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LINCOLNSHIRE

WINTER

Lincolnshire Lights Sparkles with New Drone Show and Community Festivities

Mark your calendar for Friday, December 6, when Lincolnshire Lights will bring holiday magic to the Village! From 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., join neighbors, friends, and family for an evening of music, lights, and holiday cheer at 100 Village Green. This year's event will be bigger and brighter than ever, with holiday performances from local school choirs and bands. The highlight for many will be the arrival of Santa Claus himself escorted by the Lincolnshire-Riverwoods Fire Protection District and the Lincolnshire Police Department.

New this year, will be the Village's first-ever special event drone show! This spectacular display will light up the night sky over Village Green. The drone show will add a modern twist to the community's beloved tradition, making Lincolnshire Lights a truly magical event for everyone in the community.

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The evening will conclude with a community sing-along featuring a special commissioned song titled "Lincolnshire Lights", composed by Bill Vaananen.

Warm up your vocal cords and sing along to this festive tune as we come together to embrace the holiday season! Bring your family and friends to Lincolnshire Lights for a night of holiday magic, unity, and excitement. We can't wait to see you there!

For more information, you visit the Lincolnshire website at www.lincolnshireil.gov/i-want-to/special-events/holiday-tree-lighting.

Comprehensive Plan Approval Leads to Major Initiatives

Due to the recent August 2024 Comprehensive Plan update, the Village is at work on completing a housing study (in partnership with the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus), as well as updating its Economic Development Strategic Plan.

Lincolnshire has partnered with the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, who provide technical and professional expertise to communities throughout the Chicago region, given their more than two decades of experience in evaluating housing markets across the Chicago region. By analyzing demographic information, conducting focus groups with community stakeholders, and administering a survey for those who live and work in Lincolnshire, the Village will develop a Housing Action Plan. The plan will identify policies, improvements, and investments needed for Lincolnshire's housing market to help it meet resident and workforce needs in the near-term and for years to come.

The second major initiative coming out of adoption of the new Comprehensive Plan is an update to the Village's Economic Development Strategic Plan. Last updated in 2018, the current work will involve additional focus groups, research into industry trends, and developing metrics to arrive at actionable goals and objectives to guide the Village's economic development over the next five years. These goals and objectives will focus on strategic redevelopment of the Lincolnshire Corporate Center; recruiting and retaining businesses; and leveraging financial incentives to keep Lincolnshire competitive in the region and ensure our community is where businesses are proud to call "find their space".

Homes for a Changing Region

The completion date for the housing study and update to the economic development plan is anticipated to be spring 2025. Contact Tonya Zozulya, Planning and Development Manager, at tzozulya@lincolnshireil.gov or at 847-913-2313, with any questions.

We Pre-treat to Prepare for Snow

Public Works regularly treats residential roads before snowfall begins with a pet-friendly, sodium -based liquid brine. The anti-icing liquid reduces the chance of snow and ice sticking to the street. Much more effective than rock salt, the brine allows staff to cut rock salt usage by 30%, lessening environmental impact and taking a more targeted approach to de-icing rather than scattering rock salt.

Is Your Mailbox Ready for Winter?

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. View the USPS mailbox guidelines at www.usps.com/manage/mailboxes.htm

Reduce Risk by Relocating Your Sump Pump Discharge

Did you know the Village Code requires residents to disconnect sump pump discharges that flow to the street? From November 1 to April 1, the Village requires residents redirect the flow onto their property. 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.

Who Plows That Road?

Lincolnshire does not provide plowing or salting services on State, County, or Township roads in 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 at www.lincolnshireil.gov
• **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

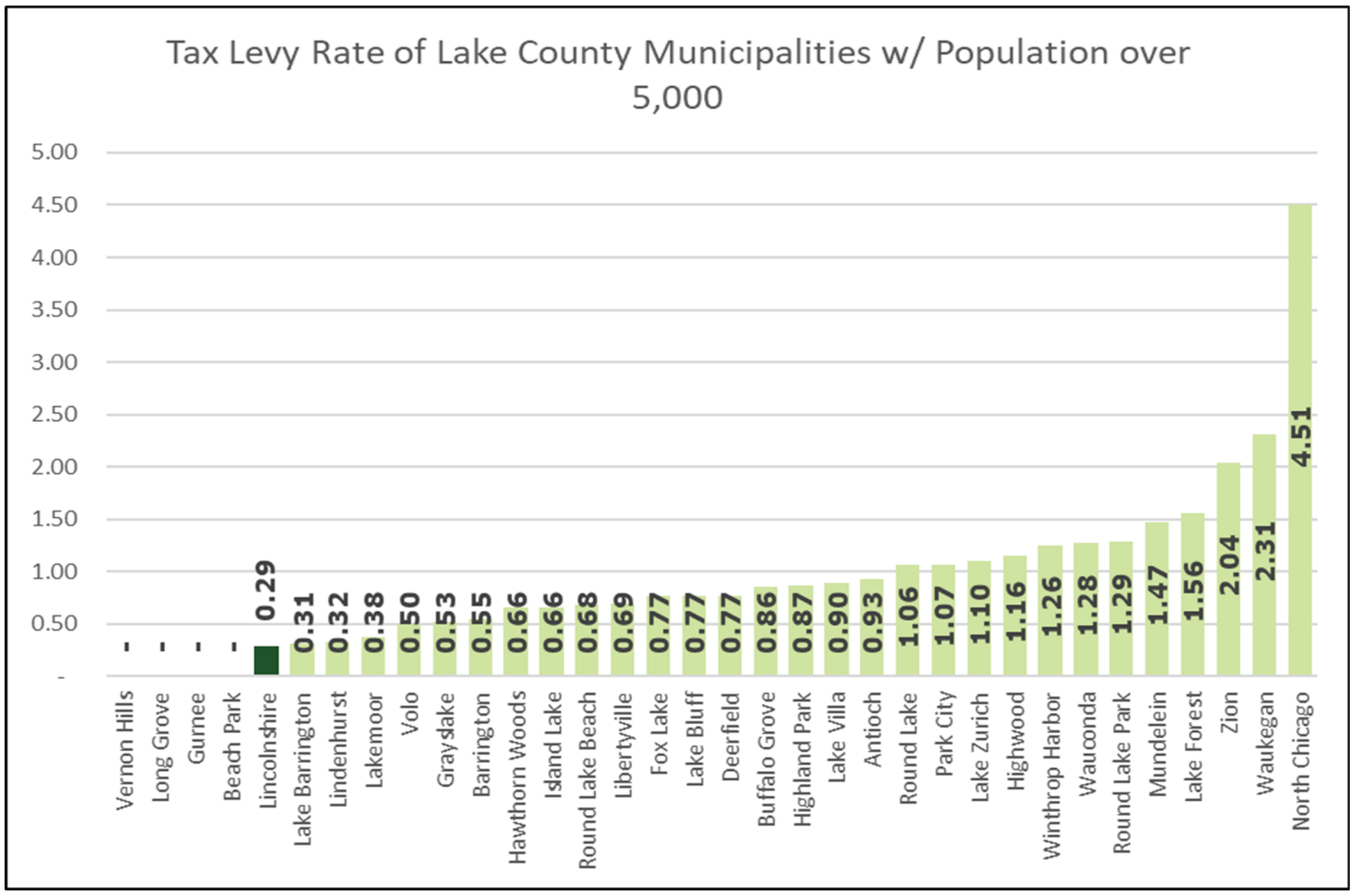
Budget in Focus: Priorities, Plans, and Progress

During the fourth quarter of each year, the Village Board 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 consider the Fiscal Year 2025 (FY 2025) Budget in December 2024. To review a complete copy of the budget, visit the Village website here:

Below are highlights from the FY 2025 Budget discussed at the budget workshop on October 21.

Balanced Budget: The FY 2025 Budget is balanced with the use of reserve funds to assist in funding capital expenses.

Property Taxes: There are 34 municipalities in Lake County having a population greater than 5,000. Of the municipalities that levy a property tax, Lincolnshire had the lowest rate in tax year 2023 (FY 2024) at 0.29. This is over 350% lower than the average municipal rate of 1.05.



On October 14, 2024, Village staff presented their recommended property tax levy to the Village Board. For eight consecutive years (FY 2013–FY 2020), the tax levy rate remained steady at 0.241. In FY 2021, the rate saw a slight increase of 3.7% to 0.25, followed by a further rise to 0.29 in FY 2024. The current property tax rate of 0.29 is expected to remain flat in FY 2025. The Village currently receives less than 3% of the total property tax bill based on this rate.

The Village's estimated equalized assessed value (EAV), or the total property value multiplied by the State Equalization factor, increased 8.6% from prior year to $754 million. A home with a value of $750,000 can expect a property tax bill of approximately $22,500. Of that, Lincolnshire receives only $700. The majority (71%) of property tax bills are distributed to the two school districts located in Lincolnshire.

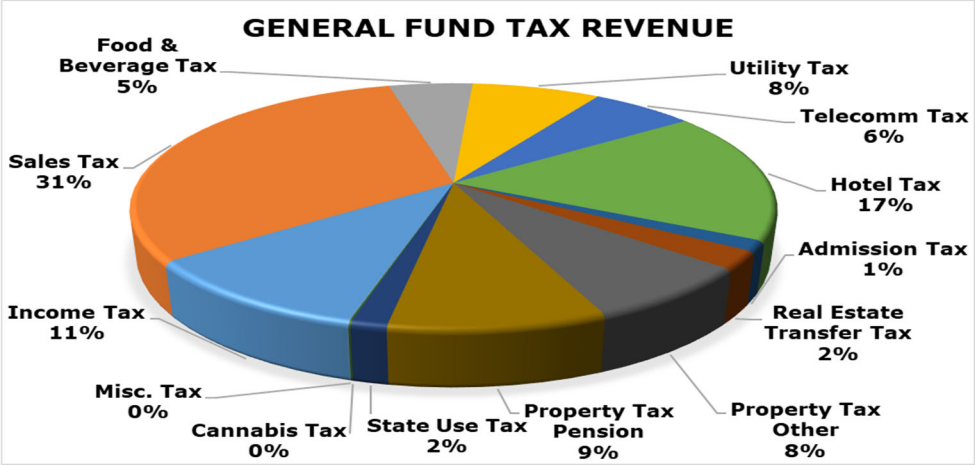
2025 Goals: Each year, Village departments work with the Village Board to develop organizational goals. Expenditures related to these goals are incorporated into the proposed budget for the coming year. For 2025, the Village Board and staff identified 24 goals. Proposed goals for 2025 can be found in the draft budget.

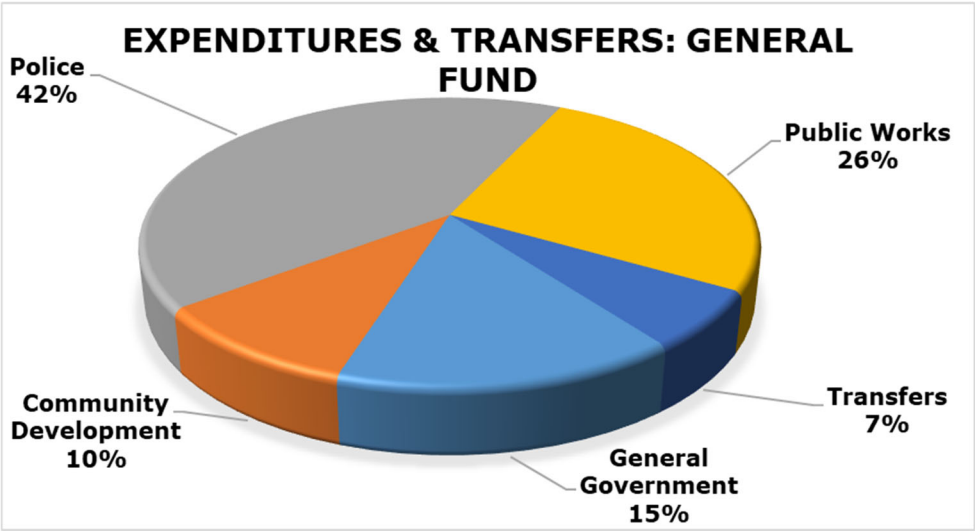
Revenue Trends: In FY 2024 most revenue sources have rebounded to pre-pandemic (FY 2019), levels marking a positive recovery. However, the Village is beginning to experience stagnation in key revenue sources including Food & Beverage tax, Sales Tax, and Home Rule Sales Tax. The FY 2025 budget reflects revenue figures with minimal growth compared to FY 2024 projections.

Where does the money come from? The draft FY 2025 General Fund budget reflects $14.5 million in revenue. A portion of revenue comes from multiple taxing sources including Sales Tax ($4 million), Hotel Tax ($2.2 million), Income Tax ($1.3 million), and property tax ($2.1 million). Non-tax revenue includes grants, fees, fines, and other small sources. The top chart below shows all the Village's tax revenue and what percentage of the total amount it accounts for.

Where does my money go? The bottom chart below shows the breakdown of the General Fund expenditures related to each Village department. Approximately 66% of General Fund expenditures are dedicated directly to personnel costs.

Major Infrastructure Plans: The 2025 budget allocates over $7 million for various capital projects including repaving sections of Olde Half Day Road, Hamilton Court, Whitmore Lane, and Brookwood Lane. It also reflects the replacement of playground equipment at Whytegate Park, along with installation of an ADA compliant pour-in-place surface. Additionally, $340,000 is allocated to replace the pedestrian bridge on the west side of Spring Lake Park. The watermain and storm sewer upgrade project on Windsor Lane will conclude in 2025, while a new project at Bicentennial Park will commence to address flooding issues. The budget also includes $500,000 to upsize watermain on Schelter Road. and an additional $1.4 million to upgrade lift stations on Northampton Lane and Old Mill Commons.





When you need a Police Officer, Dial 9-1-1

The Lincolnshire Police Department encourages all residents to call 9-1-1 for both emergency and non-emergency police services. Trained dispatchers will assess your call and route it appropriately, ensuring a quick and coordinated response, whether you need urgent assistance (such as reporting a crime in progress or medical emergency) or help with non-urgent matters (like reporting suspicious activity or requesting a police report).

The former non-emergency line, 847-883-9900, now serves as the Police Department's General Office Assistance Line. For inquiries not requiring immediate police response or are unrelated to emergencies, call this line. An auto attendant will provide options: "Press 1" for dispatch services or "Press 2" for office assistance. During business hours, Lincolnshire staff is available to assist, any messages left after hours, requiring general office support will be addressed promptly the next business day.

To summarize, situations where you should call 9-1-1- include, but are not limited to:

- All emergency situations
- Suspicious persons/incidents
- Filing a police report with an officer
- Reporting a crime or illegal activity
- Traffic crashes
- Any incident requiring a police officer response

Examples of calls directed toward the general office assistance line include:

- Obtain a copy of a police report already filed
- Schedule an officer for a presentation
- Make an appointment for a service request (fingerprinting, child safety seat installation, etc.)
- Speak to a supervisor

Save some time and file online - the Lincolnshire Police Department encourages individuals to conveniently report vacation watches, overnight parking requests, and incidents not requiring an immediate police response to go to an online portal, available on the Village of Lincolnshire website - www.lincolnshireil.gov. Submitting these requests online is quick, easy, and accessible 24/7, allowing residents to avoid the hassle of calling.

Take Advantage of Lincolnshire's "Virtual Village Hall" Services

Doing business with the Village has never been easier. Whether you're heading out of town and would like police officers to keep a closer eye on your home, submitting an overnight parking request, applying for a building permit, paying a water bill, or identifying a pothole needing attention, there are dozens of services available through the Village's website. More than 40% of utility customers use automatic bill pay to save time, and another 40% of homeowners and contractors apply for building permits online, saving trips to Village Hall. Learn about all the virtual services available to you today at www.lincolnshireil.gov/residents/resident-tips-information/service-requests

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Architectural Review Board
December 17 - 7 p.m.
January 21 - 7 p.m.
February 18 - 7 p.m.

Board of Trustees/ Committee of the Whole
December 9 - 7 p.m.
January 13 - 7 p.m.
January 27 - 7 p.m.
February 10 - 7 p.m.
February 24 - 7 p.m.

Park Board
December 16 –7 p.m.
January 22 - 7 p.m. (Wednesday)
February 19 - 7 p.m. (Wednesday)

Police Pension
February 4 - 6 p.m.

Zoning Board
December 10 - 7 p.m.
January 14 - 7 p.m.
February 11 - 7 p.m.

Toys for Tots

As the holiday season approaches, it is the perfect time to embrace the spirit of giving and bring happiness to children in need. Join the Lincolnshire community in supporting the annual Toys for Tots donation campaign.

You are invited to open your hearts by donating new, unwrapped toys at Village Hall from November 11 to December 9 or at Lincolnshire Lights at Village Green on December 6, 5:30 p.m. Together, we can create magic and wonder for kids this holiday season. Donate a toy, spread joy, and be part of something truly meaningful.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

DECEMBER

- **6 - Lincolnshire Lights, 5:30 p.m. at Village Green, 100 Old Half Day Road**
- **24 & 25 - Village offices closed due to the Christmas holiday**
- **26 - Waste pickup - delayed one day due to the holiday**

JANUARY

- **1 - Village offices closed due to New Year's Day**
- **2 - Waste pickup—delayed one day due to the holiday**

Skate in the Shire

Winter doesn't stop your ability to enjoy Lincolnshire's parks! When weather permits, ice skating is available at the following locations.

Spring Lake Park - Skating is allowed from dawn to dusk. Signs are posted at the beach advising users when it is unsafe for skating. A minimum of 6" of ice is required for ice skating

North Park – Skating is allowed from sunrise to 10 p.m. daily. Signs are posted if the ice rink is closed; if conditions are not favorable for skating.

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Dine at Lincolnshire Restaurants for a Chance to Win a Prize - Sip & Savor the Holidays

'Tis the season for giving, and we'd like to provide you with the chance to support Lincolnshire restaurants by participating in Lincolnshire's "Sip & Savor" contest! Three lucky people will win $150 gift certificates to a Lincolnshire restaurant of their choice. Here's how you can participate:

1. Visit 5 or more Lincolnshire restaurants between November 26 and December 31, 2024. One visit per restaurant.
2. Submit copies of your receipts via email, mail, or drop them off at Village Hall, along with your name, phone number, and email address by January 10, 2025 (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.

All participants are encouraged to share their experiences on social media with photos and/or videos using the hashtag #LincolnshireSip&Savor and tagging the restaurant (if applicable). Let's support local restaurants by shining a spotlight on Lincolnshire's dining scene this holiday season.