

# VILLAGE VOICE



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## VILLAGE ADOPTS FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 BUDGET

At the Village Board meeting on April 22nd, the Village Board approved the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget. The FY 2024-2025 budget begins on May 1, 2024, and runs through April 30, 2025. The Village's budget is prepared through a collaborative effort by Village staff under the direction of the Village Administrator and is presented to the Village Board for review and adoption before the beginning of each fiscal year (May 1st). The Village's budget funds all major operating areas, such as police, administration, and public works. Additionally, the Village's budget accounts for all major capital improvements that are proposed within a 5-year increment.

The Village's budget consists of separate funds based on the various activities of the Village's operations. One of the biggest funds in the Village's budget is the General Fund. The General Fund provides several major municipal services, including administration, streets, building and grounds, engineering and building, and the police department.

The Village follows a priority-based budgeting approach where more funding is dedicated to line items and operating areas within the budget allocation based on achieving priorities identified by the Village Board and the community. This year's budget includes funding for the following goals:






### Timely Repair of Streets & Driving Condition of Village Streets

This budget year marks a huge year for infrastructure projects, with over \$2.1 million invested in Village Streets. The Village has begun Phase I of the Lake Shore Drive Reconstruction Project, which will reconstruct the mainly rural road to a curb and gutter urban cross-section, while widening the roadways and improving stormwater drainage. Reconstruction of the roadway will also enhance pedestrian travel by extending the sidewalk from Beck Road. In addition to the Lake Shore Drive Reconstruction Project, 2.58 miles of Village streets will be resurfaced as part of the 2024 resurfacing schedule.

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## FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK



Dominic Marturano  
*Property Taxes  
Refresher*

As Mayor, the Village Board and I often hear feedback from our residents expressing concern about high property taxes from the Village. Although we understand the concerns about your property taxes, it's important to clarify that while your property taxes do contribute to the Village's operation, it's only a small portion— about 3% (3 cents for every dollar) of property taxes paid.

So where **does** that 3% go?

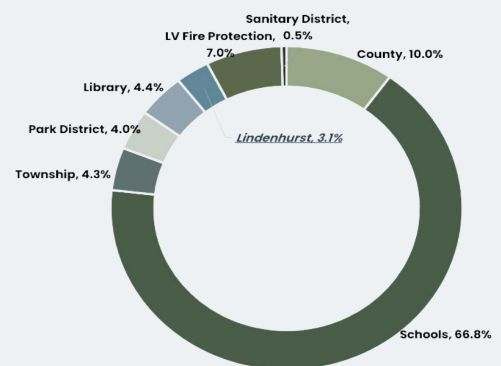
- Police Pension- The Village is obligated by State law to fund our Police Officer's pensions. The amount for police pension contributions is determined annually by our actuaries.
- Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF)- The Village's portion to provide retirement benefits for all full-time, non-sworn, employees.
- Social Security- The Village's obligation as an employer.
- Liability Insurance- The Village's portion of liability and workers' compensation insurance premiums.
- Corporate Fund- After fulfilling the commitments above, the remaining portion contributes to the Village's corporate Fund, which supports Village operations for administration, police, buildings and grounds, building and

engineering, and street operations.

In December 2023, the Village Board passed the Village's 2023 Property Tax Levy (payable in 2024) in the amount of \$1,337,325. This amount can change slightly based on adjustments made by Lake County. For reference, we estimate the Village's property tax levy on a \$250,000 home will be approximately \$264.36, which is a 4.3% decrease when compared to the previous tax year.

Rest assured, we understand residents' concerns about their property taxes; that's why the Village is committed to being fiscally responsible by maintaining our low tax rate as compared to other taxing bodies.

Where do my taxes go?



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### Overall Value of Village Services

The Village continues to investigate options to make our services more accessible to residents. This year, the Village will expand its online payment options for business licenses, permits, and other payment types. Additionally, Village communications are structured to provide residents with timely updates on Village services and projects.



### Local Availability of Goods and Services

The Village will continue to prioritize economic development in this new fiscal year. Between the exciting new happenings at the Lindenhurst Center and other economic development initiatives, the Village is excited to welcome new businesses into our community and will continue supporting new and current Lindenhurst businesses.



### Village's efforts to focus on the priorities that matter most to residents

This fiscal year marks the beginning of a new strategic plan. The newly adopted strategic plan was developed in collaboration with

community stakeholders, the Village Board, and Village staff. Over the next few years, the Village will work on completing the goals set within the five key strategic priority areas, which include community branding and engagement, capital infrastructure and improvements, business recruitment and retention, responsible growth and development, and future-ready operations.

To view the Village's budget, please visit the Village website at [www.lindenhurstil.org/budget](http://www.lindenhurstil.org/budget).

# LINDEN NOTES



## YARD WASTE COLLECTION BEGINS APRIL 1ST

Landscape waste collection with the Village's contracted waste hauler, Groot, began on Monday, April 1st. This service for residents will run weekly through November 25th. Residents can dispose of grass clippings, shrubbery, small tree limbs, weeds, and leaves through this program.

To participate in the landscape collection service, residents can utilize the following options:

- **Sticker Service:** Residents may purchase stickers at \$2.50 each to be placed on 32 gallon containers or a kraft bag. There is no limit to the number of containers that may be placed curbside that have a sticker on them. Stickers may be purchased at Village Hall (2301 E. Sand Lake Road) and CVS (2020 E. Grand Avenue).
- **Subscription Service:** Residents may opt into the subscription service for yard waste collection. This service is \$175 for 2024. With the subscription, residents may place up to four 32 gallon containers or kraft style bags each week; any additional containers would require a sticker. To set up this service, 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.

These programs also help the Village further our sustainability efforts by enhancing our forestry landscape, preserving the shorelines of our lakes, improving stormwater drainage, and reducing water consumption. For program details, please visit our website, [www.lindenhurstil.org/5050programs](http://www.lindenhurstil.org/5050programs). Reimbursement forms can be found under the Community Resources tab.



## UTILITY BILL ONLINE 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. Please contact Village Hall at (847) 356-8252 if you have any questions about online utility bill payments.



Did you know that the Village of Lindenhurst has had 4 different Village Hall locations over the years?

The first location for Village Hall was Trustee Skelton's house

on Fairfield Road. The Village had continued to use the homes of the Trustees until a developer, Mort Engle, offered for the Village to use an old outbuilding at the Lehmann Estate. After the building was destroyed by a fire in the 1970's, the Village relocated to the Lindenhurst Center (Plaza). The Village later purchased property just east of Sand Lake and Grand Avenue to construct Village Hall in 1974. Village hall was constructed the same year, and was able to house Village Administration, Police Department, Public Works, and the Park Department.



"Village Hall" at Lehmann Estate



Ground Breaking Ceremony for new Village Hall in 1974



## STAY SAFE ON THE ROAD THIS SUMMER: TIPS FOR DRIVERS AND BIKERS

As the temperatures rise and the sun shines brighter, many of us are eager to hit the road for summer adventures. However, it's crucial to prioritize safety, especially with May being both Bicycle and Motorcycle Awareness Month. Here are some essential tips from law enforcement to ensure a safe and enjoyable summer on the road:

### For Drivers:

- **Share the Road:** Be mindful of cyclists and motorcyclists sharing the road with you. Give them plenty of space when passing and always check your blind spots before changing lanes.
- **Stay Alert:** With more people out and about during the summer months, there may be increased pedestrian and cyclist activity. Stay vigilant and avoid distractions such as texting or adjusting the radio while driving.
- **Watch Your Speed:** Remember that speed limits are set for a reason. Slowing down can greatly reduce the risk of accidents, especially in areas with heavy pedestrian or cyclist traffic.
- **Check Your Vehicle:** Before heading out on a road trip or long drive, ensure your vehicle is in good working condition. Check the brakes, tires, lights, and fluid levels to reduce the likelihood of breakdowns or accidents.
- **Buckle Up:** Wearing a seatbelt is one of the simplest and most effective ways to stay safe on the road. Make sure everyone in your vehicle is properly restrained, including children in appropriate car seats or booster seats.

### For Bikers:

- **Wear Protective Gear:** Whether you're riding a bicycle or motorcycle, wearing a helmet is essential

for protecting your head in the event of a crash. Additionally, consider wearing other protective gear such as gloves, jackets, and sturdy footwear.

- **Be Visible:** Increase your visibility to drivers by wearing brightly colored or reflective clothing, especially when riding at night or in low-light conditions. Equip your bicycle or motorcycle with reflectors and lights to enhance visibility from all angles.
- **Follow Traffic Laws:** Bicyclists and motorcyclists are required to obey the same traffic laws as drivers. This includes stopping at stop signs and red lights, yielding to pedestrians, and signaling turns.
- **Stay in Your Lane:** When riding in traffic, maintain a predictable path and stay within your lane. Avoid weaving in and out of traffic or riding too close to parked cars, as this increases the risk of collisions.
- **Stay Alert:** Keep your eyes on the road and stay aware of your surroundings at all times. Anticipate potential hazards and be prepared to react quickly to avoid accidents.

By following these tips and exercising caution on the road, drivers and bikers alike can enjoy a safe and enjoyable summer season. Remember, safety should always be the top priority for everyone sharing the road.



### SAVE THE DATE FOR THE VILLAGE'S FOOD TRUCK EXTRAVAGANZA!

Join us on Sunday, August 4th at Village Hall (2301 E. Sand Lake Road) for the Village's Food Truck Extravaganza!

This year's event will take place from 11:30 am- 2:30 pm with all different kinds of food trucks! More information on the event will be shared on the Village website at [www.lindenhurstil.org](http://www.lindenhurstil.org) and social media in the coming months. We hope to see you there!

### 2023 CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT (CCR) NOTIFICATION

The Village of Lindenhurst is required to test the drinking water from our water system for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results from these tests get compiled annually into the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR), which is intended to provide residents with important information on Lindenhurst drinking water and the efforts made by the water system to provide safe drinking water. To view the 2023 CCR report, please visit, [www.lindenhurstil.org/waterqualityreport](http://www.lindenhurstil.org/waterqualityreport). Please contact Village Hall at 847-356-8252 if you would like a paper copy of the report mailed to your home.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MEMORIAL DAY

Village Hall is closed for regular business; Garbage will be collected May 28

### FOURTH OF JULY

Village Hall is closed for regular business

### FOOD TRUCK EXTRA- GANZA

**August 4**

11:30 am- 2:30 pm  
Lindenhurst Village Hall

### LINDENHURST PARK DISTRICT EVENTS

#### Cops & Bobbers Fishing Derby with Lindenhurst Police Dept.

June 15th, 9-11 am  
John Janega Park

#### Music in the Parks Concert Series

June- August  
Wednesday's  
7:00- 8:30 pm

Visit [www.lindenhurstparks.org](http://www.lindenhurstparks.org)  
for Lindenhurst Park District  
family and adult events.

## ELDERLY RESIDENTS IN NEED PROGRAM (ERIN) UPDATE

The ERIN Program was created to assist senior residents who might need a helping hand. The ERIN program uses volunteers looking to give back to our community as a group to help tackle various projects around the house. Example projects that the ERIN program assists with include:

- Yard Maintenance
- Snow Removal (sidewalks, steps, driveways)
- Window Washing
- Small Home Repair Projects (toilet repairs, sink / faucet repairs, etc.)

Along with the ERIN volunteers, Lindenhurst Police Officers are extremely involved with the program. Officers help organize projects, make home visits and phone calls to the ERIN's in the program.

### ERIN Winter Update

This winter was very busy for the ERIN program! Officers and volunteers assisted in the following activities during the snow season that included:

- Provided assistance with shoveling 10 ERIN residents driveways
- Repaired mailbox
- Assisted with weekly garbage collection service
- Volunteers assisted and drove several ERINs to the doctor and other appointments.
- Assisted with electrical issue at a residence

With the weather getting nicer over the past few months, the ERIN program will be busy assisting residents with a variety of projects. Upcoming events in window washing day and yard clean ups.

If residents are interested in participating in these events and the ERIN program, please email Officer Bill Splitt at [splitt@lindenhurstpd.org](mailto:splitt@lindenhurstpd.org) or complete the volunteer form on the Village website at [www.lindenhurstil.org/erinvolunteer](http://www.lindenhurstil.org/erinvolunteer).

### Qualifying for the ERIN Program

To learn if you or someone else who lives in Lindenhurst would qualify as an ERIN, please contact the Lindenhurst Police Department at 847-356-5400 or Officer Bill Splitt at [splitt@lindenhurstpd.org](mailto:splitt@lindenhurstpd.org).



ERIN Program Fall Cleanup

### Upcoming ERIN Volunteer Events



## SUSTAINABILITY TIP: PROTECTING OUR WATERSHED

With the weather getting nicer as summer goes on, many residents often use various ways to take care of their lawn. When maintaining your yard, please avoid using phosphorous fertilizers. When it rains, the phosphorous from the fertilizers is washed off lawns and ultimately flows into the lakes. This type of pollution from runoff is harmful to our lakes and can produce algal blooms that decrease the oxygen levels of the lake water and kill fish. Like many communities, the Village does not allow the use of fertilizers that contain phosphorous, but it is up to residents to confirm that the products they use are allowable.

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Trustee Patrick Dunham

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Trustee Dawn Suchy  
Village Clerk Melissa Forsberg



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.



## WELCOME TO ALL NEW BUSINESSES OF LINDENHURST!

**Sammie's**  
2122 Grand Avenue  
Lindenhurst Center

**Damashkey Cuisine**  
2112 Grand Avenue  
Lindenhurst Center

**Villaris of Lindenhurst**  
2052 Grand Avenue  
Lindenhurst Center

## VILLAGE CELEBRATES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WEEK MAY 8-13

The Village of Lindenhurst will be celebrating Economic Development Week from May 8-13th by visiting and expressing our appreciation to many businesses that contribute to our community's growth.

Lindenhurst is thankful for every business that has chosen to invest, create jobs, and drive economic vitality here, from national retailers to local mom-and-pop shops and entrepreneurs.

## UPCOMING BUSINESS SECTOR MEETINGS

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Business Sector Meetings on May 15th and August 21st.

**May 15**  
1:00- 2:00 pm

**August 21**  
1:00- 2:00 pm

Lindenhurst business sector meetings provide an opportunity to network, be updated on Village news, and listen to expert-led discussions on industry trends and growth strategies.

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

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## CELEBRATING SMALL BUSINESS WEEK- MAY 1-7

It's Small Business Week from May 1st through May 7th! We encourage all residents to shop small and show their support for the entrepreneurs in our community. Whether it's grabbing a bite at a local eatery, getting a haircut, or utilizing the services of a Lindenhurst small business, your patronage makes a big difference. Let's celebrate the hard work and dedication of our small business owners!



*The Unit Strength Training, 616 Bridgeport Terrace*



*Sammie's, 2122 Grand Avenue*

## LAKE COUNTY HOUSING REPORT

According to a report sponsored by Lake County Partners in 2023, fostering a diverse housing stock is crucial for attracting and retaining residents and businesses in Lake County. The report recommends that communities in Lake County consider housing needs in various life stages, ages, income levels, and family sizes-- moving beyond the predominant owner-occupied single-family detached homes to ensure a range of housing options.

The lack of housing diversity poses a significant challenge in attracting and retaining a skilled workforce, a concern exacerbated by an aging population and a projected decline in the working-age population. Between 2018 and 2022, new residential development within the County averaged only 1,200 units per year, falling well below the near and long-term household projections. If left unaddressed, this trend will result in a significant housing shortage over time, potentially hindering the county's economic growth and business expansion.

While Lake County is projected to experience modest growth in the next five years, the anticipated increase in senior households with incomes of \$50,000 or more and households under the age of 65 with incomes of \$100,000 or more will generate a demand of 17,700 market-rate owner and renter units.

Addressing the housing needs in all communities within Lake County is crucial for ensuring a high quality of life for residents and fostering a conducive environment for new business growth and economic development. Having a diverse and affordable housing options can also attract and retain a talented workforce, enabling businesses to tap into a skilled labor pool. Additionally, new housing developments can spur commercial and retail growth which will help create a vibrant and thriving community that attracts further investment and economic activity.

To read the full Lake County Housing Report, please visit the [Lake County Partners website](https://www.lakecountypartners.org/).