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WINTER

Start the Holiday Season at Lincolnshire Lights

The Village will celebrate the most wonderful time of the year during Lincolnshire Lights at Village Green on December 1 from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Lincolnshire Lights bring families, businesses, vendors, and community organizations together to celebrate the holidays and commemorate the season of giving. Families can enjoy musical performances by local school bands and choirs, take pictures with Santa, and witness the amazing Merry Mixer, presented by OZINGA. The event is brought to you in partnership between the Village of Lincolnshire and Baceline Group, owners of the Village Green.

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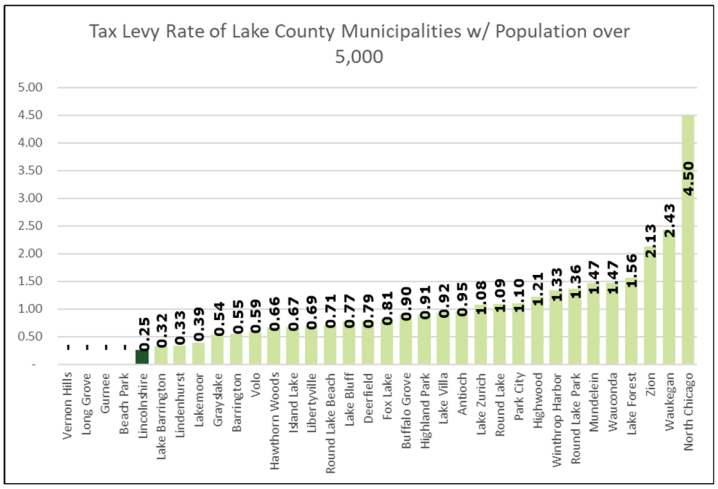
Village Board Considers Fiscal Year 2024 Budget

Each year, the Village Board of Trustees works with staff to develop the budget for the coming fiscal year. The Village Board is scheduled to approve the Fiscal Year 2024 (FY 2024) Budget in December 2023. The Village's fiscal year aligns with the calendar year. You can view the entire proposed budget by scanning this QR code. Otherwise, here are a few highlights.

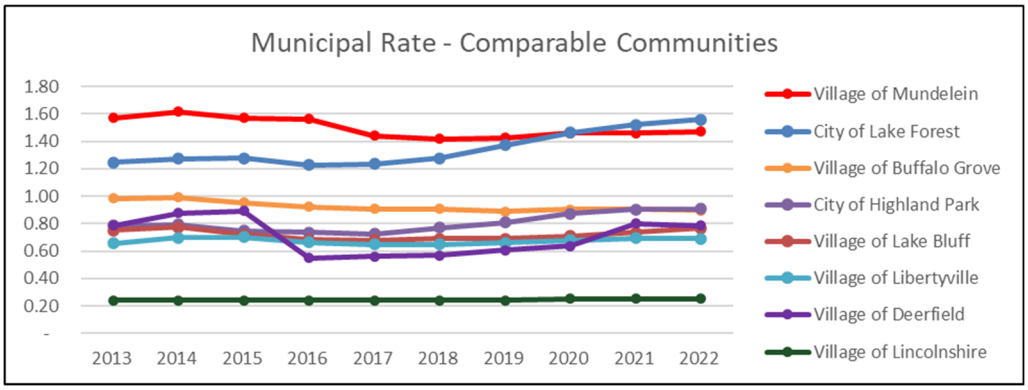
Balanced Budget: The FY 2024 Budget is balanced with the use of reserve funds to assist in funding capital expenses. All Village fiscal policies are met within the proposed budget as well.

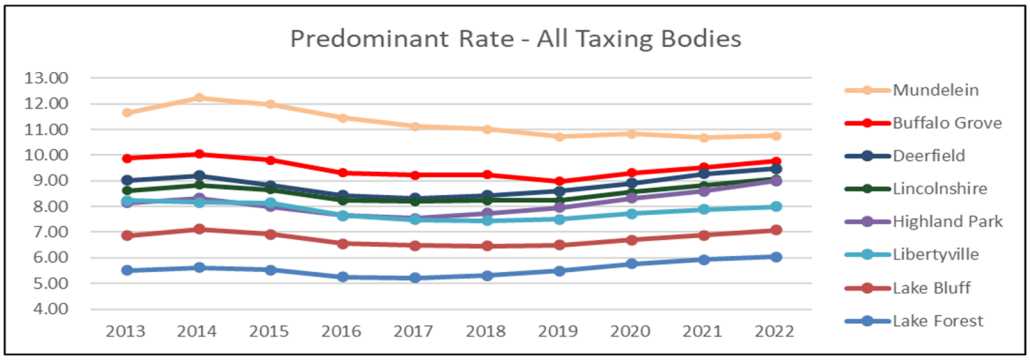
Property Tax Rate: There are 34 municipalities in Lake County with a population greater than 5,000 residents. Of the municipalities that levy a property tax, Lincolnshire had the lowest municipal property tax rate in tax year 2022 (FY 2023) at 0.250. This is 410% lower than the average municipal rate of 1.09 and 28% lower than the second lowest municipal tax rate (0.320).

For eight straight years (FY 2013 – FY 2020), the Village Board held the tax levy rate at 0.241. In FY 2021, the rate increased slightly to 0.250. With both most recent tax rates, the Village received less than 3% of the total property tax bill. The remaining portion of property taxes are distributed to other local government entities like schools, libraries, and fire protection districts.



The Village's equalized assessed value (EAV) has an estimated increase of 4.88% from the prior year to $708 million. A home with a value of $550,000 can expect a property tax bill of approximately $16,000. In 2024, Lincolnshire will maintain the status of lowest municipal tax rate in Lake County amongst municipalities with a population of 5,000 or greater. More than 70% of a Lincolnshire resident's property tax bills is distributed to School District 103 and 125 located in Lincolnshire.



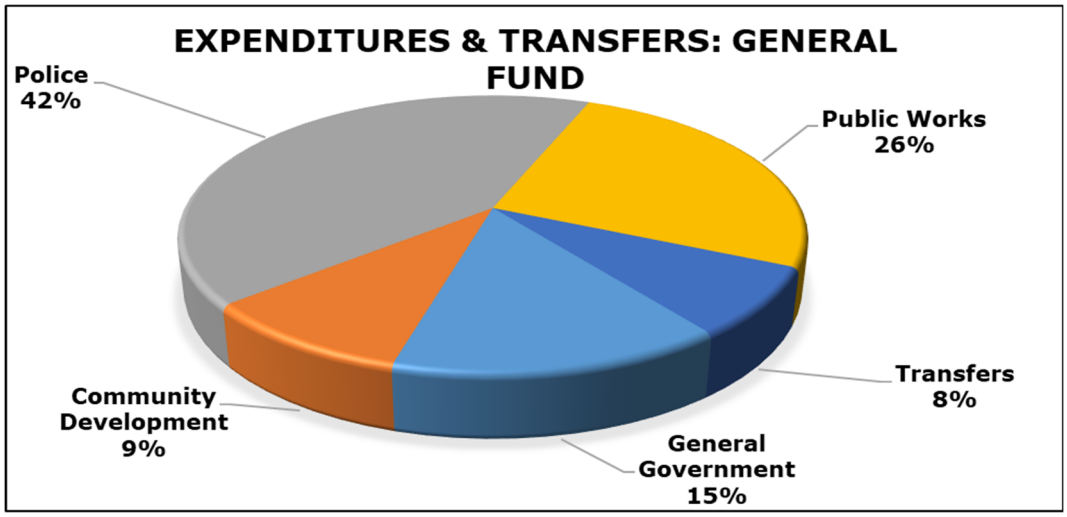


**Predominant rate - Tax rate paid by the majority of residents in a given municipality*

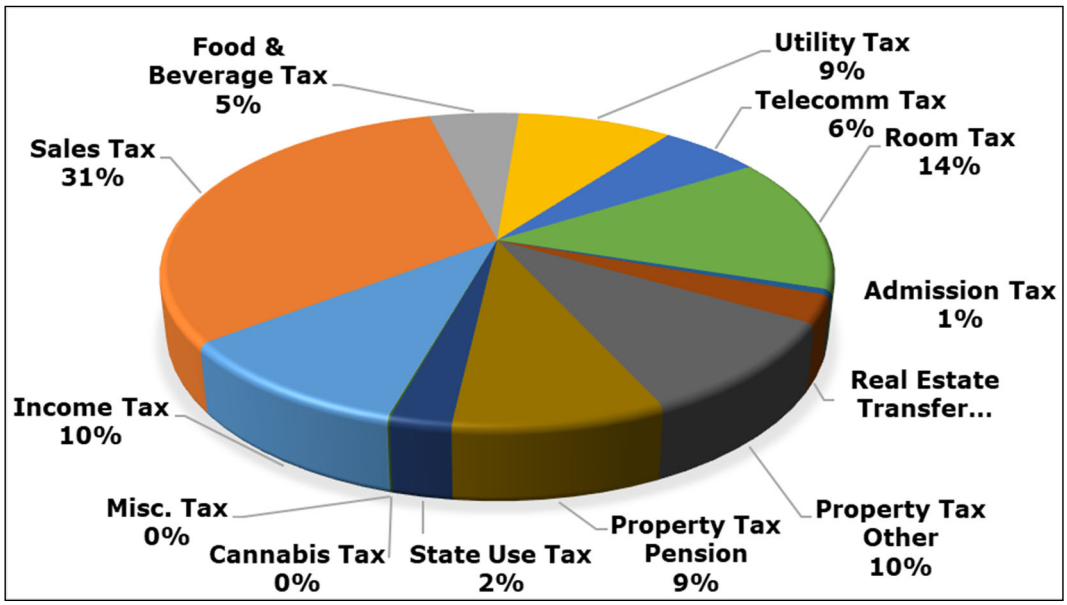
2024 Goals: As part of the budget process, the Village Board also approves organizational goals and the corresponding expenditures incorporated into the proposed budget. For 2024, the Village Board and staff identified 27 goals, including the adoption of a Technology Strategic Plan, implementing recommendations from the recently updated Comprehensive Plan, and updating the Economic Development Strategic Plan. All goals for 2024 can be found in the draft budget or on the Village website.

Revenue Trends: Most revenue sources rebounded in FY 2023 to pre-pandemic. Between 2020 and 2021, key Village revenues experienced a cumulative $7 million decline. This decline can largely be attributed to Lincolnshire's reliance on several industries most directly impacted by pandemic-era restrictions and changes in consumer behavior which resulted in decreased revenue for Hotel, Admission, Food & Beverage, and Sales Taxes.

Where does my money go? The top chart below shows the breakdown of the General Fund expenditures related to each Village department. Across all departments, over 70% of General Fund revenue is dedicated directly to personnel costs such as salaries, benefits, and pensions.



Where does the money come from? The draft FY 2024 General Fund budget reflects $14 million in revenue. Most of that revenue comes from sales tax, hotel tax, income tax, and property tax. Non-tax revenue includes grants, fees, fines, and other small sources. The below chart shows all the Village's tax revenue and what percentage of the total amount it accounts for.



Plan and Stay Safe on the Road This Winter

Winterizing your vehicle is crucial to ensure safe travels over the holidays, so here six things to keep you and your family safe during the winter months:

- **Prepare an Emergency Kit:** In the event you're stuck in a snowbank, or your vehicle dies, a flashlight, a first-aid kit, portable charger, and a blanket could mean the difference between getting home safely or a trip to the hospital. A small shovel, sand, or sidewalk salt can also help you get unstuck.
- **Use a Proper Antifreeze Mix:** Make sure the coolant in your vehicle is a 50/50 mix of antifreeze and water to prevent freezing.
- **Check the Battery:** Cold weather can be tough on car batteries, especially starting them after being outside in subzero temperatures. Talk to your local mechanic to ensure your battery is in good working condition or replace it before you are stranded out in the cold.
- **Measure Tire Pressure:** During the wintertime, tires can lose air pressure, so get in the habit of checking your tire pressure every time you fill up with fuel.
- **Replace Windshield Wipers:** Install winter wiper blades for your vehicle to withstand the snow and ice during the winter season. Make sure your vehicle's windshield wiper fluid reservoir is filled with a winter solution to avoid freezing in the icy temperatures.
- **Keep Your Tank Full:** Keeping your fuel tank at least half full helps prevent the fuel line from freezing and ensures you don't run out of gas.

Winter Driving Tips and Tricks

Winter driving requires a different level of preparation, attention, and skill due to the challenges of cold temperatures, road conditions, and reduced visibility. Keep these tips in mind and practice them regularly to avoid accidents.

Preparation:

- Check local weather and road conditions before you hit the road. Winter weather contributes to numerous crashes and road closures throughout the season.
- Plan your route ahead of time. Choose major roadways and streets – they have a higher probability of being plowed and treated for ice.
- Share your route with family or friends before you leave so they know when to expect you – and where to direct public safety professionals to look for you if something goes wrong.

Attention:

- Before you begin driving, remove all snow and ice from your vehicle by defrosting your windows and using a snow brush to remove excess snow on all areas of your car.
- Use your headlights and turn signals to let other drivers know when you're approaching them or changing lanes.

Skills:

- Pay attention to the speed limit, and more importantly the drivers around you, to know how fast you should drive.
- Increase your distance between the vehicles ahead of you to allow for additional stopping time.
- Apply gentle and steady pressure to the brakes to avoid skidding. If your vehicle starts to skid, steer in the direction you want to go and avoid overcorrecting.
- If conditions are too difficult to drive, find a safe place to pull over and wait out the storm before resuming travels.

Snow is in the Forecast - What are Those Lines on the Street?

Public Works regularly pre-treats residential roads before snowfall begins with a pet-friendly, sodium-based liquid brine. The anti-icing liquid reduces the change of snow and ice sticking to the street. It also cuts rock salt usage by 30%, which lessens the environmental impact of roadway salt.

Snow Operations Facts, Figures, and Reminders

⇒ Miles of Road Lanes Plowed by the Village: 40 Miles
⇒ Village Code prohibits street parking between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m., and/or after a snow accumulation of 1" or more.
⇒ Short-term parking may be allowed under special circumstances. Residents may complete an overnight street parking request online or contact the Lincolnshire Police Department at 847-883-9900.
⇒ Village Code prohibits private snow removal services from pushing snow into streets.
⇒ Public Works strives to clear the streets within six hours after snowfall ends, and clear paths afterward.
⇒ Place refuse containers behind the curb – not the street to ensure they are not hit by plows.

Disconnect Your Sump Pump Discharge

Village Code requires residents to disconnect sump pump discharges that flow to the street and redirect the flow onto their property from November 1 through April 1. This prevents the potential for ice buildup in streets creating hazardous conditions for motorists and pedestrians. Contact Public Works at 847-913-2380 if you have questions about re-directing your sump pump.

Report Snow/Ice Concerns

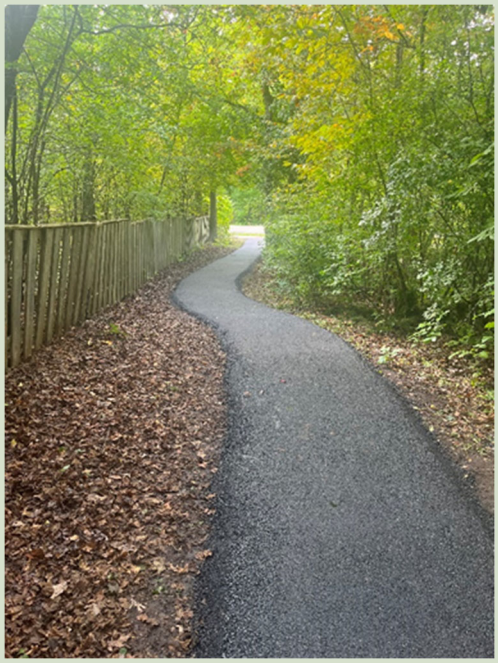
Lincolnshire does not provide plowing or salting services on State, County, or Township roads that run through the Village. To report concerns, contact the following agencies:

Road	Agency	Contact Info
• Village residential and corporate streets • Unincorporated parts of Hotz Road, Indian Creek Road, Olsen Court, and Old Mill Road	Lincolnshire Public Works Department	847-913-2380 or Online Service Request Service Requests
• Milwaukee Ave • Route 22 (Half Day Road) • Olde Half Day Road	Illinois Department of Transportation	847-244-0034
• Riverwoods Road • Everett Road • Aptakisic Road • Duffy Lane	Lake County Department of Transportation	847-377-7400
• Elm Road • Port Clinton Road	Vernon Township Highway Department	847-634-4600 After-Hours Emergency Phone: 847-634-8764
• I-94 and ramps from IL 22 to and from I- 94	Illinois Tollway Authority	Dial *999

Capital Project Recap - 2023

This year's road resurfacing program included Cornell Drive, Reliance Lane by Sprague School, and Elsinoor Drive. Also on Elsinoor Drive, 1,000 feet of new storm sewer was added to improve drainage conditions.

The bike path by Old Mill Park (north side of Half Day Road between Riverwoods Road and Old Mill Road) as well as the connector path between Dukes Lane and the Riverwoods Road north-south path was resurfaced this year.



Entryway and park signage was also updated this year, in line with the Village's current visual brand.

Our Vision is Becoming Clearer; *Aspire Lincolnshire* Comprehensive Plan Nearing Completion

After more than one year of dedicated brainstorming, meticulous planning, and invaluable community feedback, we're approaching the release of a visionary roadmap that will steer Lincolnshire into a bright and promising future. This future will focus on redevelopment opportunities for areas like the Corporate Center, Par-King Skill Golf, and the former Hewitt headquarters property, while maintaining the desirable neighborhoods, charming parks, and picturesque path systems that make Lincolnshire such a special place.

In early 2024, we plan to debut the new Comprehensive Plan that will guide economic development, housing, transportation, and sustainability goals for the next decade and beyond. These goals have been informed by community surveys, open house events, and input via the project website. Your suggestions have been key in ensuring Lincolnshire is a great place to raise a family, own a business, and create memories every day of the week. There's still time to share your thoughts, so visit the project website – AspireLincolnshire.org – and let us know how we can make Lincolnshire even better than it already is.

We're not just looking at tomorrow; we're crafting a blueprint to shape the Village for generations to come. With a keen focus on fostering a sense of community and economic vitality, this plan is set to lay the foundation for a prosperous and resilient future.

Support Lincolnshire Restaurants for a Chance to Win Big - Sip & Savor the Holidays

'Tis the season for giving, and we'd like to give you the chance to show support for Lincolnshire restaurants by participating in Lincolnshire's "Sip & Savor" contest! Five lucky people will win a $100 gift certificate to a Lincolnshire restaurant of their choice. Here's how you can participate:

1. Visit 10 or more unique Lincolnshire restaurants between November 21 and December 31, 2023. One visit per restaurant.
2. Submit copies of your receipts via QR code or drop them off at Village Hall, along with your name , phone number, and email address by January 5, 2024 (attention Tonya Zozulya; tzozulya@lincolnshireil.gov; subject line "Lincolnshire Sip & Savor"). Eligible expenses include dine-in, delivery, or carryout orders. Gift card purchases are excluded.
3. Share your experience with photos or videos on social media using the official hashtag #LincolnshireSip&Savor.
4. Tag the restaurant (if applicable) and the Village of Lincolnshire in your posts.

Show your love for Lincolnshire by participating in and celebrating the unique flavors and culinary talents of our local restaurants!

Community Calendar

December

1 | Lincolnshire Lights | Village Green | 5:30 p.m.

22 - 25 | Christmas Holiday Observed | Village Offices Closed

28 |Waste Collection pickup | delayed one day due to the holiday

January

1 | New Year's Day– Village Offices Closed

Holiday Tree Collection Guidelines

Holiday tree collection begins Thursday, January 5 and occurs every Wednesday throughout January. Here's are a few things you can do to ensure an efficient and effective pickup season.

Natural Trees

Natural trees, wreaths, garlands, etc. will be collected at no charge during collection days. Please limit trees placed out for collection to one per week. Natural trees are not considered bulk items, so they will not count towards your one free bulk item limit per week. Trees must be free of chemicals, sprays, and decorations.

Artificial Trees

Artificial trees or holiday decorations can be placed at the curb as a regular "bulk item" during any regular service day throughout the year. Residents may place one bulk item at the curb every collection day for no additional charge. Any additional bulk item will require an LRS sticker.

Reminders

* Do not wrap natural trees in plastic. Trees wrapped in plastic will not be collected.
* All decorations, stands, tinsel, garland, etc. must be removed for any tree to be collected.
* Place all trees at curbside. Only trees placed at the curb will be collected.

Please call LRS, the Village's wastehauler contractor, at 844-633-3577 with any questions.

Winter Weather Mailbox Inspection

Residents should inspect their mailboxes to ensure they are in good condition and properly installed per USPS guidelines. Mailboxes properly installed are less likely to be damaged by snow or snowplows. If you believe your mailbox was damaged by Village of Lincolnshire snow removal equipment, call Public Works at 847-913-2380 or submit a service request via the Village website.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Architectural Review Board
December 19 - 7 p.m.
January 16 - 7 p.m.
February 20 - 7 p.m.

Board of Trustees/Committee of the Whole
December 11 - 7 p.m.
January 8 - 7 p.m.
January 22 - 7 p.m.
February 12 - 7 p.m.
February 26 - 7 p.m.

Park Board
December 18 –7 p.m.
January 17 - 7 p.m. (Wednesday)
February 21 - 7 p.m. (Wednesday

Police Pension Board
January 24 - 6 p.m.

Zoning Board
December 12 - 7 p.m.
January 9 - 7 p.m.
February 13 - 7 p.m.

Spread Joy This Holiday Season - Join Our Toys for Tots Donation Drive

With the holiday season just around the corner, it's time to embrace the spirit of giving and bring joy to the lives of children in need. Let's come together to support Lincolnshire's annual Toys for Tots donation campaign.

We urge you to open your hearts by donating new, unwrapped toys to the Lincolnshire Lights at Village Green on December 1, or at Village Hall until December 11. Let's work together to ensure every child in our community experiences the warmth and wonder of the holiday season. Donate a toy, spread joy, and be a part of something truly meaningful.

Let's Skate, Lincolnshire!

Winter weather doesn't mean our parks are empty! Ice skating is available at the following locations.

Spring Lake Park - Skating is allowed from dawn to dusk. Signs will be posted at the beach 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 - Skating is allowed from sunrise to 10:00 p.m. daily. Signs will be posted closing the ice rink if conditions are not favorable for ice skating.

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Welcome New Businesses

Good Sushi, a sushi restaurant – 255 Parkway Drive

Sola Salon Studios, suites for various beauty professionals – 970 Milwaukee Avenue

XVP Studios, a video production company – 640 Margate Drive

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