VILLAGE OF LINCOLNSHIRE

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Meet the Police Department and Public Works for Lincolnshire's Annual "Open House"

Ever wonder what goes on behind the scenes in Lincolnshire's Police and Public Works Departments? Come see for yourself during the annual "Open House" on Saturday, April 26 from 9 a.m. to noon. The event takes place at Village Hall and the Public Works Facility. Tour both departments and take part in interactive activities for the whole family including plenty of giveaways. Visit the Village website at www.lincolnshireil.gov/i-want-to/special-events for details.

Public Works Attractions	Police Attractions
• Free Breakfast • Arbor Day Tree and Native Seed Giveaway • Bounce House • Water Main Display • Sandbox/Treasure Hunt • Touch-A-Truck & Paint-A-Plow	• Child Identification Cards • Squad Car Displays • SWAT Vehicle and Equipment Display • K-9 Demonstration • Crime Laboratory Display

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Community & Economic Development (CED) - Year in Review and Year Ahead and Looking to The Future

New Comprehensive Plan Sets Vision for the Next Generation

CED contributed to several major milestones for Lincolnshire last year, most notably leading the update to the Village's Comprehensive Plan. The new Comprehensive Plan establishes goals for land use, transportation, economic development, housing, sustainability, and community facilities. The plan charts a course for Lincolnshire's future focusing on redeveloping the Corporate Center, introducing diverse housing options, and improving the transportation network in the community.

Housing Study and Economic Development Strategic Plan Build on Lincolnshire's Strengths and Find Opportunities to Improve

The Village Board wasted no time pursuing major Comprehensive Plan goals. A housing study, anticipated to be completed in the first half of 2025, is underway. The study will include policy recommendations to diversify housing options by increasing availability of workforce housing and create options for residents looking to downsize or future residents looking to locate in the community. The Board is also expected to adopt a new Economic Development Strategic Plan before the end of 2025. The economic development strategy is likely to include recommendations aimed at securing new restaurants, retail, and entertainment uses and support the local workforce and local businesses.

Building Division and Code Enforcement Level Up Service and Leverage Data

The Building Division – responsible for issuing building permits and supervising construction activity – saw use of online services more than ever last year. Nearly 40% of applicants submitted permits online. This saves residents and contractors time and trips to Village Hall and expedites the permitting process. In 2024, the Building Division issued permits for common residential projects like roof replacements, electrical service upgrades, and air conditioning or water heater replacements within four days.

The Village's code enforcement program pursued nearly 400 cases in 2024 and a 96% closure rate. Holding voluntary compliance the goal, an effective code enforcement demonstrated program ensures grass is cut, leaves and landscape waste are picked up, and Lincolnshire's "community character" is maintained. For property maintenance questions or concerns, contact Nicole Koleno, Code Enforcement Inspection, at 847-913-2317 or nkoleno@lincolnshireil.gov.

In 2025, the Village plans to issue a request for proposals for plan review and inspection services, with the goal of securing competitive pricing and improve the permitting and inspection process for residents. These new contracts should speed permit issuance and inspection scheduling and allow residents and businesses to complete projects sooner. If you're considering a new patio, addition, or remodel, contact the Building Division at 847-913-2310 or buildingdivision@lincolnshireil.gov.

Building a Stronger Lincolnshire - Business Growth in 2024

The Village saw 19 businesses move to Lincolnshire in 2024 – an increase of over 40% compared to recent years and a sign of good things to come. From new restaurants like Good Sushi and Tomahawk BBQ Steakhouse; to new major office owners like Carlson Labs and Setna iO; and healthcare services like Advocate Medical Group – Lincolnshire is a destination for businesses to start or expand. If you or someone you know is considering Lincolnshire as the home for your next business venture, contact Tonya Zozulya, Planning & Development Manager, at 847-913-2313 or tzozulya@lincolnshireil.gov.

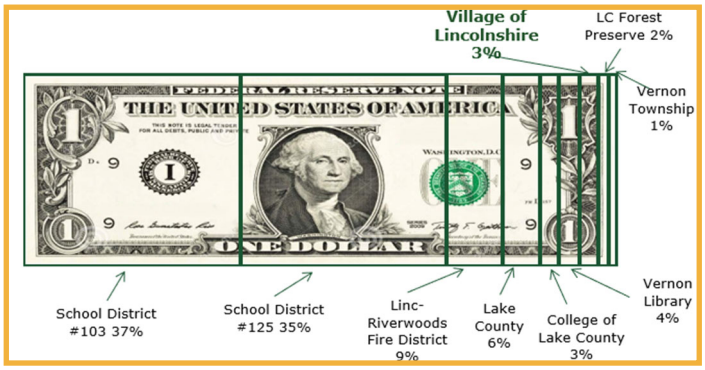
- Advocate Medical Group (medical office) - 275 Parkway Drive
- Amal Gamerger (office) – 430 Milwaukee Ave
- BTRC Coin & Gold (retailer) - 300 Village Green
- Carlson Labs (vitamin manufacturer) – 1 00 Schelter Road
- CCS (technology services) – 100 Tri-State International
- Diabetes DME (medical office) – 1 Overlook Point
- Good Sushi (restaurant) – 255 Parkway Drive
- Jawz Orthodontics, a medical provider – 275 Parkway Drive
- Lange Financial Advisors (financial services) – 1 Overlook Point
- MonoSoft Corporation (technology services) – 1 Overlook Point
- Onyx Fitness (health services) – 430 Milwaukee Avenue
- Pragma IT (technology services) – 1 Overlook Point
- Setna iO (airplane parts distributor) – 475 Bond Street
- Shrewd Techlink Services (technology services) – 1 Overlook Point
- SJF (office) – 1 Overlook Point
- St. Croix Hospice (healthcare services) – 300 Village Green
- Tomahawk BBQ Steakhouse (restaurant) – 295 Parkway Drive
- Z&Z Nails Spa (nail salon) – 900 Milwaukee Avenue

Understand Your Property Taxes and Lincolnshire's Minimal Impact to Your Tax Bill

How is my property tax bill calculated?

Property tax bills are calculated based on the equalized assessed value (EAV) of your property and tax rates set by applicable government entities. In its simplest form, EAV is approximately 33% of total property value. In Lincolnshire, all property values are assessed by Vernon Township. The Township calculates property value by considering multiple factors including, but not limited to, building size, parcel dimensions, proximity to public amenities, and recent updates or renovations. To calculate your property tax bill, follow these steps:

- Multiply your property's total assessed value by 0.33.
- Multiply that number by the total tax rate (9.25 in 2024).
- Divide the final number by 100.



How many government entities receive money from my property tax bill?

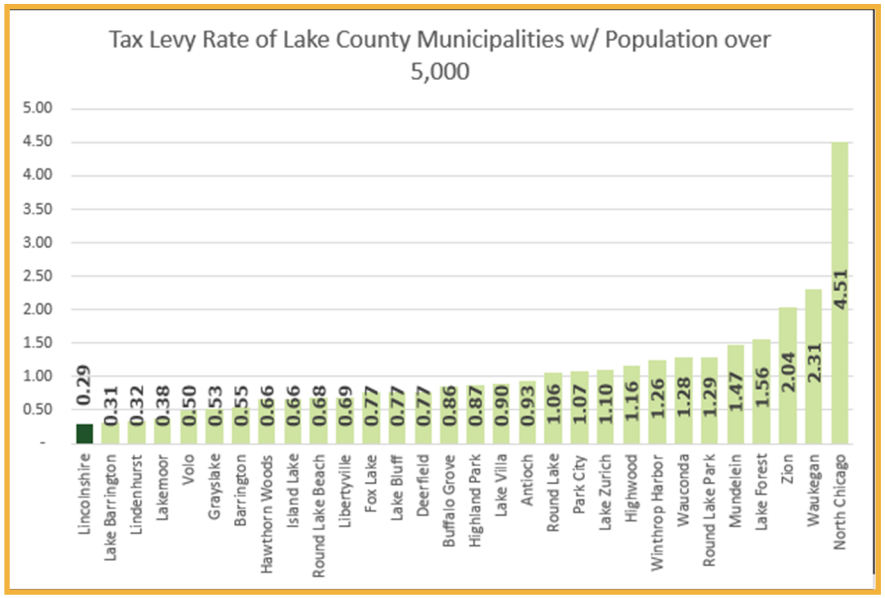
A typical Lincolnshire property owner's tax bill includes levies from nine different government entities, each with the authority to set its own levy. In 2024, 72% of a typical Lincolnshire property tax bill went to local school districts (37% to Lincolnshire-Prairie View School District 103 and 35% to Adlai E. Stevenson High School District 125). The Lincolnshire–Riverwoods Fire Protection District received 9%, while Lake County collected 6%. The remaining five government entities, including the Village of Lincolnshire, each account for 4% or less of the total property tax bill.

How much does the Village of Lincolnshire collect from property taxes? How is that money used?

In 2024, the Village received approximately $2 million in property tax revenue; or about 13% of Lincolnshire's total general fund revenue. The majority of property tax revenue pays for the Village's portion of pension obligations, with a small amount used for police services.

How does Lincolnshire's property tax bill compare to surrounding municipalities?

Lincolnshire has the lowest property tax rate amongst all Lake County municipalities with a population of 5,000 or greater (0.29). The average municipality levies at a rate nearly three times greater than Lincolnshire (0.85). Lincolnshire's Village Board is committed to maintaining a low property tax rate to avoid burdening our residents and businesses. Even though Lincolnshire's portion of the property tax bill is small (less than 3%), this does not necessarily translate an overall lower property tax bill due to taxes levied by other governments. The total property tax rate for a typical property in Lincolnshire is 9.25, which place the rate near the Lake County average.



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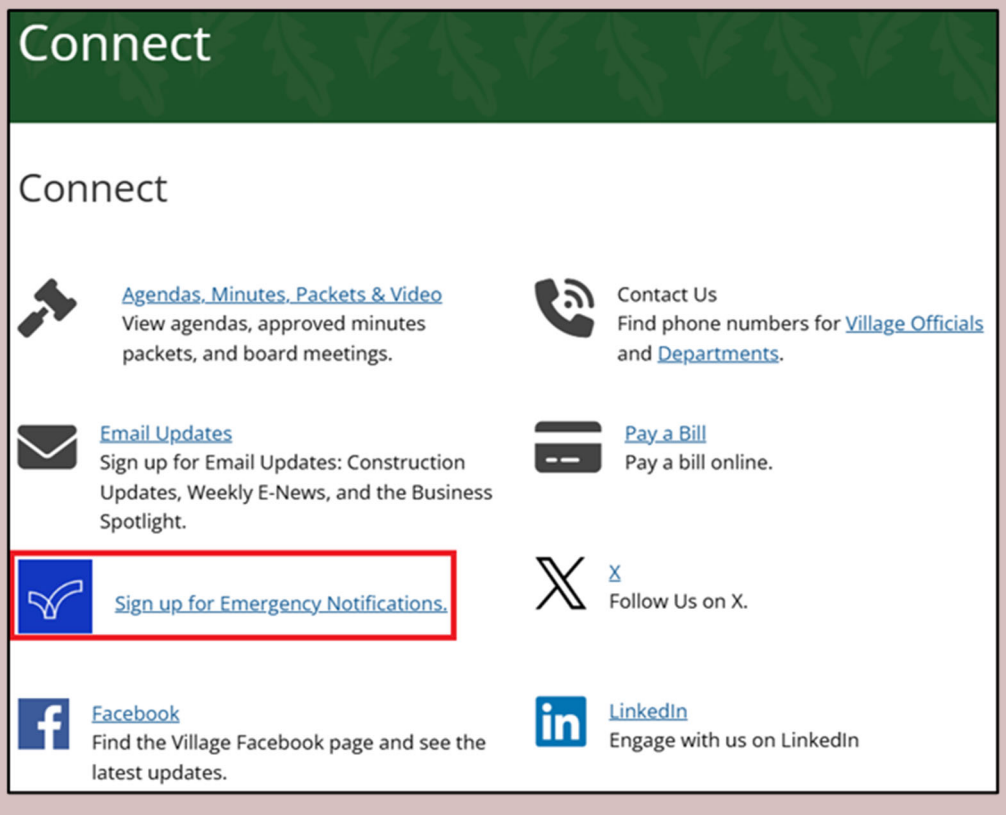
What is the funding status of Lincolnshire's pension obligations?

Lincolnshire employees are covered under two pensions systems: Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund and the Lincolnshire Police Pension Fund. Both of these funds are separate from and unaffected by other State of Illinois pension funds. The Village Board has been proactive in funding both pension systems to limit future pension liabilities. As of January 1, 2024, Lincolnshire Police Pension Fund has a funding ratio of over 90% which ranks among the top 10% in funding status out of the 350 police pension funds in Illinois. The Village's total funding status for Illinois Municipal Retirement fund is also over 90%. Highly funded pension plans significantly reduces the likelihood of large, unpredictable increases in required contributions in future years and minimizes risk of pension-related financial strain to the Village. This results in a consistent property tax levy and flexibility to allow the Village to properly allocate funds to needed capital projects.

Stay Informed: New Emergency Alert System Now in Place

Starting January 1, the Village began using a new emergency communications system. Residents and businesses on the Village's previous service were automatically migrated to the new system called Everbridge. If you are new to the Village or want to make sure multiple people at your address receive emergency alerts, you can sign up for these notifications on the Village website by visiting the "Connect" webpage and clicking "Sign up for Emergency Notifications". You will be redirected to the sign-up portal for Everbridge and asked to create an account to add new users/contact information.



Summer Sewer Credit

Lake County and the Village have agreed on a sanitary sewer credit during the months of May through August. This credit reflects the fact all water used during the summer does not go through the sanitary sewer system. As spring approaches, remember to keep this in mind when filling your pool or using your irrigation system. Scan the QR code for information.

Building a Better Lincolnshire: Key Projects for 2025

Road Resurfacing

The Village resurfaces approximately two miles of roads each year to keep all streets in good condition. The 2025 resurfacing schedule includes:

- Olde Half Day Road (in front of the Walgreens)
- Hamilton Court
- Whitmore Lane
- Brookwood Lane

These roadways will be resurfaced, and curb and drainage structures will also be repaired as necessary. Construction is anticipated to be completed by the first week of July.

Sanitary Lift Station Improvements Coming

The Village maintains seven sanitary lift stations. Lift stations pump sanitary waste to a wastewater treatment facility. Many of these stations are older than 40 years and require maintenance. This spring, a major rehabilitation will be completed on the Old Mill Commons lift station. This station serves 135 homes around Old Mill Park and the Old Mill Circle neighborhoods.

Designs for improvements to the lift station serving homes on Northampton Lane are planned for completion in 2025 for construction in late 2025 or early 2026.

Keeping It Flowing: Hydrant Flushing Begins Soon

The Public Works Department flushes the Village's 944 fire hydrants annually in May. Hydrant flushing ensures hydrants are in proper working condition and helps maintain water quality by clearing mineral deposits from the water system. Flushing may cause some water discoloration. Residents should check water color before doing laundry. If this occurs, simply run cold water through your fixtures for 1-3 minutes or until the water runs clear. Follow the Village on social media and subscribe to the Village's weekly E-News to receive reminders on hydrant flushing in your area.

Help Keep our Waterways Clean

The Village participates in the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program to safeguard the cleanliness of lakes, rivers, and streams. This program helps prevent the release of pollutants into the environment through storm sewers.

To maintain high quality water, Lincolnshire regularly monitors all storm sewer discharge points for signs of contamination. If you encounter illegal dumping or have any concerns about water quality, please call 847-883-8600 to report the incident or for more information.

Lincolnshire Updates Athletic Field Usage Fees

To maintain the high quality of Lincolnshire's athletic fields, the Village Board approved an update to athletic field usage fees for 2025. The changes aim to recover a greater portion of maintenance costs and ensure the long-term usability of these community spaces.

Key updates include:

New Fee Structure: A fourth classification (Classification C) was added to distinguish Lincolnshire Sports Association (LSA) affiliates from LSA. Fees per participant per season are:

- Classification A (Village of Lincolnshire): No fee
- Classification B (LSA): $45 (previously $35)
- Classification C (LSA Affiliates): $65 (previously no charge)
- Classification D (Non-Affiliates): $85 (previously $75)

Field Preparation Fee: A charge of $25 per maintenance hour for LSA and affiliates.

Sports Camp Charge: A new $1,000 flat fee per camp to account for field wear and maintenance needs.

These adjustments help the Village recover nearly 80% of total athletic field operation costs without placing an undue burden on general taxpayers. With no dedicated park district, Lincolnshire relies on user fees to maintain parks and ensure equitable access for all.

Look Forward to these Park Improvements in 2025

The Village Board, in consultations with the Park Board, plans for playground assessment and potential replacement/upgrades throughout the Village every 20-25 years, as identified in the Village's 10-Year Capital Improvement Plan. The following are several key projects scheduled for later this year.

Spring Lake Park Pedestrian Bridge

Due to normal wear and tear the Spring Lake Park bridge will be reconstructed later this summer or early fall, pending the timing of bids and permitting.

Whytegate Park Playground Replacement

Design is currently underway to update Whytegate Park playground equipment, with construction anticipated to begin in late spring or early summer.

Bicentennial Drainage Improvements

Bicentennial Park will see drainage improvements around the playground area and along portions of the walking paths. These improvements will reduce the amount of standing water after heavy rainfall.

Police

2024 – A Year in Review

Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) Cameras Deployed

The police department and its ALPR vendor finalized the installation of eight ALPR cameras. The program allows officers access to thousands of similar types of cameras across the state and country to share information and collaborate. Over the past year, this system assisted officers identify suspects, solving numerous crimes, and finding missing persons.

ILEAP accreditation

The police department progressed toward achieving initial accreditation with the Illinois Law Enforcement Accreditation Program (ILEAP), which included a comprehensive evaluation of the police department's policies, procedures, and operations by an official ILEAP assessor. In January 2025, ILEAP officially granted accreditation to the police department.

Inter-Governmental Cooperative Meetings

In 2024, the police department actively participated in quarterly inter-governmental meetings with District 103, District 125, Lincolnshire-Riverwoods Fire Protection District, and the Vernon Area Library. These meetings aim to strengthen partnerships among government stakeholders by fostering open communication, addressing shared challenges, clarifying roles, and exploring collaborative opportunities.

Equipment Upgrades

The police department continued to modernize equipment, remaining at the cutting edge of police technology. Recent upgrades include an indoor drone, two traffic speed signs, and rifle-rated shields, all intended to enhance community safety and provide increased protection for officers.

2025 – Looking Ahead

Representatives from DePaul University, the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC), and Loyola University approached police department staff about participating in a pilot project funded by a U.S. Department of Homeland Security grant. The project's goal is to establish a Behavioral Threat Assessment Management (BTAM) Team in Lake County, Illinois. A BTAM Team employs a strategic, multidisciplinary framework to prevent violence and effectively address situations of concern. This proactive approach helps ensure community safety by identifying and mitigating potential threats before they escalate. This initiative is part of the broader Illinois Targeted Violence Prevention and Intervention Initiative.

In 2025, the BTAM group will establish an Executive Board to oversee operations and policies. In addition, the group will hire a project coordinator who will focus efforts on inviting agencies to join Protect Lake County as participating member agencies. Once completed, the BTAM team will complete case reviews at the request of the participating member agencies.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Architectural Review Board
March 18 - 7 p.m.
April 15 - 7 p.m.
May 20 - 7 p.m.

Board of Trustees/Committee of the Whole
March 10 - 7 p.m.
March 24 - 7 p.m.
April 14 - 7 p.m.
April 28 - 7 p.m.
May 12 - 7 p.m.
May 27 - 7 p.m. (Tuesday due to Memorial Day)

Park Board
March 17 –7 p.m.
April 21 - 7 p.m.
May 19 - 7 p.m.

Police Pension Board
April 29 - 6 p.m.

Zoning Board
March 11 - 7 p.m.
April 8 - 7 p.m.
May 13 - 7 p.m.

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Community Calendar

March

9 **Daylight Savings| Set clocks ahead one hour**

29 **Spring Clean-Up| Items must be placed at the curb by 7 a.m.**

April

5 **Riverside Foundation Hearts of Gold Gala | 5:30 p.m. at 200 Barclay Blvd.| www.riversidefoundation.net/events**

25 **Arbor Day**

26 **Police and Public Works Open House| Check the Village website for updates**

May

10 **Chicago River Day| 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at North Park, 1025 Riverwoods Road**

17 **Run for D103 5K Run/Walk| 8 a.m.| Daniel Wright Junior High School| www.runford103.org**

24 **Electronic Waste Recycling| customers are required to register directly with LRS before May 22 by visiting their website and clicking "Schedule E-Waste Pickup"**

26 **Memorial Day Commemoration| 10 a.m. at Spring Lake Park, 49 Oxford Drive**

26 **Memorial Day | Village Offices closed**

26 **Spring Lake Beach opens**

28 **Waste collection delayed to May 29 due to Memorial Day**

It's Canoe Season!

Secure your spot on the Des Plaines with a Canoe Rack Permit

Did you know you can canoe down the Des Plaines River? Discover the canoe launch at Rivershire Park (45 Londonderry Lane), which offers easy access to the river. The Village provides a storage rack for up to five canoes next to the launch. A Village-issued $50 permit is required and is valid from May 1 to October 31. Residents can apply for one permit per Lincolnshire address per year starting in April. Non-residents can apply from June 1. Daily permits are also available for $5, issued on a 3-day basis, subject to availability during the season. You may obtain a canoe permit by coming into Village Hall or by visiting our website, www.lincolnshireil.gov.

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Dispose Responsibly: Household Chemical Waste Collection

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