



Village of

LINDENHURST

Developing Today for Tomorrow

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Village Invests in Road Infrastructure

The Village has completed the most ambitious road resurfacing project in recent history, having resurfaced over 3.3 miles of Village streets. This \$1.5 million project is only part of the planned investment in our Village roadways. Over the past four (4) years, the Village has actually resurfaced 25% of its roads, with plans to continue these improvements.

In 2018, the Village conducted an assessment which analyzed the condition of all Village streets. Rather than solely conducting a visual assessment, the Village partnered with an engineering firm which used a system of vehicle-mounted cameras and lasers to calculate a condition rating of all Village streets. Scores to determine the overall quality of streets were based on an engineering standard known as the Pavement Condition Index, or PCI which issues a score of 0 to 100, with 100 being the highest score. Village streets scored a 55 out of 100.

The final report of this assessment in 2018 recommended an annual investment of \$1.2M in order to reverse the degradation curve of Village streets and bring the overall road condition to a PCI score of 60. A PCI of 60 would be squarely within the "Fair" condition rating of the PCI standard and represent an almost 10% improvement in road surface condition. The chart below illustrates the Village's increased investment in streets.

A six-year road resurfacing program was

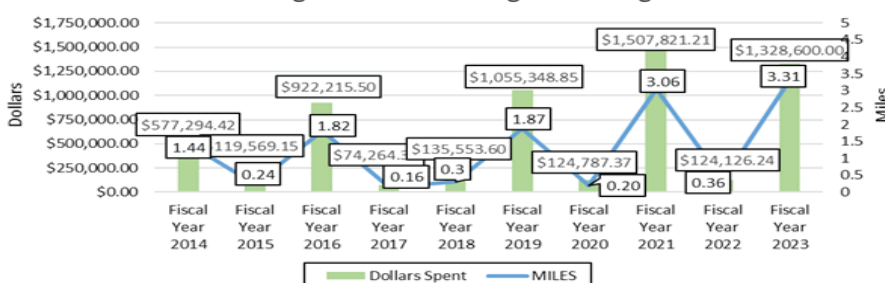
then generated which reprioritized streets beyond the "worst-is-first" method, by instead addressing road surfaces before they were in a condition requiring complete reconstruction. Resurfacing streets before their failure extends their useful life and saves money. The Village also began using mill and overlay resurfacing in areas where curbs and road subbase were in good condition – a cost savings versus complete reconstruction.

The Village still operates on a biennial resurfacing schedule, but the amount of road investment has increased 130% between FY 2014 and FY 2023. The Village has also been able to almost double the number of road miles treated by our program since 2014 from 1.44 miles to 3.31 miles. While not quite to the \$1.2M/year investment level, the Village's new funding strategy is a considerable improvement.

This fall, the Village will undertake another roadway assessment to measure our progress in road surface improvement using a similar process as undertaken in 2018. The results of this new study will help the Village Board to determine the appropriate funding level of capital investments in roadways and the location of that investment over the next five to ten years.

Questions on the Village Road Improvement Plan can be sent to mail@linden-hurstil.org, or by calling (847) 356-8252.

Village Road Resurfacing & Patching



Event Calendar

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

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

- **Sunday, November 6:** "Fall Back," Daylight Savings Time Ends at 2AM
- **Friday, November 11:** Veterans' Day Ceremony, 11AM, Village Hall, 2301 E Sand Lake Rd
- **Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25:** Village Hall & Postal Substation closed for Thanksgiving
- **Saturday, November 26:** Small Business Saturday~ Shop Local!
- **Monday, November 28:** Final Groot Landscape Waste pick-up of the season. *Residents may have unlimited bags or containers of LEAVES ONLY from October 17th - November 28th, no stickers needed!*
- **Saturday, December 3:** Holiday Tree Lighting from 4:30PM to 6PM at Lindenhurst Park District, 2200 E Grass Lake Rd. Visit LindenHurstParks.org/calendar/ for additional Park District event information.
- **Monday, December 26:** Village Hall & Postal Substation closed for Christmas
- **Monday, January 2:** Village Hall & Postal Substation closed for New Year's
- **Monday, January 9:** final Groot Christmas Tree collection. Place trees roadside, without decorations, as part of your regular garbage/recycling pick-up
- **Monday, February 20:** Village Hall & Postal Substation closed for Presidents' Day

From the Mayor's Desk

Let's play — True or False?

Lindenfest is run by the Village ~

False Although many Village employees and Village Board members put in a lot of time for Lindenfest, Lindenfest is run by a separate group of volunteers and elect their own Board to oversee the festival. The Village Board does appoint a liaison (Trustee Pat Dunham) to ensure constant communication between the Village and the Lindenfest Committee.

The Village is spending more \$\$ than in previous years to improve our Village streets ~

True In 2018, we had consultants complete a data analysis of our Village streets summarized in the 2018 State of the Streets Report. Prior to the study, the Village had spent \$1.8 million for the 5-year period FY 2014-18. For the 5-years after the study, we have spent \$4.1 million, or an average of \$366,000 annually prior to the study— compared to an average of \$828,000 annually post-study.

Village Board members earn 6-figure salaries as elected officials ~

False Not even close. More like 4-figure annual salaries for the Village Board. We have not changed the compensation for Board members in I believe over 20 years. We don't serve as elected officials for the money.

The Mayor's job is a full-time role ~

False Most Mayors in Lake County are part-time (although there are many times we put in full-time hours).

The Mayor's street is the first street plowed in the wintertime ~

False I live on a cul-de-sac with 3 other households. Probably one of the last ones plowed in my subdivision. Ask my wife (or my neighbors)!

The Village has the capability to change the numbers on your water meter when the Village needs

more revenues ~

False!! The meter is a simple device. Numbers on the meter change only when water flows through the meter.

The Mayor discusses issues and concerns with other area Mayors~

True. I serve on 2 Boards with area Mayors (Lake County Municipal League and Central Lake County Joint Action Water Agency), and I meet with area Mayors, Township Supervisors, and other elected officials every month for lunch.

If there are other topics you'd like to have me address, please email me at dmarturano@lindenhurstil.org.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy Holiday season!

Donie Martin



Santa Claus is Coming to Town!
Stay tuned for more details!!



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.

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Don't forget to support our local establishments on **Small Business Saturday**, November 26th. You'll help our community's local living economy.



The Village of Lindenhurst is collecting **new** and **unwrapped** toys for the Marine Corps' Toys for Tots program through December 19th.

Collection boxes are in the Village Hall lobby.

**ACCEPTING
TOYS FOR
TOTS
DONATIONS
THROUGH
12/19**



Linden Notes

Landscape Collection

Landscape service runs through November 28th. Landscape waste includes grass, shrubbery, small tree limbs and weeds. Sticker service: With our recent negotiated Groot contract, stickers decreased from \$3.40 to \$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. **Residents may have unlimited bags or 33 gallon cans of LEAVES from 10/17 - 11/28; no stickers needed —(other yard**

waste requires usual stickers). 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.

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 be killed as "pests" tomorrow. Don't harm wildlife with your kindness; help them remain healthy, safe, and free.

VILLAGE ORDINANCE REMINDERS

As Winter approaches, please be mindful of our Village ordinances. Our full code can be found at www.lindenhurstil.org.

Snow Removal

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.

Please don't deposit snow onto the roadway from your shoveling or snow-blowing efforts.

Parking Restrictions

To assist our snow plow crews, there is no parking on any Village streets when there is 2" or more of accumulated snow. The restriction applies until the streets have been cleared of snow. Violators may be towed.

2 AM to 6 AM street parking is always prohibited.

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. • If having a gathering, please park all vehicles on the non-fire-hydrant side of the road for easier passage. • Also, remove garbage/recycling cans from the end of your driveways ASAP after pick-up, and no later than 8PM.

Snowmobiles

Snowmobiles are not permitted on any public right of way or roadway, school grounds, Village or Park District property.

Snowmobiles are only permitted on private property, with the permission of the owner.

Special rules apply for Lake Linden and snowmobile equipment requirements. Please refer to Village website www.lindenhurstil.org for link to snowmobile ordinances, or call Village Hall at (847) 356-8252 for more information.

New Business Takes Advantage of Lindenhurst Economic Assistance Program

To assist in the recovery of the local economy after the hardships of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Village Board of the Village of Lindenhurst has developed an assistance program aimed at improving the vitality of the Village's small businesses.

The Lindenhurst Economic Assistance Program or "LEAP" will help businesses within the community, or those companies looking to relocate to Lindenhurst with the cost of façade improvements or other build-out improvements. Retail and restaurant businesses may be eligible for 50/50 reimbursement of improvements up

to \$30,000. Other businesses may be eligible for reimbursements up to \$20,000.

Lindenhurst welcomes, **Camp Bow Wow**, a new doggy daycare facility, which has taken advantage of this program. "Along with our build-out reimbursement programs, the Village's LEAP program is the Village's robust effort of reinvestment in our business community and in the viability of our commercial areas," said Mayor Dominic Marturano.

Interested? Contact Village Hall for more information: (847) 356-8252, or mail@lindenhurstil.org.

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, up-

per 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.

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.

DETECTING CAR BURGLARIES

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.

DON'T CREATE
OPPORTUNITIES FOR CRIME!

LOCK IT,
REMOVE IT,
OR LOSE IT!

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.

Lindenhurst Box Exchange was created

to collect and provide boxes and other packing or shipping materials to residents, free of charge.



Donations and pickups are by appointment-only with Pat Dickson.

Requests can be made on his group's Facebook Page: Lindenhurst Box Exchange.

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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.
Please visit www.lindenhurstil.org for more information.

