

Village of

LINDENHURST

DEVELOPING TODAY FOR TOMORROW

Village Loses Treasure(er)



Just two weeks after Lindenhurst's Arthur Neubauer Day, August 12th, our beloved Village Treasurer and patriarch passed away peacefully at the age of 90. The Village of Lindenhurst is only 64 years old, but for 57 of those years, Art Neubauer was our treasurer and a guiding force behind the scenes; investing and safe-guarding every tax-payer penny.

In a controversial Village Board meeting the summer of 1963, a 34 year-old father and banker named Arthur Neubauer was appointed Village Treasurer by then-Mayor Ted Flanagan. Back when local phone numbers began with ELLiott 6 — before there were zip codes! JFK was President, Linden Plaza was brand new, and there was only one Beck Road. Art was appointed to succeed Mrs. Luella Stanley, the former treasurer who angrily resigned after being reprimanded for taking home the "Village calculator" to work on the books at home. Art didn't travel in political circles and was mostly unknown to Village officials, familiar only to the members of the Men's Bowling Team, where Art was THEIR Treasurer. No one present that Monday night could've known that this young man would hold this office for 57 years. Or that he would be appointed by and serve under 7 Mayors, sign over 55,000 checks; steer us calmly through multiple recessions and successfully invest tens of millions of our dollars.

Working as a loan administrator for the First National Bank in Chicago, an only child raised on Chicago's Northwest side, Art moved to Lindenhurst with his wife, Donna, in the late 1950's. His civic-minded ways would serve him well for over the next half century. As Treasurer, Art received a small stipend, but was basically a volunteer. He also served as trustee on the Lindenhurst Sanitary District, was President of the Lake Villa District #41 Education Foundation, sat on the Vista Health and Lindenhurst Police Pension Board of Directors, and poured thousands of cups of beer at Lindenfest since 1983.

Art received every honor and distinction the Village could think of to bestow. He has his own street (Neubauer Circle in Heritage Park), his own tree, and even his own day, as we mentioned. He has been Lindenfest parade Grand Marshal numerous times, been the focus of many newspaper articles, and even the subject of a WGN television feature segment last fall highlighting him as the "Money King".

Despite all his accolades, Art was humble, simple and kind. He led a quiet life, steeped in service, family and routine. He was calm, even-tempered and predictable. He never cursed or uttered an unkind word about anyone. Every morning began at McDonald's with an English muffin and the newspaper. He favored yellow shirts with pockets, wore socks with his sandals, had a family pizza night every Saturday at RJ's, and bragged endlessly about his grandchildren. Art was faithfully at work at the Village Hall six days a week, walking the few blocks from his home, when weather permitted. He never had a desk, preferring instead to stand at the counter with his piles of paperwork. He good-naturedly allowed "the girls" in the office to dress him up in silly wigs and hats, and snap endless pictures. Ever the public servant, Art never spoke of retirement. He loved his work, and was loved in return by generations of Village staff and residents. Art was the calm in the storm, our friend, our treasurer... our treasure.

Community Calendar

Visit www.lindenhurstil.org for more details about all Village events:

• **Thursday, November 26 & Friday, November 27: Village Hall & Postal Substation closed due to Thanksgiving**

• **Monday, November 30: Last yard waste pick-up of the season**

• **Tuesday, December 1 – Friday, December 18: send your email to Santa@LindenhurstParks.org, and Santa will reply!**

• **Visit LindenhurstParks.org/calendar/ for additional Park District event information**

• **Thursday, December 24: Village Hall closes at noon**

• **Friday, December 25: Village Hall & Postal Substation closed for Christmas**

• **Thursday, December 31: Village Hall closes at noon**

• **Friday, January 1: Village Hall & Postal Substation closed for New Year's Day**

• **Monday, February 15: Village Hall & Postal Substation closed in honor of Presidents' Day**

Q: Does shopping locally have a direct impact on our community's economy?

From the Mayor's Desk

TIF Feasibility Study

At our September 14th Village Board meeting, we selected Teska Associates to conduct a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) study for our Grand Avenue corridor. Teska has implemented over 100 TIF districts in Illinois; including Waukegan, Libertyville, and recently Lake Villa.

Teska will be tasked to determine if our Grand Avenue commercial corridor meets the qualifications for a TIF district and if the tax dollars will be significant for economic redevelopment. Teska will also assist staff for the public hearings and meetings with the potential affected taxing bodies.

Keep in mind that this is a feasibility study. The Board will make a decision at the conclusion of the study in 6 to 9 months to determine if and when to move forward. Our ultimate goal is to significantly improve our 'downtown' area.

As the Holidays approach, I'd like to thank everyone working on the front lines during our pandemic. Your dedication and efforts are greatly appreciated by the Lindenhurst community.

Finally, I'd like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, a Happy Chanukah, a Merry Christmas, a Joyous Kwanzaa, and... a Happy New Year! 2021 has to be better than 2020!

Stay safe and stay healthy!



Girl Scouts Donate Little Free Library



Thank you, Girl Scout Troop 40138, for gifting this Little Free Library to the Village! Located at the northwest corner of the Village Hall Ratch Memorial Garden, this Little Library enables book access to readers of all ages.

Residents can take a book or leave a book. Through Little Free Library book exchanges such as this, mil-

lions of people have 24/7 access to books—sometimes where books are scarce.

For more information on this worthwhile program, visit <https://littlefreelibrary.org/>, or on Facebook @Little-FreeLibrary.



Keep Your Cats Indoors

Aside from our Village Ordinance prohibiting cats (and dogs) from running-at-large, there are a multitude of reasons why cat owners should keep their pets indoors:

CAR ACCIDENTS

According to the National Traffic Safety Administration, 5.4 million cats are hit by cars each year in the United States. More cats are killed annually than euthanized in U.S. shelters. And getting hit isn't the only car hazard. In cold weather, cats seek heat, and slinking under a car hood can be a feline version of an electric blanket — until an unknowing driver starts the car.



TOXINS & POISONS - A few licks of sweet-tasting antifreeze can kill a cat, unless it's a pet-safe product. Cats can travel through lawns and nibble on plants treated with pesticides, or that are toxic. Eating rodents that have ingested rodent poison can also kill a cat.

DISEASES & PARASITES - Feline AIDS, Leukemia, Distemper, upper respiratory infections, skin cancer; fleas, ticks, heartworm, ear mites, ringworm and other internal parasites can be spread by mosquitoes or contact with other wildlife.

WILDLIFE DANGER - Coyotes, foxes, wolves, birds of prey, all present a risk to cats.

NEIGHBORHOOD NUISANCE - Gardens used as litterboxes, scratches on cars, spraying of property all impact on the quality of life within your neighborhood.

KILLING BIRDS - Loose cats are estimated to kill 2.4 billion birds each year. Birds are especially at risk around homes with feeders and birdbaths.

ANIMAL CRUELTY - Sadly, people have been known to shoot cats with BB guns or arrows, poison, or kill them in the name of "sport".

LIFESPAN - Outdoor cats live an average of only 2 to 5 years, versus indoor cats which live to 17 years or more. Additionally, a healthier cat means less of an impact to your wallet.

So please be a responsible pet owner. Your cat, as well as your neighbors, will be extremely grateful.

Linden Notes

Landscape Collection Through Nov. 30

Landscape waste collection with the Village's contracted waste hauler, Groot, runs through November 30th. Landscape waste includes grass, shrubbery, small tree limbs and weeds. Sticker service: Each sticker is \$3.35 and one must be affixed to each 35-gallon container or Kraft bag placed curbside each week. There is no limit to the number of containers that may be placed curbside with sticker service. Subscription service: This service is \$160 annually. Residents may place up to four 35-gallon containers or Kraft style bags curbside each week; any additional containers would require a sticker. Stickers can be purchased at the following locations: **Walgreen's** (399 S. Rte. 45), **Butera Finer Foods** (1500 E Grand Ave) or **Village Hall** (2301 E Sand Lake Rd). For more information, please contact Groot at (847) 693-2700.

Special "2 for 1" Leaf Program

Groot will offer a special "2 for 1" leaf disposal program through November 30th, where one sticker is good for the disposal of two parcels of leaves. Leaves

must be placed in 35-gallon biodegradable yard waste bags or containers. Residents with subscription service can dispose of six bags instead of four.

Utility Bill Payment Options

To make a payment or set-up an account with InvoiceCloud, you will need to know your account number.

- Online - <https://www.invoicecloud.com/lindenhurstil>. (One-time payment, or AutoPay.)
- By Text - Get text notifications about your bill and/or pay via text message with your default payment method
- By phone - Call 855-922-1076. All credit cards accepted.
- By Mail - P.O. Box 7234, Carol Stream, IL 60197-7234
- In-Person - Drop box outside main door at the Village Hall - 2301 E. Sand Lake Road

For your account number or questions about the new bill payment platform, please contact the Village Hall at (847) 356-8252.

Tree Replacement Program

Residents are reimbursed 50% of the cost of a single tree planted in their parkway or private yard

- Up to \$200 for an acceptable tree, as

listed on www.lindenhurstil.org (excluding sales tax, delivery, installation, etc.)

- Program dollars will be dispersed by the Village to the homeowner after the purchase and planting of a new tree. Households may participate one time during the Village's fiscal year (May 1- April 30)
- Residents must submit a receipt to Village Hall for reimbursement
- First-come, first-served basis as budgeted funds are available

Shoreline Stabilization Program

- Residents who own lake shore property are reimbursed 50% for acceptable shrubs and plantings that help preserve the shoreline and water quality of the lakes
- Up to \$100 for plantings recommended by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, as listed on www.lindenhurstil.org (excluding sales tax, delivery, installation, etc.)
- Program dollars will be dispersed by the Village to the homeowner after the purchase and planting. Households may participate one time during the Village's fiscal year (May 1- April 30)
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VILLAGE CODE REMINDER: Snowmobile Regulations

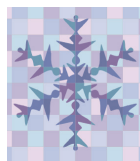
- Snowmobiles can only be operated on private property with the permission of the owner.
- Snowmobiles are not permitted on any public right of way or roadway, school grounds, Village or Park District property.
- Special rules apply for Lake Linden and snowmobile equipment requirements. Please call the Village Hall at (847) 356-8252 for more information.



Winter is (Almost) Here...

Which means it's time to remove snow. Please remember that the **Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)** plows **Grand Avenue and Route 45**, and the **Lake County Department of Transportation** plows **Sand Lake, Gelden and Grass Lake roads**. All other public roads in Lindenhurst are maintained by Village snow removal crews.

Snowfall parking restrictions: To assist our snow plow crews, there is no parking on any Village street when there is 2" or more of accumulated snow. The restriction applies until the streets have been cleared of snow. Violators may be towed. And please don't deposit additional snow onto the roadway from your shoveling or snow-blowing efforts. Following this procedure allows snow plow operators to quickly and efficiently remove snow.



Road Hazards: Though basketball nets are never allowed adjacent to our roadways, they pose a particular hazard to our plow drivers as they clear our streets. Please store them appropriately year around. Also, remove garbage/recycling cans from the end of your driveway ASAP.

Holiday Reminders

In observance of upcoming holidays, Village Hall will be closed on the following dates:

- Thursday, November 26 – Friday, November 27
- Thursday, December 24 (12PM) & Friday, December 25
- Thursday, Dec. 31 (12PM) & Friday, Jan. 1
- Monday, February 15



As a reminder, Lindenhurst Village Hall acts as a substation to the Lake Villa Post Office to provide convenient postal service during regular business hours. Holiday stamps are available.

Groot will collect Christmas trees as part of regular refuse and recycling pickup through January 11th. Trees must be placed curbside with all decorations removed.



SHOP LOCAL



SHOP • THINK • BUY

• LOCAL is an initiative sponsored by the Lake Villa | Lindenhurst | Round Lake Area (LLR) Chamber of Commerce.

The Shop Local Program is designed to create an awareness of the shopping and service opportunities in the Lindenhurst, Lake Villa, and Round Lake areas, and sends the message that buying goods and services from local retailers and service providers supports the local economy, creates jobs locally, and improves the local tax base.

The LLR Chamber of Commerce reminds us that shifting our holiday shopping dollars to locally owned stores, restaurants and entertainment establishments, keeps thousands of dollars in the Lindenhurst and Lake Villa communities.

Don't forget to support our local establishments on Small Business Saturday, November 28th. You'll help our community's local living economy.

The Dangers of Feeding Wildlife

It's hard to resist feeding the wildlife, but please don't — for their health and your safety.

Native animals need nature's diet to be healthy, not human "junk food". Well-intentioned handouts may cause disease, injury, and even death for the animals. Providing food causes them to become dependent on your offerings, and may result in aggressive behavior. It also encourages wildlife to congregate in large numbers; leading to territorial fighting, spreading of disease/viruses, and attracting their predators, such as coyotes, into our neighborhoods.

Animals you feed today may have to be killed as "pests" tomorrow.

Don't harm wildlife with your kindness; help them remain healthy and safe.

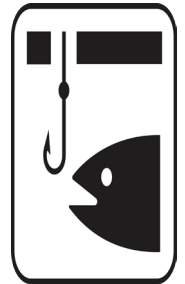
For more information on all Village programs, please contact Village Hall at (847) 356-8252.

Answer: Yes - by adding jobs, sales tax revenue, and local development.

Ice and Ice Fishing Safety Tips

Remember in the winter, moving ice can damage docks. Damaged and unrepaired docks are unsightly and unsafe. Docks and piers should be maintained in a manner so they remain safe and are not hazardous to the environment or individuals using the lakes.

Lindenhurst's lakes have great year-round fishing. You can catch bluegill, largemouth bass, tiger muskie and channel catfish. Ordinances are the same for ice fishing as they are for warm weather fishing:



- Lake use is only for residents and their accompanied guests.
- No bait fish (minnows) allowed.
- Catch and release (except for bluegill – 25 per day.)

Heed these safety precautions when fishing on ice:

- Pay attention to the color of the ice; clear blue lake ice is the strongest.
- Cloudy, opaque ice holds the least amount of weight.
- Before going out onto the ice, walk along the shore in the area that you plan to fish to check for open water areas and areas of thin ice.
- Wear a personal flotation device.
- Always travel with others, preferably experienced ice fishermen.

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Village Board meetings are scheduled on the second and fourth Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall, 2301 E. Sand Lake Road.

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