

Village of LINDENHURST

DEVELOPING TODAY FOR TOMORROW



Innovative Electronic Bill Pay Service

Did you know that the Village of Lindenhurst has an online billing and payment solution that offers many easy ways to view and pay your utility bill?

Residents can receive and view bills electronically, make a payment with credit/debit card or e-check, and choose to go paperless. A quick, one-time payment can be made without registering, or you can create an account to enjoy more features; such as, setting up automatic payments, saving payment information for later use, and viewing history. Features include:

- Easy-to-use online portal to access your account and make payments
- Going Paperless – get your bills via email
- Save time with automatic payment options:
 - AutoPay – automatically pay the invoice amount on the due date from your bank account, OR with the newly available option of debit or credit card payment
 - Recurring Scheduled Payments – set up a schedule to pay a fixed amount or the invoice balance on a specific day of the month
- Receive email reminders when your bill is ready, when a scheduled payment is pending and a confirmation after making a payment
- Pay by Phone – check your account balance or make a payment 24/7 by calling (855) 922-1076
- Pay by Text – get text notifications about your bill and have the option to pay through text message with your default payment method (sign up when making an online payment or within your account)

If you wish to utilize this convenient service, go to the Village website at <https://www.lindenhurstil.org/> and click on the “Pay Your Utility Bill” button.

Please contact Village Hall with any questions: (847) 356-8252.

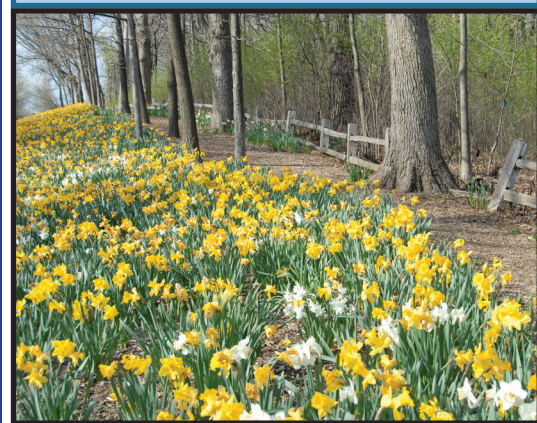


Event Calendar

* Due to on-going pandemic restrictions, events are subject to change. *

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

- **Monday, April 5:** Yard Waste pick-up begins
- **Saturday/Sunday, April 17/18:** Lake Villa | Lindenhurst | Round Lake Area Chamber of Commerce Virtual Spring Expo; for viewing information and interested local businesses, visit www.llrchamber.com (non-chamber members welcome)
- **Saturday, March 27:** Easter Egg Hunt & Easter Bunny Meet; see the Spring/Summer Guide on www.lindenhurstparks.org for details on this and other events
- **Monday, May 31:** Village Hall & Postal Substation CLOSED for Memorial Day
- **Monday, May 31, 10 a.m.:** Memorial Day Ceremony; Veterans' Memorial/Village Hall, 2301 E. Sand Lake Road



MCDONALD WOODS PHOTO COURTESY OF JOYCE DEVER

True or False:
Lindenhurst prohibits the use of fertilizers containing phosphorus.
TRUE!

From the Mayor's Desk

Some Random Thoughts



- If anyone is wondering, I hate the snow. The older I get, the more my dislike grows.
- As the Governor loosens restrictions in our region, we're all hopeful that businesses stay open long-term. What impact will the new variations/strains of COVID have on our community? I'm trying to be optimistic.
- Have you heard? I hate the snow. I'm okay with a 'dusting', but the 6 - 12 inches in a day should be reserved for places like Buffalo, NY or Lake Tahoe.
- For COVID-19 Vaccination Registration, please go to the Lake County website to sign up ([AllVax.lakecohealth.org](https://allvax.lakecohealth.org)).
- And while I'm on the subject of the pandemic, a big Thank You again to all of our healthcare providers, first responders and everyone else on the 'front lines' for helping us all get through the last 12+ months!
- Just to be clear - I hate the snow. I know - we live in the Midwest, it's the end of January, etc., etc. Doesn't matter - hate the snow.
- The Holidays are over. Bring on Spring!!

Doni Martin

Village Explores Options to Revitalize Grand Avenue Business Corridor

A common and recurring theme that the Village has received through resident contacts, the community survey, and focus groups is the collective desire to redevelop and revitalize the Grand Avenue corridor. In fact, the Village Board prioritized this as a goal of their recent strategic plan. One step in bringing this goal to fruition is to identify tools that may assist in improving the aesthetic quality and attracting more businesses to Grand Avenue. One possible tool that the Village is exploring is the use of tax increment financing (TIF) to help meet the goals of the community. To provide more understanding TIF as a redevelopment tool, the Village has established an informational page on their website so our residents can learn more. Residents can also fill out a form online and express what they would like to see along Grand Avenue!

Please visit www.lindenhurstil.org and click on **Grand Avenue TIF Redevelopment District** under **FEATURED TOPICS**.



CONNECT WITH US!

	WebQA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place service requests via our mobile app • Village of Lindenhurst, WebQA
	InvoiceCloud	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pay your Utility Bills Online • www.invoicecloud.com/lindenhurstil
	NIXLE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get Important Alerts! To Register: • Text 60046 to 888777
	SOCIAL MEDIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facebook@LindenhurstIL • Instagram@LindenhurstIL • Twitter@LindenhurstVOL • LinkedIn@Village of Lindenhurst, IL
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Linden Notes

Landscape Collection Starts in April

Spring is just around the corner and so is the start of landscape waste collection with the Village's contracted waste hauler, Groot. Landscape service begins April 5 and runs through November 29. Landscape waste includes grass, shrubbery, small tree limbs and weeds. Sticker service: Each sticker is \$3.40 and one must be affixed to each 32-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 \$165 annually. Residents may place up to four 32-gallon containers or Kraft style bags curbside each week; any additional containers would require a sticker. Stickers can be purchased at the following locations:

Village Hall (2301 E Sand Lake Road),
Walgreen's (399 S Route 45), or
Butera Finer Foods (1500 E Grand Avenue).

For more information, please contact Groot at (847) 693-2700.

50/50 Programs

Lindenhurst offers reimbursement to residents that have planted a tree, added shoreline buffer plantings or purchased a rain barrel and/or compost bin.

- Program dollars will be dispersed by the Village to the homeowner after proof of purchase and residency.
- 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.

Rain Barrel & Compost Bin:

This program will allow residents to be more sustainable by reducing residential water consumption or improving soil and plant life.

Up to \$75 for up to three rain barrels OR a compost bin (excluding sales tax, delivery, accessories, etc.).

Shoreline Stabilization:

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](#) (excluding sales tax, delivery, installation, etc.).

Tree Reimbursement:

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](#) (excluding sales tax, delivery, installation, etc.).

Utility Bill Payment Options

Residents can take advantage of the Village's online utility bill system, at no additional cost. Residents can use InvoiceCloud to pay their utility bill, view the bill or receive paperless billing through the e-bill program. To register, visit www.lindenhurstil.org and click "Pay Your Utility Bill" on the homepage, and click the link <https://www.invoicecloud.com/lindenhurstil>.

Please contact Village Hall at (847) 356-8252 if you have any questions about on-line utility bill payments.

LAKE COUNTY ELECTRONICS RECYCLING FACILITY

A LIMIT OF UP TO SEVEN ELECTRONIC ITEMS MAY BE DROPPED OFF PER VISIT
(excluding miscellaneous cords and cables)

Year-Around Drop Off - Appointments are Not Required:

Grayslake: Public Works Facility, Recycling Center

585 Berry Avenue, Grayslake, IL
Monday - Friday: 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Also accepts: Cardboard, mixed paper, plastic containers, glass bottles and jars, steel cans, food scraps, shoes, clothing and textiles.



For a full list of Lake County Recycling Facilities, visit www.swalco.org.

DON'T CREATE
OPPORTUNITIES FOR CRIME!

LOCK IT,
REMOVE IT,
OR LOSE IT!



AREA CAR BURGLARIES ON THE RISE

The Lindenhurst Police Department wants to remind everyone to keep their vehicles locked, and valuables out of sight.

Car burglaries are difficult cases to solve, since burglars usually leave very little physical evidence behind after a car burglary has occurred. It takes less than a minute to enter an unlocked vehicle and remove items left inside. Often there are no witnesses to these offenses because of the ease and speed. The crimes usually occur on residential streets and driveways at night, when it is less likely the thieves will be seen.

Intent, opportunity, and action are the elements of a crime. If we can eliminate the opportunity, then together, we might be able to stop the crime.



I.D.E.S. SCAM

Identity thieves and hackers have long known how to use stolen identities to commit fraud – for example, open a new credit card or file a false tax return – and criminals using stolen identities to defraud public assistance programs is not new. In fact, such schemes are so pervasive that federal rules require Illinois to have staff dedicated to preventing and stopping fraudulent activity in the Unemployment Insurance (UI) system.

Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES) needs your help to combat Unemployment Insurance (UI) Fraud/Identity Theft. If you become a victim of UI Fraud/Identity Theft, you must contact IDES utilizing the Contact Form located at <https://www2.illinois.gov/ides/Pages/UI-Fraud.aspx> to promptly report it.

What steps should I take if I receive a debit card and did not file for unemployment insurance?

If you suspect a claim has been submitted using your information and you have not applied for unemployment insurance benefits in Illinois, complete the an Identity Theft Report on the Federal Trade Commission's (FTC) website www.identitytheft.gov; and, take these steps immediately:

- 1) Call the IDES Benefit Payment Control Division at (800) 814-0513
Note: The call volume is high due to an increase in reports of fraud, so please be patient in waiting for your scheduled call back. When prompted:
 - a) Select English or Spanish language option;
 - b) Select option #1 for Claimants; and
 - c) Select option #5 to report Identity Theft.
- 2) DO NOT activate the debit card that was mailed to you.
- 3) DO NOT contact KeyBank.
- 4) Destroy the card.
- 5) Request your free credit report at www.annualcreditreport.com; review the report for other fraudulent activities.
- 6) Contact the Social Security Administration at <https://www.ssa.gov>.
- 7) Contact the LindenHurst Police Department, and file a report.
- 8) Complete IRS Form 14039, Identity Theft Affidavit on <https://www.irs.gov>.
- 9) Place a Temporary Fraud Alert with the three major credit bureaus.
(A police report number is required for a 7-year Fraud Alert. Without a police report, the credit bureaus will allow a maximum 1-year Fraud Alert placed on your files):

o Equifax	https://www.equifax.com	(800) 525-6285
o Experian	https://www.experian.com	(888) 397-3742
o Transunion	https://www.transunion.com	(800) 680-7289

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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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