



Village of

LINDENHURST

Developing Today for Tomorrow

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Event Calendar

Visit www.lindenhurstil.org for more details about all Village events, and www.lindenhurstparks.org for Lindenhurst Park District family and adult events.

Village Negotiates Favorable Groot Waste Hauling Rates

Lower Sticker Cost; Unlimited Leaf Pickup Mid-October through November without Stickers



In 2014, the Village negotiated a contract for waste hauling services with Groot for a period of six years which expired on December 31, 2021. In evaluating our options for a new or successor contract, Village staff consulted with SWALCO about the current landscape of the waste hauling industry, the market's impact in Lake County and what the Village may expect in the course of a negotiation or bid process. In recent months, there have only been a couple of waste haulers interested in bidding as Waste Management has been declining to offer proposals to communities looking to price out their refuse services. Shortly after our conversations with SWALCO, staff began discussions directly with Groot about what a successor agreement to our contract may look like.

Those discussions yielded the following terms for a successor agreement:

1. A competitive garbage pick-up rate which will help us control prices passed on to our residents.
2. The agreement would be for seven years, but the rates quoted above would be the same for Years 1 and 2 of our contract. With that in mind, the increase to the rates becomes 0.7% per year for the first two years of the contract. After Year 2 increases follow the CPI, but cannot be below 2% or above 4%. This inflationary increase language is the same as our current contract and remains unchanged.
3. Yard Waste Stickers would go from \$3.40 to \$2.50, a decrease of greater than 25%. Sticker rates would remain flat for the full term of our contract.
4. From mid-October through November (six weeks), what is traditionally our "2-for-1" yard waste ticket season, the contract would provide for unlimited bagged leaf pickup without a sticker.

5. Subscription rates would follow the language of our current contract. Annual rates would increase by \$5 per year.

The Village discussed the possibility of eliminating stickers entirely and evaluated an option where residents would be allowed up to four bags of yard waste per week during yard waste season. However, the cost for this service would then be included in every resident's rate. This cost would increase rates somewhere between 7.6% and 9.7%, depending on your garbage cart size. We believe this to be a high cost to pay for residents who may never utilize the service (like those with landscape services) or those who generate smaller yard waste. Therefore, the benefit of such a plan could be inequitable from subdivision to subdivision or even home to home. Yard waste stickers allow residents to pay for exactly the amount of pick-up service they receive.

Groot's cost proposal was discussed with SWALCO who felt that the market would likely yield no better rates or services than what was quoted. Given the inflationary rates seen recently, locking in no increases for two calendar years after an initial 1.4% increase seems to be a good deal for the Village. Holding landscape waste tag prices for seven years is also convenient and a win for residents. Those with more yard waste needs can subscribe to the annual landscape waste subscription, which increases at around 3% per year over the life of the contract.

The contract amendment will extend Groot's contract with the Village for seven years with the terms mentioned previously. The bulk of the Village's contract will remain the same, including the Village's right to terminate the contract upon a sixty (60) day notice.

For more information, please visit the Village website at www.lindenhurstil.org, or call 847-356-8252.

From the Mayor's Desk

Support raising the LGDF

Last year in the July/August issue, I commented on the Village not receiving its full share of the Local Government Distributive Fund, or LGDF, from the State. LGDF are the locally generated income taxes collected by the State set aside and distributed to municipalities and counties on a per capita basis. In exchange for local governments not imposing their own income tax on their residents, the State agreed in 1969 to distribute 10% to municipalities.

Since 2011, the State reduced the municipalities share to 6% (actually 6.06%) when State Income Tax rates were raised under then Governor Quinn. When the State Income Tax rates were restored back to their previous rates, the State did not restore the municipal share back to the 10%.

As I write this letter at the end of January, there is a po-

tential light at the end of the tunnel. Two bills are being discussed in Springfield during the Spring Legislative session (HB4169 and SB3010) which, if passed, would adjust our LGDF rate from 6% to 8%.

I have discussed these bills with our State legislators during Zoom meetings I recently facilitated with the Lake County Municipal League. Most if not all of the legislators representing Lake County support these bills, and have signed on as co-sponsors. The legislators are also clearly aware that this is an interim step - we ultimately need to get back to municipalities receiving 10%.

If you happen to see our legislators, please let them know how important it is for municipalities to receive their full 10% share of LGDF dollars.

Hopefully as you receive this newsletter, Spring will be in the air, good news will be coming out of Springfield, and COVID mandates and restrictions will have been lifted.

Doni Martin

211

United Way of Lake County

HELP IS ONE CALL OR TEXT AWAY!

United Way of Lake County's 211 is Lake County's one-stop shop for help. 211 is a free, confidential, 24-hour information and referral helpline for essential health and human services in our community.

211 is open to everyone in Lake County and connects people to available resources by phone, text and online, including food, rent and utility assistance, mental health services, health care and many other resources.

To access 211, simply call 211 or text your zip code to 898211. Resource navigators at the 211 contact center are trained, experienced specialists who understand you and your local community. They will guide you to the help you deserve in your moments of need. 211 is multilingual with English and Spanish speaking staff, and interpreters to more than 150 other languages.

Call 211 or text your zip code to 898211 for immediate assistance, or visit 211LakeCounty.org for more information.

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An expert navigator will lead you to the help you need:

- Housing
- Mental Health & Addiction
- Utilities
- Health Care
- Food
- Financial Support
- Crisis Help
- Personal, Child & Family Support (and more!)

Go Native in Your Yard

It's not too early to think of ways to add beautiful and ecologically-friendly landscaping to your property! Openlands is now scheduling spring appointments to help homeowners, businesses, and institutions manage their properties in ways that support aesthetics, stormwater management, and ecological resilience. On-site, outdoor property visits are provided by a staff Landscape Ecologist.

Recommendations are tailored to each property owner's needs, and may address stormwater, the selection of native trees and other plants, the control of invasive species, and tree and lawn care. Openlands is a nationally accredited land trust serving northeastern Illinois since 1963.

For more information, visit Openlands.org/beautiful.

Check out Lindenhurst's 50/50 reimbursement program for qualifying trees, shoreline plants, and rain barrels (page 3).



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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 4th and runs through November 28th. Landscape waste includes grass, shrubbery, small tree limbs and weeds. Sticker service: Each sticker is \$2.50 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.

Please visit the Community Resources/Green Initiatives section of the Village website at www.lindenhurstil.org for forms and information.

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.

VILLAGE ORDINANCE REMINDERS

This Spring, please be mindful of our Village ordinances. Our full code can be found at www.lindenhurstil.org.

Burning

The burning of leaves, landscape waste, brush, garbage, or any construction materials are prohibited; wood may be burned at any time. The burning must be supervised with an extinguishing source present, must be enclosed, and at least 20-feet from any structure, fence, lake/wetland, tree or bush.

Property Maintenance

All structures must be in good repair, clean and sanitary condition, and structurally sound.

Structures should also be properly anchored, free of rotting wood, peeling/chipping paint, and rust.

Property should be well-maintained, free of noxious weeds, and grass below 8" in height.

Tree limbs and shrubs must not obstruct the street or sidewalk, and have a minimum of 8-foot overhead clearance.

Street address numbers must be easily read from the roadway to enable quick response by emergency personnel.

Vehicles stored in public view must be in driveable condition with valid registration; otherwise, must store in garage.

Garage Sales

Only two garage sales are permitted within a calendar year, and not more than four consecutive days in duration.

Signs

Temporary signage may not be affixed to traffic control signs/devices, utility poles, fences or building walls.

Animals

Must be leashed when off owner property, controlled on a leash no longer than 10-feet in length, and display a current Lake County Rabies tag.

Residents are permitted a maximum combination of 3 cats and/or dogs per household.

Animals should not disturb the peace, day or night.



COYOTES in Lake County: Who to Call and When

Call:	When:
<u>Lake County Health Department – Animal Care and Control</u> <i>(after seeking medical attention for a bite)</i> Phone: 847-377-4700	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A coyote has bitten a human or pet A coyote is seriously ill or injured A coyote is in a confined area (building or fenced yard) and is unable to leave
<u>Lake County Forest Preserve District – Operations Office/Ranger Police</u> Phone: 847-367-6640 (M-F, 6:30am-6pm) Other hours, call Sheriff or 911	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A coyote is acting aggressively toward a human or a pet <u>within a Forest Preserve</u>
<u>Lake County Sheriff's Department</u> Phone: 847-549-5200 or 911	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A coyote is <i>in the act</i> of attacking a person or pet <u>in unincorporated Lake County</u>
<u>Local Municipal Law Enforcement</u> Phone: 911, or check local listings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A coyote is <i>in the act</i> of attacking a person or pet <u>within a municipality's boundaries</u>
<u>Illinois Department of Natural Resources</u> Phone: 847-608-3100	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For general information about coyotes
NOTE: The agencies listed above will not, for example, respond to a coyote walking through a neighborhood or in an open area or if there is a coyote den on your property.	
<u>Private Nuisance Wildlife Professional</u> Phone: Check local listings or go to: https://www.wildlifeillinois.org/class-a-operators/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you want a coyote removed from your property – State and local permits and regulations apply

Coyotes are rarely dangerous to people. The key to living with coyotes is remembering that they are naturally afraid of people. The most effective way to prevent a bad encounter with a coyote is to reinforce this natural fear through your behavior. If a coyote is seen in its natural habitat, it is fine to watch it from a distance. Coyotes are often seen in neighborhoods near natural areas. Never approach a coyote, let your dog approach it, or feed it. If you are approached by a coyote, or it comes into your yard, scare it away by shouting at it and waving your arms over your head. Using an air horn or whistle will also help scare coyotes away from approaching you. These actions will reinforce the coyote's natural fear of people and teach it that your yard is not available territory.

Additional Suggested Resources:

- Illinois Department of Natural Resources
<https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/conservation/wildlife/Pages/Coyote.aspx>
<https://www.wildlifeillinois.org/>
- Lake County Forest Preserve District
<https://www.lcfd.org/faqs/#247>
<https://www.lcfd.org/conservation/preventing-issues/>
- The Ohio State University Urban Coyote Project
<https://urbancoyoteresearch.com/>



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Trustee Patty Chybowski
Trustee Patrick Dickson
Trustee Patrick Dunham
Trustee Ronald Grace
Trustee Heath Rosten
Trustee Dawn Suchy
Village Clerk Jody Stoughtenger

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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