

VILLAGE VOICE




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SAVE THE DATE- MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

The Veterans' Memorial Commission will be hosting the annual Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 27 beginning at 10:00 am. More details will be available on the Village website at www.lindenhurstil.org as the event gets closer.

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VILLAGE KICKS-OFF 2024 CONSTRUCTION SEASON

2024 is the year of large-scale infrastructure improvements! This year, the Village will take on an ambitious construction season to improve Village streets and water main infrastructure. Please see below for an overview of the projects that are slated for this year. Residents can also visit the Village website at www.lindenhurstil.org/projects for project updates.

Lake Shore Drive Water Main Replacement (Green Tree- Sprucewood)

In continuing with the Village's water main improvements, the balance of the water main along Lake Shore Drive, between Green Tree Court and Sprucewood Lane, began construction in February. The Lake Shore Drive project started with removing and replacing the water main on Lake Shore Drive from Beck Road to Green Tree Court in 2022. This project continued upgrades of the water main from a 6-inch to a 12-inch diameter pipe to allow for a better flow pattern between adjacent water mains and will better serve the residents in the area. Between the two water main replacement projects on Lake Shore Drive, approximately 2,620 lineal feet of water main were replaced.

Lake Shore Drive Reconstruction Project

Phase 1 of the Lake Shore Drive Road Reconstruction Project is expected to begin in the late spring/ summer of 2024. Phase 1 of the project will start at the intersection of Beck Road and Lake Shore Drive and finish at the intersection of Sprucewood Lane and Rolling Ridge Lane. Project improvements include reconstructing the mainly rural road with gravel shoulders and ditches to a curb and gutter urban cross-section. The new construction will also widen the roadways and improve stormwater drainage. Reconstruction of the roadway will also improve pedestrian travel by extending the sidewalk from Beck Road.

Since 2018, the Village has prioritized the reconstruction of Lake Shore Drive, Sprucewood Lane, and Hawthorne Drive. Being a designated Federal Aid-Urban (FAU) route, Lake Shore Drive, Sprucewood Lane, and Hawthorne Drive were eligible for federal funding. The Village previously applied for FAU

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FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK



Dominic Marturano
LGDF Update

Usually at this time of year, I'm providing an update on efforts by municipalities to recoup their 10% of state income tax revenue also known as the Local Government Distributive Fund or LGDF.

If you recall from my Mayor's Desk article in the July/ August Village Voice Newsletter, the state increased local governments share of LGDF to 6.47% from 6.16%.

Although this increase is a step in the right direction, state leadership is still shorting local governments from the originally promised 10%. Annually, the State is keeping about \$1 million of the Village's money. Imagine the number of roads we could treat if the Village received its full allotment of LGDF dollars!

As in recent years, State Representative Anthony DeLuca, a former Mayor of Chicago Heights, is sponsoring legislation to return the municipal share to the agreed amount.

This year's bill, HB4455 would return the full 10% in increments by 2030.

I'd like to be optimistic, but I'm not. In my opinion, there are 2 legislators that do not support giving the full 10% back to municipalities. Unfortunately, they are the Speaker of the House and Senate President, who control what legislation moves forward in their respective chambers and what legislation doesn't see the light of day.

Hundreds of Illinois mayors will be down in Springfield in April demanding that our funds be returned to our towns and cities. I will be joining them, as in previous years, lobbying for you - to get your money back to local government - to provide the necessary services you desire.

Stay tuned for any updates!

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federal funding for the Beck Road Project in 2016.

The Village was awarded \$3.2 million in federal funding for the project from the Lake County Council of Mayors in 2023. Work to prepare for the project, including final design work, acquisition of easements, and bidding the work was also completed in 2023. The Village is pleased that we have secured funding for Phase 1 of the Lake Shore Drive Road Reconstruction Project. Village staff will continue seeking federal funding for Phase 2 of the project, which spans from the intersection of Sprucewood Lane and Rolling Ridge Lane to the intersection of Hawthorn Drive and Grand Avenue.

We appreciate residents' patience and understanding as construction takes place. Please contact the Public Works Department at 847-356-8252 if you have any questions or concerns about the Lake Shore Drive Reconstruction Project.

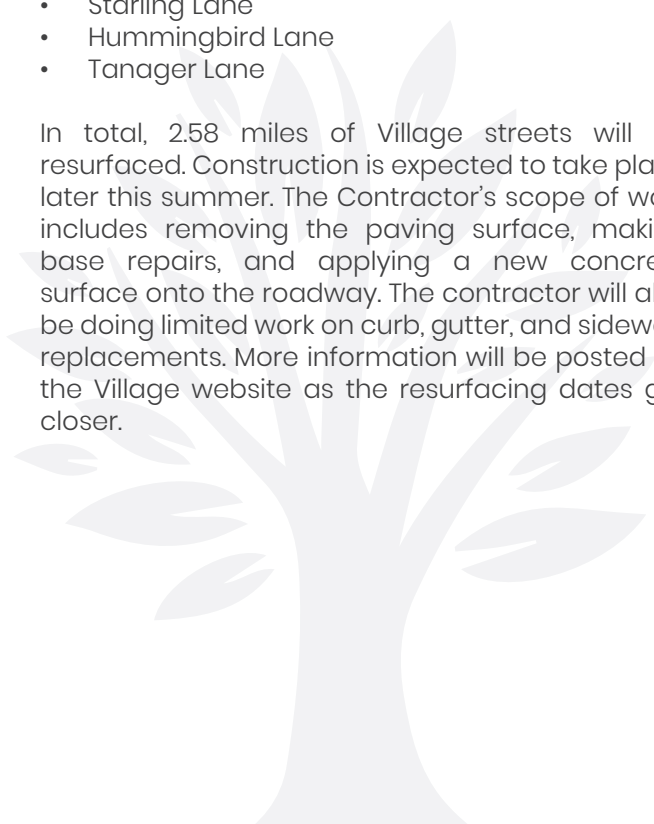
2024 Road Resurfacing Schedule

Along with construction taking place along Lake Shore Drive, the Village will also be resurfacing during the 2024 construction season. This year's resurfacing schedule includes the following Village Streets:

- Farmington Drive
- Hackney Lane
- Old Farm Court
- Saint Mary's Lane
- Stable Way
- Catalina Court
- Coral Court

- Crosswind Lane (Gelden Road to end of Emerald Shores)
- Gelden Lane (Crosswind to Village Limits)
- Newport Circle
- Country Place Lane (Foxtail Lane to Sand Lake Road)
- Kestrel Lane
- Osprey Lane
- Starling Lane
- Hummingbird Lane
- Tanager Lane

In total, 2.58 miles of Village streets will be resurfaced. Construction is expected to take place later this summer. The Contractor's scope of work includes removing the paving surface, making base repairs, and applying a new concrete surface onto the roadway. The contractor will also be doing limited work on curb, gutter, and sidewalk replacements. More information will be posted on the Village website as the resurfacing dates get closer.



LINDEN NOTES



YARD WASTE COLLECTION BEGINS APRIL 1ST

Landscape waste collection with the Village's contracted waste hauler, Groot, will begin 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. Reimbursement forms can be found under the Community Resources tab.



UTILITY BILL ONLINE PAYMENT OPTIONS

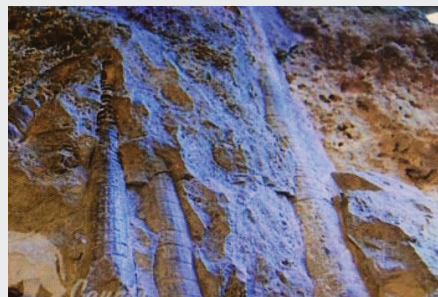
Residents can take advantage of the Village's online utility bill system, at no additional cost. Residents can use InvoiceCloud to pay their utility bill, view the bill or receive paperless billing through the e-bill program. To register, visit www.lindenhurstil.org and click "Pay Your Utility Bill" 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 a 420 million-year-old fossil rock was found in Lindenhurst in 1958?

The fossil was found during construction on Old Elm Road. Experts quickly examined the

rock to see where it originated. Upon examination of the rock, experts identified that the rock was 420 million years old and originated from the Paleozoic era. During the Paleozoic era, Lake County was originally an ancient seabed. The home owners who discovered the fossil donated it to the Lake County History Museum, where it can be viewed today. This fossil found in Lindenhurst even holds the record as the oldest artifact unearthed in Lake County!



Close up of fossil



Fossil found on Old Elm Road

UPCOMING EVENTS

MEMORIAL DAY

Village Hall is closed, Garbage is delayed; will be collected May 28

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

10:00 am at the Veterans' Memorial

LINDENHURST BUSINESS SECTOR MEETINGS

May 15

Marketing Tools & Research
1:00- 2:00 pm

August 21

Market Research & Industry Reports
1:00- 2:00 pm

November 20

Topic TBD
1:00- 2:00 pm

LINDENHURST PARK DISTRICT EVENTS

March 23

Egg Hunt
Millennium Park
10:00 am

Doggie Egg Hunt
Millennium Park
11:00 am

Visit www.lindenhurstparks.org for Lindenhurst Park District family and adult events.

VILLAGE ADOPTS NEW STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

Strategic planning helps guide an organization's future rather than making decisions issue by issue. The Village has been in the final stages of updating its strategic plan, which will help guide decision-making for the next 3-5 years. The strategic plan update is expected to be adopted by the Village Board in March. The Village began its strategic planning approach in 2020, working with the Northern Illinois University Center for Governmental Studies (CGS) to facilitate a strategic planning workshop.

Similar to the 2020 strategic plan, the strategic plan update process began with a series of focus groups comprising Village staff, community stakeholders, and residents. With the focus groups serving as a starting point for discussions, the Village Board and senior Village staff participated in the strategic planning workshop to recognize the accomplishments made during the first strategic plan and determine where to go next as an organization and as a community.

Based on feedback from the focus groups and discussion during the strategic planning workshop, five key strategic priorities were identified:

- Community Branding & Engagement
- Capital Infrastructure & Improvements
- Business Recruitment & Retention
- Responsible Growth & Development
- Future Ready Operations

Within each strategic priority area, the Village developed goals and initiatives that should be accomplished in both the short-term and long-term.

The Village is eager to begin working towards the goals identified in the 2024 Strategic Plan Update. For more information on the strategic plan, please visit www.lindenhurstil.org/strategicplan. The Village also publishes a monthly dashboard measuring key performance indicators assigned to the strategic plan's priority areas. The dashboard can be found by visiting the Village website at www.lindenhurstil.org/dashboards.



VILLAGE ISSUES PROCLAMATION FOR ARBOR DAY 2024

At the Village Board meeting on January 8, the Village Board passed a proclamation making April 26, 2024, Arbor Day in the Village of Lindenhurst. This proclamation highlights the importance of planting and maintaining trees in our Village to promote environmentally friendly practices.

Are you looking for a way to celebrate Arbor Day? Consider participating in the Village's 50/50 Tree Replacement Program! For more information, please visit the Village website at www.lindenhurstil.org/5050programs.

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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.