



*Village of*

# LINDENHURST

*Developing Today for Tomorrow*

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## \$2.1 million awarded for 2024 Hawthorn/ Sprucewood/Lake Shore Drive Project

The Village is pleased to announce the award of approximately \$2.1M by the Lake County Council of Mayors, which will allow the Village to begin work on reconstructing the roadway from Lake Shore Drive to Linden Landing in 2024. Years of engineering work and effort have culminated in this award, but the work isn't over yet.

The Village has prioritized the reconstruction of the stretch of roadway consisting of Hawthorn Drive, Sprucewood Lane, and Lake Shore Drive. The improvements would be between the intersection of Beck Road and Lake Shore Drive all the way to Grand Avenue. In all, the project would improve approximately 1.3 miles of roadway. In January 2018, the Village Board authorized the commencement of Phase 1 design engineering with Christopher B. Burke Engineering (CBBEL) for the improved roadway project. Phase 2 engineering design followed in August 2019.

Once design was complete, the Village applied for STP funds through the LCCOM, and was placed on the contingency list for funding in their first call for projects. The Village reapplied for the project during a new call for projects in early 2022. With this

new call for projects, the Village has been awarded almost \$2.1M for the project in Federal Fiscal Year 2023.

Project improvements would reconstruct the mainly rural road cross-sections (gravel shoulders and ditches) to a curb and gutter, urban cross-section. The new construction would also widen the roadway to twenty-four (24') feet and include stormwater infrastructure. Once complete, the new roadway would allow for safer vehicular travel, improved stormwater containment, and complete a connection that would allow for dedicated pedestrian travel between Grass Lake Road and Grand Avenue. The total cost of construction of this project is estimated to be \$6.7M, which is exclusive of construction engineering.

Being a designated Federal Aid-Urban (FAU) route, Hawthorn/Sprucewood/Lake Shore Drive is eligible for construction funding assistance through the federal government. Federal funds, directed through the Surface Transportation Program (STP), are awarded to regional planning organizations who then create the criteria for

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## Event Calendar

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

Visit [www.lindenhurstil.org](http://www.lindenhurstil.org) for more details about all Village events:

Check out [www.lindenhurst-parks.org](http://www.lindenhurst-parks.org) for Lindenhurst Park District family and adult events and information

- **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**
- **Saturday, March 11, 9AM - 12PM: Lindenhurst Park District Community Garage Sale.** Registration required before Friday, March 3
- **Sunday, March 12, 2AM: Daylight Savings Time starts** set your clocks ahead an hour
- **Saturday, April 1, 10AM (rain date of Sunday, April 2): Park District Easter Egg Hunt, Easter Bunny Meet and NEW Doggie Egg Hunt at Millennium Park, 201 Country Place**
- **Thursday, March 16, 9:30AM - 11:30AM: Active Adult St. Patrick's Day Breakfast.** Register by Monday, March 13
- **Friday, April 7, 1PM - 2:30PM: Bunny Bingo for Active Adults at Senior Scene Room, Lindenhurst Park District**

## From the Mayor's Desk

### 2022: Year in Review

I write this version as I prepare to join Santa on our 3rd Annual Santa Claus Parade. I hope that everyone enjoyed it!

2022 was certainly an outstanding year, with many major accomplishments. Here are just a few:

- Established a TIF District in the Grand Avenue corridor
- Established the LEAP (Lindenhurst Economic Assistance Program) to grow and incentivize businesses
- Utilized American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to assist delinquent water accounts
- Continued to invest your hard-earned dollars in infrastructure improvements; road resurfacing (\$1.3 million) and local flooding mitigation (\$100 thousand)
- Replaced almost a quarter-mile of water main along Lake Shore Drive
- Completed the Emerald Ridge to Millennium Trail side-walk extension along Grand Avenue
- Negotiated a new Groot contract which lowered and

- locked in landscape waste sticker prices and instituted free, bagged leaf pick up in the fall for seven years
- Negotiated a new contract with the Village of Glenview to continue police dispatch services
- Hired new police officers - Jim Siefken, Scott Slechter, Ramon Garcia, Shane Siddens, Charles Scoles
- Hired new Public Works employees - Craig Harrison, Dave Serzynski
- Hired new office staff - Karleen Gernady, Kelley Stokes
- Partnered with SWALCO for a Recycle-O-Rama event at Village Hall
- Held our first food truck event at Village Hall
- Welcomed new businesses- Dollar Tree, Eggspress Cafe, Edward Jones (Lock Nelson), Camp Bow Wow
- Hired a part-time consultant to focus on economic development and leverage our TIF district
- Passed a 0% increase to the 2023 property tax levy, only accepting newly constructed property into the levy

In 2023, we will be focusing on economic growth, infrastructure investments, and other priorities that come out of your responses from the Village-wide random surveys sent out last Fall.



## 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.



United Way of Lake County

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](https://211LakeCounty.org) for more information.

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allocating funding to municipal governments. In our case, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) has designated certain allocations of dollars in two ways: 1) to "regional" projects of larger scope, and 2) to local councils of government like Lake County Council of Mayors (LCCOM). Through a competitive process, LCCOM then establishes a list of prioritized projects submitted by Lake County municipalities to receive STP funds. That list is ultimately reviewed and approved by CMAP.

Although \$2.1M is not adequate funding for the entire \$6.7M project, our staff and consultant engineers indicated in the Village's STP application that we would be willing to break the project into phases if it proved advantageous to the Village's chances of being funded. This awarded amount of money, along with the Village's matching funds, allow for the segment of roadway beginning with the intersection of Beck Road and Lake Shore Drive to an area near Linden Landing to be reconstructed into the full urban cross-section as previously

described.

Because the Village has been awarded these funds for federal fiscal year 2023, the Village must begin the reconstruction work in earnest. Much of calendar year 2023 will be dedicated to finalizing design work, acquiring easements, and preparing bid documents for the construction work. In early 2023, certain residents who live along the route may be contacted by a third-party firm to discuss the acquisition of temporary construction easements necessary for construction. Before October 2023, the Village will have issued bid documents for construction. Construction of the roadway improvements will likely begin in calendar year 2024.

The Village is pleased that we have been able to secure the funding for approximately half of the entire Hawthorn/Sprucewood/Lake Shore Drive Reconstruction Project, but we understand that completing this section of the project isn't where our work ends. Our staff will continue to seek the balance of funding to complete the remainder of the roadway.

# Linden Notes

## 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. Please visit the Community Resources/Green Initiatives section of the Village website at [www.lindenhurstil.org](http://www.lindenhurstil.org) for forms and information.

- 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 approved shoreline plants (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 [www.lindenhurstil.org](http://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 Winter, please be mindful of our Village ordinances. Our full code can be found at [www.lindenhurstil.org](http://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. 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](http://www.lindenhurstil.org) for link to snowmobile ordinances, or call Village Hall at (847) 356-8252 for more information.



# Making Safe U-Turns

With IDOT's addition of medians on Grand Avenue, it's an opportunity for a U-Turn Refresher Course. Please take a look at these reminders from the Lindenhurst Police Department. Questions? Give them a call at 847-356-5400.



## What is a U-Turn?

A U-Turn is the act of performing a 180° rotation to reverse your direction of travel. It is called a "U-Turn" because the maneuver looks like the letter U.



## When can I make a U-Turn?

U-Turns are only legal at intersections where there is no sign prohibiting the U-Turn, and the turn can be safely completed by yielding to oncoming traffic and obeying all other traffic signals.



U-Turns are also permitted from marked U-Turn lanes, when safe to do so.



## When is a U-Turn NOT allowed?

- Near a curve or near the crest of a hill, if you can't be seen for more than 500 feet in all directions.
- Where signs prohibit U-Turns.
- If by making a U-Turn, you interrupt traffic flow (causing others to brake or swerve).
- Some municipalities may prohibit U-Turns on some or all roadways.



## Ice and Ice Fishing Safety Tips

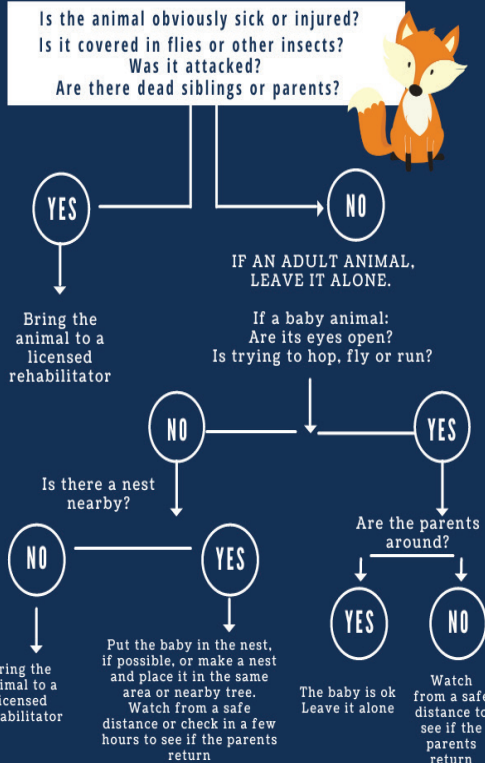
Remember in the winter, moving ice can damage docks. Damaged and unrepaired docks are unsightly and unsafe. Docks and piers should be maintained in a manner so they remain safe and are not hazardous to the environment or individuals using the lakes.

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:

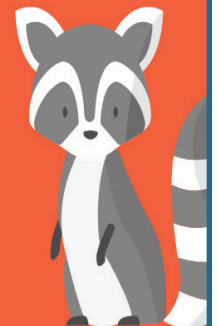
- Lake use is only for residents and their accompanied guests.
- No bait fish (minnows) allowed.
- Catch and release (except for bluegill – 25 per day.)
- Heed these safety precautions when fishing on ice:
- Pay attention to the color of the ice; clear blue lake ice is the strongest.
- Cloudy, opaque 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.



For full list of ordinances, visit [www.lindenhurstil.org](http://www.lindenhurstil.org).



## Animal In Need?



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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](http://www.lindenhurstil.org) for more information.

