

Village of

# LINDENHURST

Developing Today for Tomorrow

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## Working Toward a Modern, Appealing Business Corridor

On May 17th, the Lindenhurst Village Board and Plan Commission met in a joint session to discuss the future of Grand Avenue. In conjunction with the Village's ongoing study which would potentially designate much of the Grand Avenue corridor as a Tax Increment Financing District, the two boards expressed their vision for the appearance and business mix of the area.

For over two hours, the mayor, trustees and commissioners heard a presentation from the Village's consulting partner in the process, Teska Associates, as well as comments from the general public. Teska's presentation provided real-world context for Grand Avenue corridor possibilities, and tangible examples of redevelopment concepts used in other communities. The workshop conversation was wide ranging, touching on topics of desired amenities, land uses, business recruitment, and multi-modal transportation opportunities.

The comments from this meeting will be compiled and analyzed by Teska Associates and will become the basis for the corridor redevelopment concepts. The various conceptual options will be presented to the Village Board at a future date for their comment and feedback. Ultimately, a final Grand Avenue corridor improvement plan will be adopted by the Village Board and implemented by staff. The Tax Increment Financing (TIF) process, occurring separately but in parallel, is still underway.

Improving our Grand Avenue corridor remains a priority of the Village of Lindenhurst electéd officials. Much work still needs to be done, but the possibilities are truly exciting! If you would like to offer some feedback, go to www.lindenhurstil. org and click on the "Grand Avenue TIF Redevelopment District" link on the left-hand side of the page. There you will find a feedback link where you can provide your suggestions for Grand Avenue. You can even listen to the meeting discussion yourself! Together, we can instill real change for the betterment of Lindenhurst!

# **Event Calendar**

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

Visit <u>www.lindenhurstil.</u> <u>org</u> for more details about all Village events:

- Monday, July 5:
   Village Hall & Postal
   Substation CLOSED
   for Independence Day
- Wednesdays through August 4: Live Music in the Parks Concert Series continues (see page 4); the Spring/ Summer Guide on www.lindenhurstparks.org has more details on this and other park distict events
- Monday, Sept. 6:
   Village Hall & Postal
   Substation CLOSED
   for Labor Day



# From the Mayor's Desk



The State's budget that was passed in June did not include a 10% cut to the Local Government Distributive Fund, more commonly known as LGDF. Draft State budgets this year, and prior approved State budgets, usually include a 10% cut. LGDF contains municipalities' share of state income tax proceeds. The State keeps the majority, but every year local governments need to fight to receive what we are supposed to receive. (We actually haven't received our full municipal share since 2011).

In case you're wondering about the impact to Lindenhurst, a 10% cut to LGDF costs our community over \$130,000. As I stated to the Governor and staff on a recent conference call, \$130,000 may not seem like much to larger cities, but it is a huge deal for Lindenhurst. It would be nice to not have to plead with the State for your/our money every year!

As I write this article, we are just days away from the Governor (hopefully) lifting his Executive Orders and moving the State out of the pandemic. As restrictions are lifted, go out and enjoy everything we couldn't do last year - attend our Concerts in the Parks , take a vacation, dine at your favorite restaurant, but most importantly, enjoy life!



I was reminded last week how very precious and short life can be. In early June, our Village Trustee Dawn Czarny passed away.

Dawn was a pleasure to work with— I worked on projects with Dawn at Allegiance

Healthcare/Cardinal Health, going back to the late '90's. She was detail-oriented, and as I learned over the last several years, was passionate about our community.

In addition to serving on the Village Board for over 6-years, Dawn was also on the Finance Committee, was our SWALCO representative, and had previously served as liaison to the Lakes and Environmental Commissions.

The Board and Village staff are incredibly saddened by Dawn's passing, and we will miss her! We all extend our deepest condolences to her entire family.



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# Linden Notes

# **Landscape Collection**

Groot landscape service runs through November 29th. 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)
- 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 <u>recommended</u> <u>shoreline plants</u> (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 excluding sales tax, delivery, installation, etc.)

Up to \$200 for an **acceptable** tree (no invasives permitted; other exclusions may apply).

### **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 <a href="www.lindenhurstil.org">www.lindenhurstil.org</a> and click "Pay Your Utility Bill" on the homepage, and click the link

https://www.invoicecloud.com/lin-denhurstil.

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

# VILLAGE ORDINANCE REMINDERS

## **Landscaping**

Grass should not exceed 8 inches in height, and weeds are not permitted. The burning of yard waste is not permitted.

Shrubbery and trees should not encroach over public sidewalks, nor block the line-of-sight for roadway traffic.

### **Vehicles**

No vehicle may be parked on the front lawn or obstruct a public sidewalk. Boats, RVs, and trailers have size and parking restrictions. All vehicles shall be operable, with current plates displayed. 2 AM to 6 AM street parking is prohibited.

# **Garage Sales**

Only 2 garage sales are permitted within a calendar year, and may not exceed 4 consecutive days in duration.

Signs can not be affixed to lamp posts, fences, mailboxes, electric lights, utility poles, street signs, or public buildings.

#### **Structure Maintenance**

For prompt emergency response, display address numbers, a minimum of 4-inches high, using a color contrasting with its background. Keep trim and wall exteriors free from chipping/peeling paint and rotting wood. Maintain hand and guard rails.

# Storage/Debris

All garbage must be sealed in a tight-fitting container, and may not be stored in front of the house. Receptacles, yard waste, and other items can be placed roadside after 6 PM the night before a scheduled pick-up, and must be removed by 8 PM the day of pick-up. Keep yard free of litter/debris. Store toys, bicycles, and tools inside. Remove animal waste regularly.

# ENTERING Lake Linden Watershed

ALL WATER FLOWS TO THE LAKE



# Impacting our Watersheds

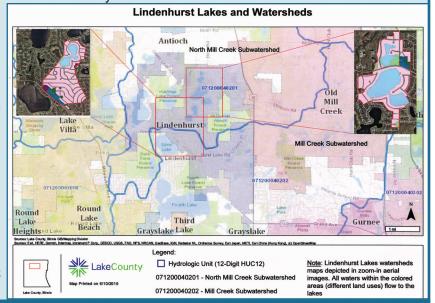
**Did you know?** A watershed is an area of land in which all rainfall and snow-melt storm water drains to the same outflow points such as our beautiful lakes Linden, Potomac, Springledge, and Waterford. Eventually, the runoff also infiltrates underground reservoirs or aquifers. In Lindenhurst, these lakes are all part of the North Mill Creek sub-watershed, included in the bigger Des Plaines River Watershed.

Being within a watershed means that it is important for each resident to keep harmful materials out of storm drains, and out of the lakes. Please be aware when you see posted Watershed signs, and take extra care by following these recommendations: mulch or bag grass clippings; pick up pet waste; if you wash cars outside, choose a phosphate-free cleanser; and, use phosphate-free fertilizers. For more information about Lindenhurst's lakes, and where watersheds are located, please visit www.lindenhurstlakes.com.

**Dumping -** There is a complex interconnectivity between our individual actions and the environment, impacting on the water, vegetation, animals, and ultimately, us. It is due to this environmental impact that dumping into storm drains and drainage ditches in our Village is illegal. Dumping is not just a violation of Village Ordinance (51.125)— violations of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act can result in misdemeanor and/or felony charges. Chemical runoff not only threatens the ecological receptors, but also poses a serious risk to human health in the waters where we swim or fish. Similarly, it is a common misconception that flushing chemicals down the toilet or sink at home will get safely diluted at the wastewater treatment plant. Unfortunately, not all chemicals can be treated, and can therefore wind up back in the water table. The Lindenhurst Police Department has a drop-off box in their lobby for residential prescription and OTC medications and liquids to help keep these items out of the water treatment system.

When transferring liquid household chemicals such as automotive fluids, paint, solvents, pesticides, fertilizers into containers, gardening tools, vehicles, etc.; do not transfer them directly near bare land, grass, culverts or watercourses, as accidental spills or leaks can happen. Use drip pans and clean up spills promptly using absorbent materials.

If you need more information on how to recycle or safely dispose of hazardous household wastes, please visit SWALCO website <a href="https://www.swalco.org/164/House-hold-Chemical-Waste-HCW">https://www.swalco.org/164/House-hold-Chemical-Waste-HCW</a>.



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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. Please visit <a href="www.lindenhurstil.org">www.lindenhurstil.org</a> for more information.

