



Village of

LINDENHURST

Developing Today For Tomorrow

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Event Calendar

Visit www.lindenhurstil.org for more details about all Village events, and www.lindenhurstparks.org for Linden-hurst Park District family and adult events.

Lindenhurst Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Annual Report

The Village's Fiscal Year 2022- 2023 Annual Report is now available on the Village website! The annual report was developed to be easy to read, understand, and provide insight into the Village of Lindenhurst's operational highlights and financial summary of the 2022-2023 budget. Here are some important highlights to note:

- The Village received 746 service requests. Residents who submitted their requests gave Village departments a 4.74/5 customer service rating.
- The Village sent out its second community survey and received a higher response rate of 18.95% than the 2018 survey of 17.80%.
- The Village continued its economic development initiatives by establishing a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district to support economic development and growth for certain properties along Grand Avenue. The Village also hired an economic development specialist to enhance our economic development efforts.
- The Lindenhurst Public Works Department completed the following infrastructure improvements: resurfaced 3.3 miles of Village streets, replaced 800 ft. of water main on Lake Shore Drive, and completed the Longmeadow Stormwater project that replaced 6 driveway culverts and ran two new culverts under the roadway.
- Lindenhurst Police Officers participated in 96 community relations activities that included the Elderly Residents in Need (E.R.I.N.) Program, concerts in the park, Juneteenth, Special Olympics, SWAC, amongst others.

Please visit www.lindenhurstil.org/documents to view the full 2022-2023 Annual Report.



From the Mayor's Desk

Village Updates

- The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) released their list for road projects in our area (District 1) through 2029. One project to note of interest is the widening of Route 45 from Washington Street to Grand Avenue. I've asked our legislators for additional details for when this work would begin and if the work included improvements at the intersection of Route 45 and Grand Avenue. Stay tuned for more details!
- The Village has provided postal services for our residents since 1985. Our staff has offered a variety of postal services since that time, but because the US Postal Service (USPS) has never incorporated our operation into their computer systems, our ability to continue to offer those services has been severely hampered. We're not even able to handle packages since the

tracking stickers provided to us for postage aren't even made any longer! The Village exhausted our options with maintaining this service, even leaning on assistance from Congressman Schneider's office to no avail. Ultimately, the USPS decided to terminate our contract, citing inefficiencies in their service. While I am disappointed in this outcome on behalf of our residents, the Village will still offer to sell stamps at Village Hall.

- Work on Grand Avenue (between Munn Road and Deep Lake Road) continues and is expected to be completed by IDOT in October.
- Lindenfest 2024 will be held in late August, similar to the 2023 dates. The plan is for Lindenfest to return back to early August in 2025. Sorry for the confusion! Lindenfest's website will post more details as the date gets closer.

Donie Martin

Village Postal Substation Service Update

After 40 years of service, the Village will stop operating as a postal substation and will move to a stamps-to-go service effective close of business on November 22. The decision to transition to a stamps-to-go service was initiated by the USPS after they re-evaluated their contractual relationship with the Village in hopes of minimizing the risk/liabilities of our operation. As of late, the Village has been facing challenges with providing quality postal services to residents; we are not connected to USPS servers, so it prevents staff from tracking packages and accepting credit/debit transactions. Additionally, the USPS has discontinued tracking stickers utilized by Village staff and moved toward a modern tracking system, which the Village has no access to.



The stamps-to-go service will be a user-friendly option for residents to purchase stamps because it allows the Village to now accept credit/debit cards instead of only accepting cash and check. A majority of postal transactions were purchasing stamps, so the Village is pleased to be able to continue offering this service to our residents. With transitioning to a stamps-to-go service, the Lake Villa post office will absorb the PO boxes within Village Hall. Village staff is actively working with Lake Villa Post Office staff to coordinate messaging to ensure a smooth transition for all PO box users.

Discussion regarding the direction of Village provided postal services was part of the agenda at the June 12th and the July 24th board meeting.

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. **Residents may have unlimited bags or 33 gallon cans of leaves from October 16th - November 27th; no stickers needed.**

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 Village Hall, 2301 E Sand Lake Road. For more information, please contact Groot at (847) 693-2700.

50/50 Programs

Lindhurst 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 50/50 program section under Community Resources of the Village website for forms and information at www.lindhurstil.org

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.lindhurstil.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.

Lindy History

The 2023-2024 school session for Lindenhurst kids is in full swing! Ever wonder what that looked like 100 years ago? In 1923, Lindenhurst was a quieter community surrounded by agriculture. All school children in the area attended Sand Lake School, which was a one room schoolhouse located on the north side of Grand Avenue. The schoolhouse was originally built out of mud in 1850.

Now, this location is a wooded area approximately 150 ft east of the entrance of Mallard Ridge Subdivision. The concrete footings of the building are still present today!



New Service Request System Now Available!

Need to report non-emergency issues to the Village, such as potholes, streetlights, or overgrown grass? The Village has recently launched our new service request system for residents to report and request issues/work orders.

Our new service request system aims to be more user-friendly for residents to submit requests by grouping similar work 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.lindhurstil.org/servicerequests.

Village Lake Management

Even though the weather is quickly getting cooler and fall is in full swing, many residents are still taking advantage of our lakes before winter arrives. This summer has been difficult for Lindenhurst Lakes, largely due to the lack of rain. Although the Village's contractor treats each of the Lindenhurst Lakes multiple times a month throughout the summer, it is difficult to maintain the balance between treatments to get rid of bad algae blooms and maintain a healthy fish population. Despite this challenge, the Village, along with our residents, have continued to maintain and improve the quality of our lakes. Here are a few tips to help maintain the quality of the lakes:



- **Algae removal.** In July and August, residents worked with the Village to coordinate algae removal from Lake Linden. After residents removed algae from the lake, the Village worked with a contractor to dispose of and recycle the algae to be composted.
- **Be conscious of the Lindenhurst Watersheds.** Our lakes are part of a larger watershed that receives rainwater and runoff from the surrounding area. It is important that we minimize the amount of chemicals, nutrients, and sediments from the environment to minimize the amount that ends up in Village Lakes.
- **Implement Green/ Sustainability Practices.** The Village offers 50/50 programs that help residents offset the cost of incorporating green/sustainability initiatives that improve the water quality of our lakes. The 50/50 Shoreline Stabilization program is available for lake shore property owners that plant acceptable shrubs and plantings that help preserve the shoreline and water quality of our lakes. Similarly, the 50/50 Rain Barrel program captures water runoff from reaching our lakes. To learn more about the Village's 50/50 Program, please visit the 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.

