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VILLAGE HALL CLOSURES

- Village Hall will be closed on Martin Luther King Day, Monday, January 15, for an employee inservice day.
- In observance of Presidents' Day, Village Hall will be closed on Monday, February 19.

VILLAGE CONTINUES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MOMENTUM

Over the past year, the Village of Lindenhurst has put significant effort into fostering a business-friendly environment. This drive to support existing businesses in the Village has been multifaceted and focuses on attracting new ventures to set up shop, helping the current businesses thrive and expand, and providing tangible support to existing businesses. By investing in local commercial properties' infrastructure and aesthetic aspects, we hope to foster a more inviting and prosperous commercial environment. Our 2023 economic development incentive success stories include:

Three-Legged Brewing LEAP Award

Three-Legged Brewing, an emerging cold brew coffee producer, desired to establish a location within the Village to can their product and operate a retail storefront. With recently securing their lease for a space at 2120 E. Grand Avenue in the Lindenhurst Center, LEAP program money helped Three-Legged Brewing close the financial gap in construction expenses and make Lindenhurst their new home with the hopes of becoming the first coffee brewery in the Chicagoland area.

Lindenhurst Animal Hospital LEAP Award




In November, the Village approved a LEAP request from Lindenhurst Animal Hospital, assisting in their clinic's project that involves enclosing the existing outdoor dog run area. The enhancement, which requires substantial improvements and construction, aims to provide a more comfortable environment for a greater number of dogs to use the facility throughout the year.

Grand Plaza LEAP Award

Grand Plaza was awarded a LEAP grant to support the installation of a new monument sign in front of their building. The installation of this new monument sign will serve as a crucial marker for Grand Plaza, providing a visually appealing and professionally designed structure that prominently features the brand and makes the location easily identifiable for visitors and potential customers. The sign's strategic placement and design are

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FROM THE
MAYOR'S DESK



Dominic Marturano
2023: A Year in Review

2023 has been a busy year! Here are some accomplishments that the Village has completed from the past year:

- Welcomed new businesses that included Unit Strength Training, Sammie's, Indigo Massage Therapy, and Wesinco laboratory casework.
- Completed an update to the Village's strategic plan that will serve as a road map of goals and priorities for the next few years.
- Completed the annual Lindenhurst Citizens' Academy with 10 new graduates.
- Launched a newly redesigned Village website.
- Completed and published the 2023 Pavement Management Assessment of Village Streets.
- Completed the annual Santa Parade..
- Held the second Food Truck Extravaganza event at Village Hall.
- Resurfaced over 1.2 miles of Village streets as part of the 2023 resurfacing program.
- Continued engineering preparation for the Hawthorn/Sprucewood/Lake Shore Drive Reconstruction Project.
- Published the 2022 Community Survey results.
- The Lindenhurst Police Department hosted their annual 9/11 Golf Outing and raised almost \$10,000 in donations for the 100 Club of Illinois.
- Lindenhurst Police Department and Public Works assisted the Lindenfest Committee in a successful Lindenfest.
- Continued economic development efforts through the Lindenhurst Economic Assistance Program (LEAP) and other economic assistance tools.
- Held the inaugural Lindenhurst business meeting with local businesses.

In 2024, we will continue to invest in our infrastructure, as well as see progress with commercial and residential development in our community!

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expected to increase foot traffic to the plaza, directly benefiting its businesses.

Including the grants awarded in 2023, Village has awarded \$164,816.32 in grant funds to seven businesses via the Lindenhurst Economic Assistance Program (LEAP)

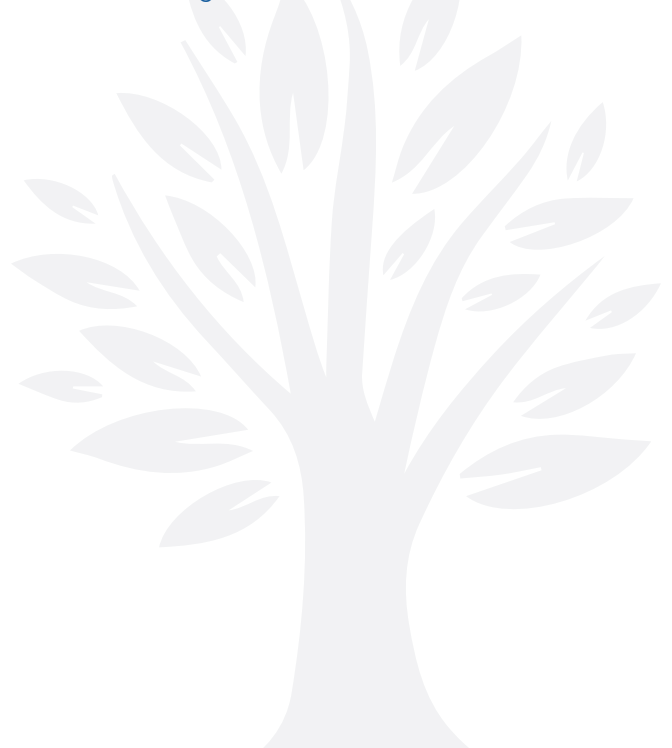
Lindenhurst Center (Linden Plaza)- Economic Incentive Agreement

In November, the Village approved an economic incentive agreement with the new owners of Lindenhurst Center. This economic incentive program provides up to \$80,000 for property improvements to the Lindenhurst Center. Similar to the terms of LEAP, the agreement requires the property owners to show payment/lien waivers to prove that the agreed upon eligible work was completed. The planned enhancements include vital life safety upgrades, parking lot renovations, and the installation of new signage, all aimed at rejuvenating the property and enriching the experience for its occupants.

Enhanced code enforcement efforts by the Village against Linden Plaza cited the property with a number of code violations. After months of inaction by the previous owners to resolve the code enforcement issues, the court found the former owners liable and levied fines against the property of over \$87,000. These fines were paid to the Village by the previous property owners at closing. Knowing that the revitalization

of Linden Plaza has been identified by the community through the results of our community-wide survey and strategic plan, the Village Board voted to use the fine monies to reinvest back into the property in hopes of assisting in the redevelopment of the newly named Lindenhurst Center.

To learn more about the Village's economic development initiatives, please visit the Village website at www.lindenhurstil.org/businessresources.



LINDEN NOTES



SERVICE REQUEST SYSTEM

Need to report non-emergency issues to the Village, such as potholes, streetlights, or mailbox damage? Consider using the Village's service request system for residents to report and request issues/ work orders.

The Village's service request system aims to be user-friendly for residents to submit requests by grouping similar work area categories together, such as streets, water, and trees. From there, residents can drill down to specific request types to narrow down their requests. For more information on our new service request system, please visit www.lindenhurstil.org/servicerequests.



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. 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.



On the far eastern edge of Lindenhurst, we find an area originally called *Wedges Corners*, located at the intersection of Grand Avenue and Route 45. Known for its small white building, Wedge's first opened in the

summer of 1921. Wedge's quickly became successful gas station, picnic spot, and a dine and dance restaurant. Many people would stop here on the way to the Chain of Lakes Area. Wedges was also known for their slogan "You have never really enjoyed the trip unless you have stopped at Wedge's." Famous for their cold drinks, ice cream and sandwiches, Wedge's served generations of travelers to Lake County.

Today, over 100 years later, this iconic business, now known as the Fogcutter, still flourishes!



A MESSAGE FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

When you use your toilet, shower, washing machine, or dishwasher, all wastewater leaves your home through pipes that connect to the Village's sewer system. Remember: *A clear drain is a happy drain* – please be kind to your toilet and sewer system. Many materials, even products labeled “flushable” or “biodegradable,” that are frequently flushed or poured down the drain can cause significant clogging problems not only in your home but also harm the pipes that connect to Village sewers as well as the Village sewer system.

Residents can do simple things to help protect their sewer pipes as well as the Village's sewer system. There are only three things that can be safely flushed down the toilet or washed down the drain, regardless of how easily it appears to slide down the bottom of your toilet or down the sink drain.

Acceptable Flushable Items

- Human Waste
- Toilet Paper
- Used Water

Common Non-Flushable Items

- Wet Wipes (baby wipes, disinfecting wipes, flushable wipes)
- Facial Tissue
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Cotton Swabs (Q-Tips)
- Dental Floss
- Grease
- Paper Towel/Napkins

Let's do our part to prevent damage and backups to the Village's sanitary sewer system. Please dispose of anything other than toilet paper, human waste, or used water in the garbage, not the toilet. To learn more about the Village's sewer system and how to prevent backups, please visit the Village website at www.lindenhurstil.org/sewer.

WHAT TO FLUSH DOWN THE TOILET?

Pay close attention to what to flush to protect the Sewer System!



Toilet Paper



Used Water



Human Waste



Wet Wipes



Tissues



Feminine Products



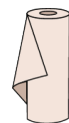
Cotton Swabs (Q-Tips)



Dental Floss



Grease/ Oils



Paper Towels/ Napkins

TEXTILE RECYCLING PROGRAM

Did you know that the Village offers a clothing and textile recycling program in partnership with SWALCO for residents to donate and recycle their clothing?

Last year, Village residents recycled 34,017 pounds of textiles. This program diverts a huge amount of textiles from being thrown away in landfills and assists our community in promoting sustainability. The Village has two collection boxes for textile recycling that are located in the parking lot of Village Hall at 2301 E Sand Lake Road. For more information on acceptable items for the program, please visit SWALCO's website at <https://www.swalco.org/187/Clothing-Textiles>.

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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.