



Village of

# LINDENHURST

Developing Today For Tomorrow

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## Event Calendar

Visit [www.lindenhurstil.org](http://www.lindenhurstil.org) for more details about all Village events, and [www.lindenhurstparks.org](http://www.lindenhurstparks.org) for Lindenhurst Park District family and adult events.

## Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Budget Approved by Village Board

At the Village Board meeting on April 24th, the Village Board approved the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 budget. The 23/24 budget begins on May 1, 2023 and runs through April 30, 2024. 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 prior to 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.

This fiscal year's budget follows a priority-based budgeting approach, where more funding is dedicated to line items and operating areas within the budget allocation based on achieving community priorities. Earlier this year, 2,000 randomly selected residents were asked to participate in the Village's 2022 Community Survey. Over the past few months, Village staff and the Village Board analyzed the survey results to assess the quality of services provided, determine priorities, and allocate resources for the upcoming years. This year's budget has included funding for the following priorities identified by Village residents:

- Timely Repair of Streets & Driving Condition of Village Streets: Continuing funding for the Village's road resurfacing program, pavement patching, and reconstruction of the Lake Shore Drive FAU reconstruction. The Village has also budgeted to address stormwater management concerns.
- Overall Direction the Village is heading: Revamping

Village's Strategic Plan to set new goals for the Village with stakeholder and staff input. The Village has also dedicated funding for the Village's economic development consultant and LEAP grants to support our business community.

- Overall Value of Village Services: Continuing to share Village information on budgeting and performance management, to inform the community on Village services. The Village's 3rd Citizen Academy is expected to take place this fall to educate residents on Village services.
- Village's efforts to keep residents informed on special projects, construction projects, and initiatives: Re-designed Village website and service request system will improve accessibility to learn about Village initiatives and provide an easier way to contact the Village about issues. The Village has also budgeted for a professionally-developed newsletter template to improve its readability and aesthetics.

In addition to addressing community priorities, the Village has budgeted for police department body-worn cameras to comply with State mandates. Various public infrastructure improvements will also be completed this upcoming fiscal year including the replacement of the Lake Shore Drive watermain and upgrading Village lift station pumps and equipment.

To view the Village's Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget and the results from the 2022 community survey, please visit [www.lindenhurstil.org](http://www.lindenhurstil.org).

## 2022 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) Notification

Please go to [www.lindenhurstil.org/2022waterreport](http://www.lindenhurstil.org/2022waterreport) to view your 2022 annual water quality report and learn more about your drinking water. This report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water during 2022. If you would like a paper copy of the 2022 Annual Water Quality Report mailed to your home, please call the Village Hall at (847) 356-8252.

## From the Mayor's Desk

### IML Lobby Day

The Illinois Municipal League (IML) is hosting its annual Lobby Day in Springfield on April 19th. I plan to be down in Springfield that week for Lobby Day and other meetings with our legislators. Mayors across the State hope to have legislators craft bills that are beneficial to our communities, not detrimental.

In particular, there are some bills that are supporting the restoration of LGDF (the Village's share of state income tax revenues), in which I've written about in previous Village Voices. To help you understand the impact of not

getting our full share of LGDF, staff estimates that the State withheld about \$1.3 million this current fiscal year. Since LGDF first got reduced in 2011, the State has shorted Lindenhurst approximately \$10.2 million!! Yes, you read that correctly- \$10,200,000!!

There's a lot we could be doing with the revenue from LGDF dollars if the State was giving us our full share- additional Village streets resurfaced, additional stormwater mitigation projects, etc.

Hopefully, I'll have some good news to report soon!

*Doni Martin*

## Village Food Truck Extravaganza

Join us on Sunday, August 6th at Village Hall for the Village's Food Truck Extravaganza!

This year's event will take place from 11:30AM- 2:30PM with all different kinds of food trucks! More information about the event will be shared on the Village website and social media in the coming months. We hope to see you there!



## Building Permit Reminders

With the warmer weather, people are ready to start home projects! When considering starting work on your home, please keep the following in mind:

- Many repairs and enhancements require a building permit. For a list of projects that require a building permit, please visit [www.lindenhurstil.org](http://www.lindenhurstil.org). Please consult with Village Hall prior to making any interior or exterior changes.
- Obtain the building permit application by visiting the [Village website](#) or Village Hall.
- Submit completed application with any applicable drawings, plans, surveys, and supporting documents.

*Note:* It is the responsibility of the homeowner to consult with their homeowners association prior to starting work.

- Typically, permits for re-roofing, siding, furnace, water heaters, sewer repairs, and electric service upgrades can be issued within one day. Other permits that require review can take between 3-10 working days.
- The Building Department will notify you when your permit has been approved. Permits can be paid for via telephone at 847-356-8252 and will be emailed to you; or sent via US mail. Permit cards must be displayed at the job site.

For more information on the building permit procedure process, please visit [www.lindenhurstil.org](http://www.lindenhurstil.org).



# Linden Notes

## Landscape Collection Now- Nov 27

Landscape waste collection with the Village's contracted waste hauler, Groot began on April 3rd. This service for residents will run weekly through November 27th. Landscape waste includes grass, shrubbery, small tree limbs and weeds.

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

- Sticker service: Each sticker is \$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 \$170 for 2023. Residents may place up to four 32-gallon containers or Kraft style bags curbside each week; any additional containers would require a sticker.

Stickers can be purchased at the following locations:

- Village Hall- 2301 E Sand Lake Road
- Butera Finer Foods- 1500 E Grand Ave

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 for forms and information at [www.lindenhurstil.org](http://www.lindenhurstil.org)

## Utility Bill Online Payment Options

Residents can take advantage of the Village's on-line utility bill system, at no additional cost. Residents can use [InvoiceCloud](https://www.invoicecloud.com) 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 on-line utility bill payments.

## Ordinance Reminders

This Summer, please be mindful of our Village ordinances. Our full code can be found at [www.lindenhurstil.org](http://www.lindenhurstil.org).

### Garbage

All garbage must be sealed in a tight fitting container, and may not be stored in front of the house. Receptacles, yard waste, and other items can be placed roadside after 6PM the night before a scheduled pick-up and must be removed by 8PM the day of pick-up.

### Garage Sales

Only two garage sales are permitted within a calendar year, and not more than four consecutive days in duration.

### Property Maintenance

- All structures must be in good repair, clean and sanitary condition, and structurally sound. Structures should also be properly anchored, free of rotting wood, peeling/chipping paint, and rust.
- Property should be well-maintained, free of noxious weeds, and grass below 8" in height.
- Tree limbs and shrubs must not obstruct the street or sidewalk, and have a minimum of 8-foot overhead clearance.
- Street address numbers must be easily read from the roadway to enable quick response by emergency personnel.
- Vehicles stored in public view must be in drivable condition with valid registration; otherwise, must store in garage.



# A Letter from your Lakes Commission

## Protecting the Health and Appearance of our Lakes

Now that spring has sprung, many of us are longing to begin enjoying our lakes again! But let's not take our lakes for granted. Although many Lindenhurst residents appreciate our lakes, they often fail to realize that they can play an important role in keeping them healthy and beautiful. That's right, even if you do not live directly on the water, your habits can have an impact on the quality of Lindenhurst's lakes. People do not often realize that our lakes are part of a larger watershed. In case you're wondering, a watershed is a rather large area of land that drains and carries rainwater or runoff water into a lake, river or stream. So, the rainwater that drains from our lawns and driveways goes into our storm drains, and then, eventually, into our lakes. As you might imagine, this runoff water can be detrimental to the overall condition of our lakes, because it carries chemicals, nutrients, and sediment from the environment with it.



How can you contribute to the health and appearance of our lakes? Here are just a few simple, but important things you can do to help.

1. Clear leaves and grass clippings from your curbside. When grass clippings and leaves are left on the street or curb, they can get into the storm drainage system, ultimately ending up in the lakes. All the nutrients the grass and trees take in during the summer end up in the lake, giving rise to algal blooms— impacting water quality and user experience, as well as costing the Village more in management dollars. If you live right along the lake shore, you should take care to prevent the clippings from blowing directly into the lakes.
2. Avoid using phosphate fertilizers on your lawn. When it rains, the phosphorous from the fertilizers is washed off lawns and ultimately flows into the lakes. This often results in the production of large-scale nuisance algal blooms that decrease the oxygen levels of the lake water. Low oxygen levels in the lake can lead to a large-scale fish kill. Like many communities, our community does not allow the use of fertilizers with phosphorous, but it is up to residents to confirm that the products they use are allowable.
3. Wash your car on/near a grassy area so that the excess water is filtered by the ground rather than running directly into the storm sewers and into the lakes. Better still, take your car to a carwash rather than washing it in your driveway and allowing phosphates and other chemicals into the watershed.
4. Collect your pet's waste frequently. Uncollected pet waste can also be responsible for allowing significant amounts of phosphorous, and even pathogens, to be washed into the lakes.
5. Avoid feeding the geese. Just as pet droppings can add phosphorous and pathogens into our lakes, so too can goose droppings.
6. Capture water runoff with a rain garden and/or rain barrel. Add shoreline plants to absorb excess nutrients. Take advantage of the Village's [50/50 program](#) for rain barrels and qualifying shoreline plantings.
7. Clean your fishing boat or kayak before launching. Cleaning your boat will help prevent the introduction and spread of detrimental invasive aquatic species that can travel from lake to lake by "hitching a ride" on boat hulls, trailers, props, paddles, or oars.

If you are interested in learning more about Lindenhurst lakes, or if you have any questions about them, please go to the Lindenhurst Lakes Commission's website page at <https://www.lindenhurstil.org>

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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.

