

# Lincolnshire NEWSLETTER



## Fall Leaf Pick-up Program

### Beginning Mid-October

The annual Leaf Collection Program begins on October 19, 2015. Leaves must be placed in the street by noon on Monday of your specified pickup week to guarantee collection during that week. Leaves placed in the street after the final collection that week will not be picked up until the next scheduled week of collection.

Leaf pickup is scheduled Monday through Friday as follows:

| <b>Residents west of<br/>Riverwoods Road</b> | <b>Residents east of<br/>Riverwoods Road</b> |
|--|--|
| October 19 - October 23                      | October 26 - October 30                      |
| November 2 - November 6                      | November 9 - November 13                     |
| November 16 - November 20                    | November 23 - November 27                    |

Please do not mix brush, garden waste, tree limbs, vines, lumber, etc. with the leaves. These materials can cause equipment failure or injury. Do not place leaves in the street more than two to three days before the scheduled pickup week. Residents can rake leaves and place them on the parkway near the curb, then rake them into the street during your scheduled week. Leaves raked in the street during off scheduled weeks may result in hazardous driving conditions and may clog storm sewer inlets causing localized flooding. Please notify your landscaper, if applicable, of the Village's leaf pickup schedule. Your cooperation is important to the success of this program.

If you have any questions regarding this program, please contact Wendy Moderhack, Public Works Administrative Assistant at [wmoderhack@lincolnshireil.gov](mailto:wmoderhack@lincolnshireil.gov) or 847-913-2380.



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The Village of Lincolnshire uses an emergency notification system. This system is operated by Blackboard Connect and allows you to sign up to receive emergency alerts on your cell phone, work phone, text message, e-mail, home phone, and more. Visit the Village's website and click on the link "Sign Up Now" to create an account and manage how you would like to receive emergency notifications.

# FINANCE

## Funding Village Services

Ever wonder how the Village funds all the general services it provides; services like police protection, snowplowed streets, maintained parks and paths, and community events? You may be surprised to learn **none** of your Property Tax dollars are used to fund such services. The Village only receives a small portion of your Property Tax payment and uses those dollars towards State law required pension contributions.

### So where does the money come from?

Approximately 80% of revenues used for general government expenses come from taxes other than property tax (two thirds of which are comprised of sales tax, state income tax, utility taxes, and room/admission tax). The other 20% is derived from licenses and fees, traffic fines, state grants, and investment earnings.



You may notice that so far there's been no mention of your water bill or the associated water and sanitary sewer services. Those revenues and associated expenses are maintained in a separate Village "fund" called the Water & Sewer Fund. Money collected from your Village utility bill is used to cover the operational costs required in maintaining and upgrading the entire water and sewer system and keeping it in proper functioning condition 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in order to be ready for the instant when one has need for those services.

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### Did you know?

All eligible residents *automatically* receive a break on the sanitary sewer portion of their Village utility bill during the summer when watering their lawn.

**Who's eligible?** If your summer water usage is 10% over your average winter usage you will automatically receive a summer sewer credit on the difference.

The summer sewer credit period runs from May 16th through September 15th. Your winter average is calculated from September 16th through May 15th.

## Get ready. Monthly water bills are coming in 2016!

Currently, the Village sends out residential water bills quarterly. To provide better service to our residents, the Village is moving to monthly billings. Doing so, will reduce the time it takes to identify and correct potential issues (like a leak or running toilet) before they become too costly.

To prepare for the increased workload associated with this change, the Village has implemented new, timesaving processes to increase efficiencies. One such improvement has been working with residents since 2013 to install new radio read meter heads. This allows Village staff to collect current water-meter readings much more accurately and efficiently by simply driving down the street. Also, the processing of water payments was outsourced to a lockbox service staffed to handle triple the utility payments each month. Another new improvement has been outsourcing the printing of the water bills. The printing company can generate three times the monthly bills, and since the bills are now a full 8.5 x 11", more information has been added to the bill (including a new Bulletin Board area to keep residents informed of important Village information).

By the end of 2015, there are plans to offer residents the option to receive their water bill electronically rather than the paper version. Additional changes are expected to occur as a result of switching to monthly billing. Keep an eye out for the Winter newsletter for more details.

## Senior Citizen Tax Relief

If you are a senior citizen, sixty-five years or older, and reside in a single-family residence, individual condominium or townhome for which you are obligated to pay real estate property taxes, you may be eligible for senior citizen tax relief. **The amount to be refunded to you from your Lake County property tax bill are the dollars paid to the Village of Lincolnshire Pension Funds.** To qualify, your total adjusted gross income (which is the total dollars you receive from any source – dividends, pension, Social Security, etc.) **CANNOT** exceed the number the IRS designates as the maximum allowable Social Security benefit a household can receive. In 2014 the maximum allowable social security benefit is \$47,556 for married and \$31,704 for single. Therefore, to receive the senior citizen tax relief from your 2014 Lake County property tax bill, your total household income cannot be higher than \$47,556 (married) or \$31,704 (single). The application deadline is December 31, 2015. For more information contact Julia Gabbard, Senior Accountant, at 847-913-2304 or [jgabbard@lincolnshireil.gov](mailto:jgabbard@lincolnshireil.gov).

## Preparing for the Future

### 2016 Budget Process Begins



Village Staff is busy developing the 2016 Budget. The budget document guides the Village in its activities from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016. The following dates have been tentatively scheduled for residents input regarding this process:

**September 15, 2015** - Residents and representatives of Village Organizations are encouraged to attend a Committee of the Whole Meeting to discuss particular projects or priorities they would like the Village Board to consider for Fiscal Year 2016. If you cannot attend, please send a written request to Brad Burke, Village Manager at [bburke@lincolnshireil.gov](mailto:bburke@lincolnshireil.gov).

**October/November 2015** - The Mayor and Board of Trustees will establish special meetings to discuss the draft Budget. The dates of the special meetings will be posted on the Village website at [www.lincolnshireil.gov](http://www.lincolnshireil.gov) once scheduled. The draft budget will be available at the Village Hall and the Vernon Area Public Library for review as of **October 15, 2015**.



**November 9, 2015** - The proposed 2016 Budget will appear as an item for discussion on the Committee of the Whole Meeting Agenda. This will be an opportunity for further comments and to discuss previous Board comments.

**December 14, 2015** - Final Budget consideration and approval is expected to occur at the last Village Board meeting of the year. Should you have any questions regarding the process, please contact Brad Burke, Village Manager at 847-913-2335 or [bburke@lincolnshireil.gov](mailto:bburke@lincolnshireil.gov) or Finance Director, Michael Peterson at 847-913-2303 or [mpeterson@lincolnshireil.gov](mailto:mpeterson@lincolnshireil.gov).

# PUBLIC WORKS

## Power Outage Information

If you have experienced a power outage, please contact ComEd at 1-800-334-7661. ComEd may not know there is a power outage at your home unless you inform them but ComEd may have taken steps to repair service in your area. It is advisable to call each day your service remains out, so have your account number available. You can also get text alerts about outage information and estimated restoration times by visiting [www.comed.com/customer-service/outage-information/Pages/report-an-outage.aspx](http://www.comed.com/customer-service/outage-information/Pages/report-an-outage.aspx) Additionally, please report your outages to the Village by calling Kimberly Jurco at 847-913-2360 or [kjurco@lincolnshireil.gov](mailto:kjurco@lincolnshireil.gov) The Village will use the information to identify problem areas and will work with ComEd to improve service.

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- MOBILE APP**
  - Report an outage
  - Check outage status
  - Make a payment
  - View account summary
  - View account history
  - Enroll in Budget Billing
  - Enroll in automatic payment
  - Link to ComEd Social Media site
  - View outage map[ComEd.com/App](http://ComEd.com/App)
- OUTAGE ALERTS**
  - Report an outage
  - Text **OUT to COMED (26633)**
  - Subscribe to Outage Alerts
  - Text **ADD OUTAGE to COMED (26633)**
  - Real-time outage status updates
  - No more than 7 texts in one day
  - Power restoration confirmation
  - Subscription confirmation[ComEd.com/Text](http://ComEd.com/Text)
- OUTAGE MAP**
  - View outages related to the same ticket
  - View outages at the 500-foot level
  - View cause of outages
  - View estimated time of restoration
  - Check crew status
  - View outage summary by city, county or Chicago ward[ComEd.com/Map](http://ComEd.com/Map)
- OPOWER SINGLE SIGN ON**
  - Compare energy usage
  - Get energy saving tips
  - Develop an energy management plan
  - Daily/hourly detail to AMI customers
  - High energy usage alerts (AMI only)[ComEd.com/MyEnergyTools](http://ComEd.com/MyEnergyTools)
- FACEBOOK REPORT AN OUTAGE**
  - Report an outage
  - Check outage status
  - View basic account information
  - Access ComEd.com for full self-service options[Facebook.com/ComEd](http://Facebook.com/ComEd)

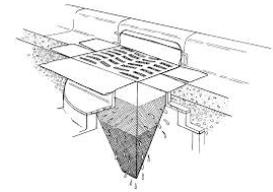
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## Sump Pump Discharge

Village Code requires residents to disconnect sump pump discharges that flow to the street and redirect the flow onto their own property between November 1st and April 1st. This is done to prevent ice buildup in the streets which could create a hazard to both motorists and pedestrians, as well as cause excessive damage to our roadways and snow removal equipment.

## Clean Your Grates

In the fall and spring, and after heavy rains, be sure to check the storm sewer grates on the street by your house and in your yard. Grates clogged with leaves and trash can cause flooding. Please remove the debris away from the grate. If the debris is large, contact Wendy Moderhack at the Public Works Facility at 847-913-2380 or [wmoderhack@lincolnshireil.gov](mailto:wmoderhack@lincolnshireil.gov) to request assistance.



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# POLICE

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## CALL THE CORRECT NUMBER FOR BEST SERVICE



The Lincolnshire Police Department strives to provide the best service possible to the community. Occasionally callers for Police service can be transferred several times before obtaining the desired information or person. Calling the correct number helps expedite your experience and reduces the number of unnecessary calls to the dispatch center. The Lincolnshire Police Department's emergency (**911**) and non-emergency (**847.883.9900**) phone numbers are answered by the Vernon Hills Communications Center. If you would like to obtain a copy of a police report, place your home on vacation watch, or speak to an employee in the Records Division, Investigations, or Police Administration, call the department's administrative number (**847.913.2350**). Voicemail messages left after hours will be returned the next business day.

## SOCIAL MEDIA & CHILDREN

Social media plays a significant role in children's lives. According to the American Osteopathic Association (2011), 85% of parents with teenage children ages 13-17 report their child has a social networking site. There are various benefits of social media, which can include a higher level of interconnectedness, a faster means of communication, and an opportunity to increase one's technological skills. In the fast-paced world of social media, with benefits also come potential disadvantages or dangers such as cyber-bullying, online predators, and sexting to name a few. Below is a list of safety tips for parents to mitigate possible hazardous risks to their children:

- **Have all home computers and laptops in a central area of the home**
- **Charge all Internet capable devices in the parents' room overnight**
- **If your child's phone is password protected, know the password**
- **Randomly inspect children's devices that access the Internet**
- **If you're unsure of an application on the device, open it, and inspect the content**



Apple and Android mobile devices are capable of parental controls, allowing parents to restrict children to age appropriate applications. If at any time you become concerned with the content of your child's phone, including pictures, suspicious chat messages, and/or unusual posts, do not delete the information and call the Lincolnshire Police Department.

# FALL CALENDAR

## SEPTEMBER -

**7th - Labor Day** - Village offices closed.

**10th - SRACLC Golf Outing** - At Steeple Chase Golf Club, Mundelein. Form more information call 847-816-4866

**19th - Vernon Township Community Garage Sale** - At Prairie View Metra Station from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**17th - Lincolnshire Morningstar Rotary Golf Outing** - At Cranes Landing, Marriott Resort. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. For more information visit [www.golfinvite.com/linconshirerotarygolf](http://www.golfinvite.com/linconshirerotarygolf)

## OCTOBER -

**30th - Boo Bash** - At North Park from 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

**31st - Trick or Treat Hours** - 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.



## NOVEMBER -

**6th - Lincolnshire Garden Club Holidays Boutique** - At the Lincolnshire Swim Club, Riverwoods Road from 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. All proceeds are used to benefit the community.

**11th - Veterans Day**

**26th & 27th - Thanksgiving Holiday** - Village offices closed.

## DECEMBER -

**1st - Open registration starts for Lincolnshire Community Nursery School 2016** - for more information go to [www.LCNS.org](http://www.LCNS.org) or contact Director, Amy Morrissey at 847-945-1450/[director@lcns.org](mailto:director@lcns.org)

**5th - Holiday Tree Lighting** - beginning at 5:30 p.m. at The Village Green, northeast corner of Milwaukee Ave./Olde Half Day Rd.

## Labor Day Wastehauler Pick-Up Schedule

Because Labor Day falls on Monday, September 7, 2015 single family residential homes garbage and recyclables will be picked up by Waste Management on Thursday September 10, 2015.

## Spring Lake Beach Closes

Spring Lake Beach will be closed for the season September 8th. After August 16th there will only be lifeguards on duty during the weekends and Labor Day. After September 7th, there will be **no** lifeguards at Spring Lake Beach. When lifeguards are not present, children under the age of 17 are allowed to swim only with the supervision of an adult. This is a state regulation the Village enforces. For more information contact Youssef Shoukry at 847-913-2332 or [yshoukry@lincolnshireil.gov](mailto:yshoukry@lincolnshireil.gov)

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

### Architectural Review Board

September 16, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.  
October 20, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.  
November 17, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.

### Board of Trustees/Committee of the Whole

September 15, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.  
September 28, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.  
October 13, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.  
October 26, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.  
November 9, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.  
November 23, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.

### Lincolnshire Council of Presidents

September 16, 2015 - 7:30 p.m.  
November 18, 2015 - 7:30 p.m.

### Park Board

September 21 - 7:00 p.m.  
October 19, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.  
November 16, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.

### Police Pension Board

November 10, 2015 - 6:00 p.m.

### Zoning Board

September 8, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.  
October 14, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.  
November 10, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.

## Village Officials & Management Staff E-Mail Addresses

### Mayor:

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Patrick McAllister            trustee McAllister@lincolnshireil.gov  
Dan Servi                        trustee Servi@lincolnshireil.gov

### Village Clerk:

Barbara Mastandrea        villageclerkmastandrea@lincolnshireil.gov

### Village Manager:

Bradly Burke                    bburke@lincolnshireil.gov

### Chief of Police:

Peter Kinsey                    pkinsey@lincolnshireil.gov

### Community & Economic Development Director:

Stephen McNellis            smcnellis@lincolnshireil.gov

### Treasurer/Finance Director:

Michael Peterson            mpeterson@lincolnshireil.gov

### Public Works Director

Brad Woodbury                bwoodbury@lincolnshireil.gov



## SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

September is National Preparedness Month. Sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), National Preparedness Month is a time to prepare yourself and those in your care for emergencies and disasters. The most important step you can take is being able to ensure you and your loved ones can go for at least three days without electricity, water, access to a grocery store, or other local services. Prepare a disaster supply kit with at least three days of food and water, and create a Family Emergency Plan so your family knows how to communicate during an emergency.





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## ***Toys for Tots***

**Toys for Tots will have a collection box at the Lincolnshire Village Hall beginning the last week of November. Please continue to check the Village E-News in November and December and the Winter Newsletter for updates.**



**Did You Know**

**Flood Agency Links**

**Can be Found on the Village Website?**

As a matter of courtesy, the Village of Lincolnshire provides links to flood organization's on our website at <http://www.lincolnshireil.gov/departments-services/public-works-department/flooding>.