expanded waste hauling services, as well as contributions to fund long-term improvements to the storm sewer system.

If property owners can verify their ability to capture a certain amount of storm water before it enters the storm sewer system, they may be eligible to reduce their fee with a one-time payment from the Village.

The Village Board understands the creation of the storm sewer fee may cause residents to ask how much they pay each year to live in Lincolnshire. The table below reflects the total annual cost of core municipal services – property taxes, garbage/leaf collection fees, water/sanitary sewer fees, and storm sewer fees – for local communities that also charge a storm sewer fee. Overall, Lincolnshire is competitive relative to other communities in terms of the cost for annual core municipal services. It is important to note property taxes in each community reflect all property taxes (e.g., schools, fire protection, county), not just a municipality's share. The Village of Lincolnshire's portion is less than 3% of the total property tax bill. For additional information, search for "Storm Sewer Utility Fee" on the Village website to view the project webpage. You can also look up your estimated fee by visiting the Village website, clicking the "Maps" button on top of the homepage, and then selecting "Property Search." Lastly, contact Ben Roesler, assistant village manager/community & economic development director, at 847-913-2312 or broesler@lincolnshireil.gov.

Annual Cost of Core Municipal Services - Local Communities w/ a Storm Sewer Fee[1]

Municipality	*Storm Sewer*	*Property Taxes*	*Garbage/Leaf Collection*	*Water/ Sewer*	*Total Cost of Residency*
Mundelein	$36	$17,405	$281	$1,183	$18,905
Wheeling	$39	$17,768	$276	$798	$18,881
Rolling Meadows	$57	$16,200	$359	$1,570	$18,186
Hoffman Estates	$18	$16,097	$204	$1,327	$17,646
Buffalo Grove	$61	$14,959	$284	$1,121	$16,425
Lincolnshire	$154	$13,767	$317	$1,342	$15,580
Highland Park	$102	$13,361	$362	$1,107	$14,932
Winnetka	$262	$12,850	$432	$913	$14,457
Libertyville	$156	$12,393	$498	$869	$13,916
Wilmette	$199	$12,516	$285	$689	$13,689
Northbrook	$108	$12,201	$212	$685	$13,206

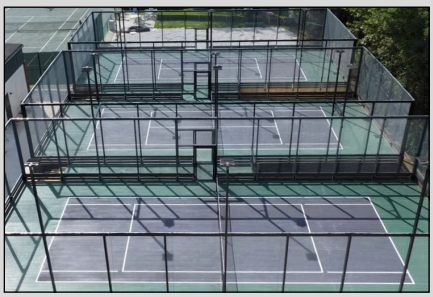
[1] *Assumptions: average residential payment for storm sewer fee; $500,000 home; largest garbage toter (recycling included); 8,000 gallons water/month;*

New Developments

U-Haul Self-Storage Facility Expansion – 200/300 Industrial Drive

The Village Board approved U-Haul's Phase 2 expansion proposal to construct new self-storage, warehouse buildings, and RV parking structures at 200/300 Industrial Drive. Construction is in progress and is expected to be completed in the first half of 2022.

LifeSport Athletic Club – 96 Elm Road



The Village Board approved improvements to the LifeSport Athletic Club including the removal of an inactive outdoor swimming pool and basketball courts to make room for new platform tennis courts. The project is complete and the club is enrolling new members and platform tennis enthusiasts. LifeSport has served the Lincolnshire community since the 1970s.

Mixed-Use Development – 225 Marriott Drive

Keystone Planning + Design received conceptual approval to move through the development review process for Phase 1 preliminary development plans of the 8-acre mixed-use development at the southwest corner of Milwaukee Avenue and Half Day Road on October 11, 2021. Phase 1 consists of a Thornton's gas station/convenience store, Buona Beef restaurant, Original Rainbow Cone restaurant, and a second restaurant/retail building (to be determined). If approved, construction may start in 2022. Phase 2 approvals will occur per a separate schedule following final Phase 1 approvals.

Prevent Water Lines From Freezing with These 5 Tips

In cold winter conditions, water service lines can freeze. Frozen underground and indoor pipes can cause low pressure, total pressure loss, or burst a pipe. To prevent frozen pipes consider the following five useful tips:

1. Keep the heat on – maintain home temperatures above 55° Fahrenheit.
2. Allow faucets to drip – if you're afraid a pipe will freeze, allow faucets to drip slightly to relieve pressure in the system.
3. Keep interior doors open – heat from the rest of your home can keep pipes warm if cabinet doors are open.
4. Seal cracks and holes near pipes – sealing cracks and holes can help keep cold air outside and warm air inside.
5. Add extra insulation – Pipes located in areas without proper insulation may need extra insulation to prevent freezing.

Get Out of Your Slump – Move Your Sump Pump!

Between November 1 and April 1, property owners must redirect sump pump discharges from the street to flow onto their property. This helps prevent ice buildup in the streets which can create safety hazards to motorists and pedestrians. Ice buildup can also damage roadways and snow removal equipment. Residents could receive violation notices and incur fines for not moving their sump pump discharge.

Welcome New Businesses

- Charming Charlie, a women's fashion retailer – 970 Milwaukee Avenue
- Chipy Café, a family-owned breakfast and lunch eatery – 275 Parkway Drive
- Weston Solutions, and environmental and infrastructure services support firm – 300 Knightsbridge Parkway

It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year to Shop, Dine, & Stay in Lincolnshire!

Celebrate this holiday season by supporting Lincolnshire restaurants, retailers, hotels, and other businesses! Local businesses offer:

- Great dining and entertainment
- Luxury accommodations
- Fun shopping
- Relaxing spa treatments

Scan the QR code to visit Lincolnshire's Virtual Mall.

"We are very grateful to be part of this community. It's a privilege to work with so many great local schools and organizations and we appreciate the way the community and residents support us!"

- Kevin Weasler,
Culver's restaurant owner

"I thank the Lincolnshire community and residents for supporting us during this difficult time and we will do our best to serve you better. Thank you, neighbors! "

- Max Pak, Starfish Sushi restaurant owner

"As an entrepreneur in the events industry, the pandemic hit hard and we're still experiencing its effects. I encourage everyone to lead with kindness and understanding that while we're all in the same storm, we're not all in the same boat. Please support your local businesses!"

-Jazmine Gonzalez, Loft 21 events venue

Village Board Considers Fiscal Year 2022 Budget

During the fourth quarter of each year, the Village Board of Trustees works with staff to develop the budget for the coming fiscal year. Lincolnshire's fiscal year aligns with the calendar year (January 1 – December 31). The Village Board is scheduled to approve the Fiscal Year 2022 (FY 2022) budget by December 2021. To review a complete copy of the budget, visit the Village website here:

Below are highlights from the FY 2022 budget discussed at the budget workshop on October 18, 2021.

Balanced Budget: The FY 2022 budget is balanced with the use of reserve funds to assist in funding capital costs.

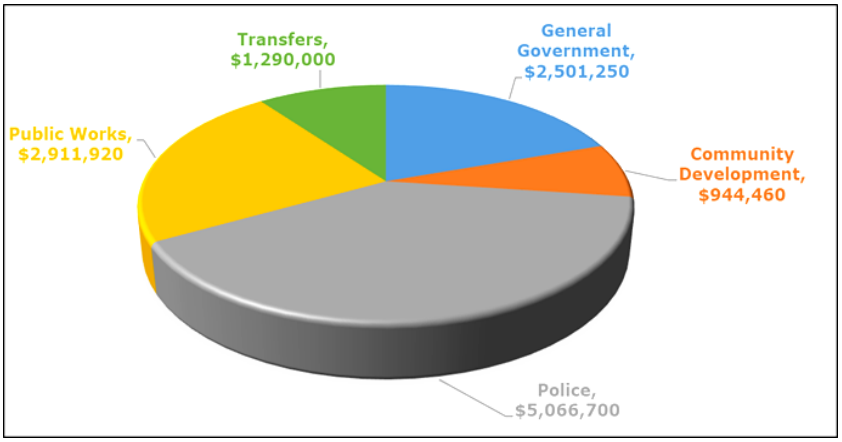
2022 Goals: Each year, Village departments work with the Village Board to develop organizational goals. Expenditures related to these goals are incorporated into the proposed budget for the coming year. For 2022, the Village Board and staff identified 32 goals. Proposed goals for 2022 can be found on page 42 of the draft budget.

Cost Cutting Measures: The Village's revenue decreased significantly in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As storefronts, restaurants, and hotels were closed to the public, the Village lost sales tax, food and beverage tax, hotel tax, and admission tax revenue. In order to continue providing core services to the public, the Village took cost cutting measures such as wage freezes, leaving multiple positions unfilled, decreased training and travel, delaying capital projects, and reducing or eliminating part time and seasonal employees. The Fiscal Year 2022 budgeted revenue is not expected to rebound back to pre-pandemic levels seen in 2019, therefore many of the above cost cutting measures are still in place for the upcoming year.

Major Infrastructure Plans in 2022: The FY 2022 budget includes a significant number of capital projects including repaving portions of Cornell Drive, Anglican Lane, Northampton Lane, Elsinoor Drive, and all of Barclay Boulevard with grant funding from the Illinois Department of Transportation. The budget also reflects the completion of the Cross Town Water Main project and water main replacement on Northampton Lane. There will be multiple upgrades to the Village's parks, including an upgrade to the North Park bathroom and concession facilities, parking improvements to Rivershire Park, replacement of the park entry signs, and installation of accessible playground surface at Balzer Park. Additionally, the Police Department plans to implement body cameras in 2022 along with the replacement of multiple cameras and in-car computers in police vehicles.

Creation of Storm Sewer Fund: 2022 will be the first year where there is a dedicated revenue source to upgrade and maintain the Village's storm sewer system. The FY 2022 budget calls for a $4.2 million upgrade to the storm sewer on Windsor Court, in addition to engineering costs related to future storm sewer projects on Lincolnshire Drive and in the neighborhood surrounding Spring Lake Park. These projects are planned to be funded with debt proceeds due to the large cost of the projects, and paid back over a period of time.

Where does my money go? The chart on the right shows the breakdown of the General Fund expenditures to each Department. Over 50% of the General Fund revenue is dedicated directly to personnel costs.



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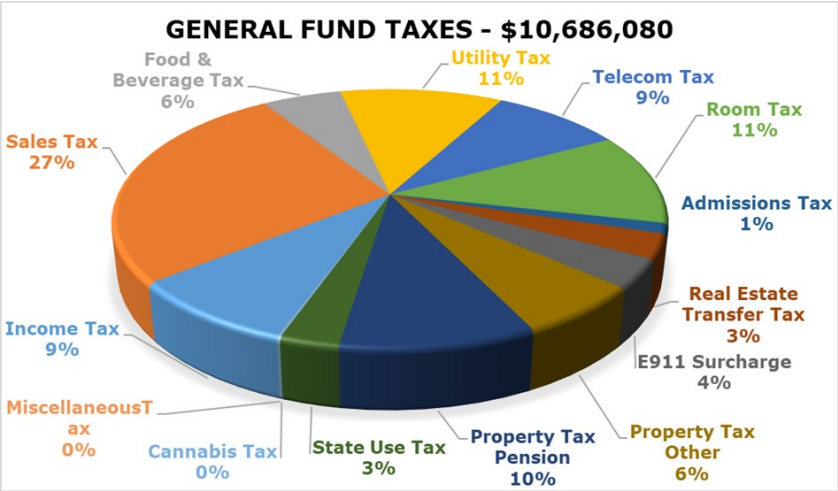
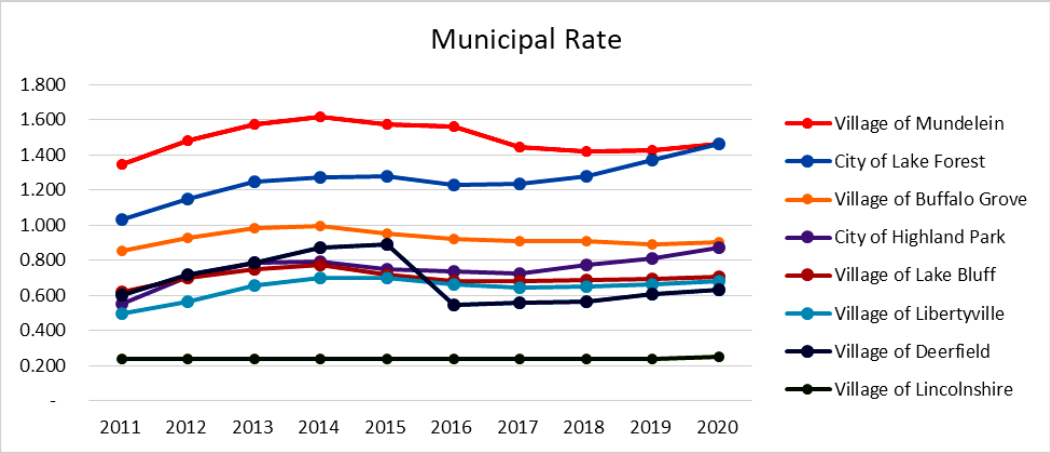
Where does the money come from?
The 2022 General Fund budget calls for $12.8 million of revenue. Of that, 83% comes directly from multiple taxing sources including sales tax, property tax, and income tax. The remaining 17% of General Fund revenue comes from licenses and fees, grants, fines, forfeitures, and other small sources. The chart below shows all of the Village's tax revenue and what percentage of the total amount it accounts for. Due to the COVID -19 pandemic, the Village expects to see revenue levels 9% lower than pre-pandemic levels in 2019.



Property Tax: Village staff presented its recommended property tax levy to the Village Board on October 11. Village property taxes can ONLY be used for Police Pension/Public Safety, and nothing else. The Village's tax rate stayed flat at 0.241 for eight straight years (2013-2020). It was not until FY 2021 where the tax rate slightly increased to 0.25 (3.7%). The tax rate for bills paid in 2022 will stay flat in FY 2022 as well. The Board is expected to pass the tax levy ordinance on November 22, 2021. The property tax bill on a $500,000 home is approximately $13,750. The Village accounts for less than 3% of the total tax bill, or $402 on a $500,000 home. The Village's tax rate of 0.25 is significantly lower than the surrounding municipalities as shown in the graph below. The rates of surrounding municipalities go as high as 1.464, or 485% greater than the Village of Lincolnshire.



Village Sponsors Toys for Tots

The Village of Lincolnshire is again hosting a "Toys for Tots" collection box this holiday season. New, unwrapped toys may be dropped off at Village Hall through Monday, December 13, 2021. If your business would like to schedule a box drop off/ pick-up, please call Sergeant Michael F. Edie at 708-567-4684 or go to toysfortots.org. Please help fill the box with toys for children this holiday season.

Protect Your Personal Accounts From Being Hacked

The Lincolnshire Police Department is committed to helping citizens protect personal accounts from being hacked. There are many social media trends which request personal information in survey form, with questions such as "What was your first car?" and "What street did you grow up on?"

Many people answer these questions to be part of the social media trends. While these surveys are interesting to read and fun to answer, they share personal information about you to cyber fraudsters. Additional identifying questions may include information about your first job, favorite food, favorite color, name of first pet, first child's name, favorite restaurant, what grade school you attended, favorite band or song, mother's maiden name, and high school mascot. Answers to these questions provide important, private identifying information, and should not be answered and shared on social media.

The Police Department recommends regularly changing passwords on personal accounts, especially if you were notified of a data breach. Furthermore, do not use the same password on multiple accounts. Strong passwords include capital letters, lowercase letters, numbers, and symbols. Passwords should not be overly difficult to remember, but should be specific enough that it can't be guessed. We also recommend not storing passwords in the notes application on your phone.

If you would like additional information on protecting your identity please visit IdentityTheft.gov. If you become a victim of identity theft, remember to file a police report with your local police department, and with the Federal Trade Commission at ftc.gov.

What is your favorite...?
Don't Give Out Your Personal Information

What was your first car?

Chief's Community Council on Police Operations (C3po) Update

The Chief's Community Council on Police Operations (C3po) began meeting this fall. The photo is in front of Blackdog Speed Shop following the November meeting.

The formal goals of C3po are to:

- Help the community gain an understanding of law enforcement operations, policies, and procedures through training from Police Department staff and subject matter experts. In so doing, share ideas to strengthen the delivery of police services to the public.
- Assist with recruitment of a diverse pool of police officer applicants.
- Aid in Police Department problem-solving efforts.
- Develop recommendations for transformative solutions and best practices regarding police policies and culture.
- Work with the Police Department to ensure the agency is protecting constitutional guarantees and impartially enforcing the law, that bias-based policing and/or racial profiling will not be tolerated. Ensure delivery of police services is provided equally, honestly, and with integrity.

Back Row: Trustee Grujanac, Trustee Pantelis, Trustee Mitchell, Trustee Harms Muth, Village Clerk Mastandrea

Front Row: Trustee Raizin, Mayor Brandt, Trustee Wright

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Architectural Review Board
December 15 - 7 p.m.
January 18 - 7 p.m.
February 15 - 7 p.m.

Board of Trustees/Committee of the Whole
December 13 - 7 p.m.
January 10 - 7 p.m.
January 24 - 7 p.m.
February 14 - 7 p.m.
February 28 - 7 p.m.

Park Board
December 20 - 7 p.m.
January 19 - 7 p.m. *Wednesday - due to Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February 22 - 7 p.m. *Tuesday—due to President's Day

Police Pension
February 8 - 6 p.m.

Zoning Board
December 14 - 7 p.m.
January 11 - 7 p.m.
February 8 - 7 p.m.

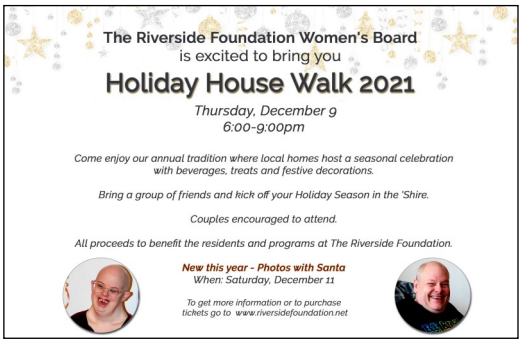
WINTER CALENDAR

December 3

- Lincolnshire Lights - 5:30 p.m. at Village Green

December 9

- Riverside Foundation Holiday House Walk
  6 - 9 p.m. Go to www.riversidefoundation.net for more information and to purchase tickets.

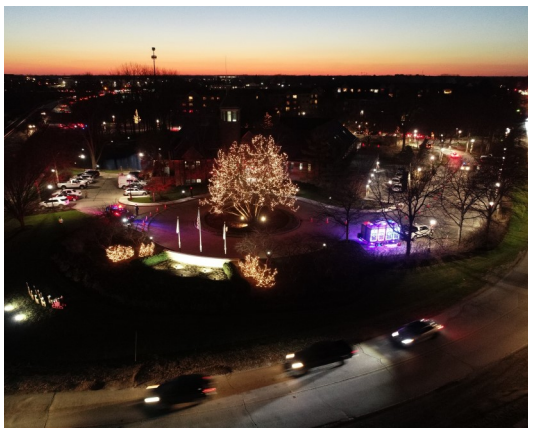


December 24 - 27

- Christmas Holiday Observed
  Village Offices Closed

December 31

- New Year's Day Observed
  Village Offices Closed



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Let's Skate, Lincolnshire

Ice skating is available at the following locations as weather conditions allow.

Spring Lake Park - Open skating is allowed from dawn to dusk when safe conditions allow. Signs will be posted on the beach end of the lake advising users when it is unsafe for skating. A minimum of 6" of ice is required for ice skating at Spring Lake Park.

North Park - Ice skating is allowed from sunrise to 11 p.m. daily.