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Village Board Adopts Fiscal Year 2008/2009 Budget

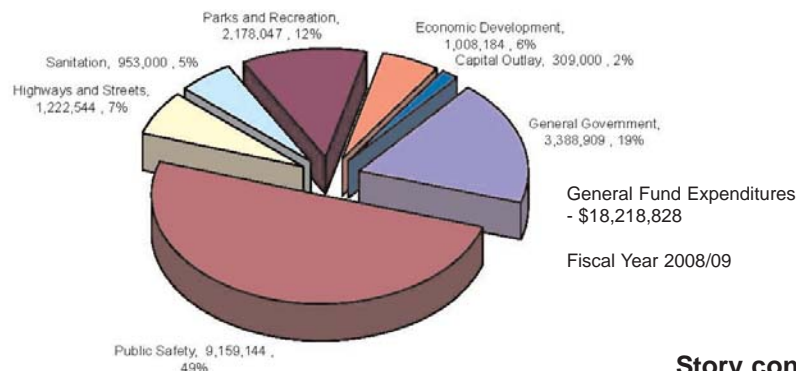
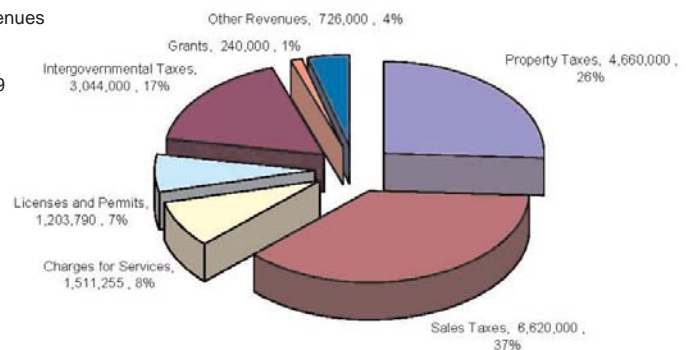
On April 3, 2008 the Village Board approved the Fiscal Year 2008/2009 budget, which is the key management tool that establishes funding priorities and identifies revenue sources to pay for the Village approved programs and services. The charts below summarize where the money comes from and how it is expended in the General Fund. The General Fund is the governmental operating fund that accounts for the resources devoted to funding services traditionally associated with local government.

Budget Highlights

- * The Parks and Recreation Department will implement on-line registration for all programs.
- * A wireless computer network will be utilized by all Village field personnel. This will allow staff to access computer files and maps from the field, resulting in increased efficiencies and improved service.
- * \$158,000 as a match to a State grant for reconstructing the Channel Runne bike path.
- * A consultant will be hired to develop strategies to beautify Lincoln Avenue and make it safer for pedestrians and autos, per the Lincoln Avenue Taskforce recommendations.
- * The Village will begin the first phase of a multi-year process to replace all the street lights on major thoroughfares. This year, the lights on Cicero Avenue will be replaced.

General Fund Revenues
- \$18,005,045

Fiscal Year 2008/09



General Fund Expenditures
- \$18,218,828

Fiscal Year 2008/09

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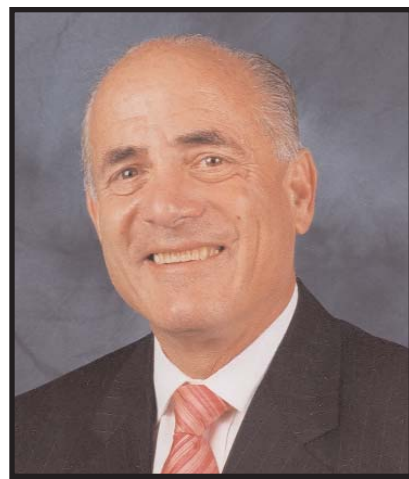
Village President's Message

Dear Residents & Friends,

Spring is here at last! That was one of the most difficult winters we've experienced in a long time. We welcome all of you snowbirds back home. To those of us who stayed here and withstood the cold, snow, and the seemingly endless gray days, let it suffice to know that we are of hearty stock! Now our spring flowers are in bloom, the birds are singing and we're renewed once again. Lincolnwood is home sweet home, isn't it?

As you may remember, Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky, had as one of her goals this year, to hold a town meeting about our Postal Service in Lincolnwood. It is scheduled to be held in our Council Chambers here at Village Hall on Sunday, June 8 from 2 to 4pm. Please find the special insert with the speakers request form. Our Lincolnwood Customer Advisory Council, which was formed by the USPS in order to

review and recommend service, has worked on formatting the meeting in order to avoid redundancy. If you have issues which you feel are systemic problems in the USPS please attend and submit the form included in this 'Connections' PRIOR TO MAY 30. One important point is that you BRING YOUR DOCUMENTATION. The documents are necessary for the postal service to find where the problem originates. This meeting is open to all and is your chance to be heard. Postmaster, Gloria Tyson, will also be present with her staff.



Mark your calendars for our Memorial Day Parade which brings our community together to celebrate the lives of our military personnel and allows us to take pause to remember those who died during or after service. If you haven't ever participated in the parade, then make this year your first! Call our American Legion Post, 847-674-4157, and ask how you can participate. Certainly we can line the streets and show our support. Many of our residents like to join the fun by just watching and following the parade which concludes at the Madeleine Grant Gardens and Pergola in Proesel Park. I promise you'll enjoy this event. Last year we had gloriously warm weather and bright sunny skies. I placed an

order for the same conditions this year. We'll have lots of red, white, and blue, and this year is the 25th consecutive year of music from the Niles West Marching Band under the direction of Band Director Bill Koch. We are planning to honor Mr. Koch for his loyalty to our Village. Please attend!

Shortly after Memorial Day we will see the graduation of many of our young people. Each will make their rites of passage, entering the next phases of their lives. I know their parents are especially proud. Let me take this time to extend my very best wishes to the graduates and their families. I know you are eager to celebrate, whether it is entering high school or college, or beginning entry into our work force. May you achieve your goals, and may your dreams be fulfilled. Don't forget to say thank you to all those who helped you along the way, your parents, your families, your teachers, and your community. Why not make it a point to get involved in community service this summer season? BE A RESCUE RANGER. Contact me via email at jerry@turry.net, if you need some ideas on where we need to find help.

Don't forget that we will select the winner of this year's Madeleine Grant Volunteer of the Year Award. If you have a person you'd like to nominate, please call the Mayor's office so that we can get you an application. Don't let the good work of someone who is deserving of this high recognition go unrewarded. The winner will be honored at the Village Board's June 19 meeting along with our Lincolnwood High School Scholastic Achievement Winners.

Town Hall Meeting

**Town Hall Meeting
Regarding Postal Service
Sunday, June 8, 2008 at 2 p.m.
Village of Lincolnwood Council Chambers
6900 N. Lincoln Ave.**

Speakers Application Form

Please submit via mail to Mayors Office, Village of Lincolnwood, 6900 N. Lincoln Ave., Lincolnwood, IL 60712 or via fax to 847-673-9382 . If you choose to submit via email, you must enter "Post Office Survey" in the subject line, to cofsanik@lwd.org. Please be sure that this form arrives no later than May 30, 2008. We will categorize them in order to consolidate similar issues to be discussed at the meeting.

If you have documentation, i.e., envelopes wherein mistakes occurred with the mail carrier or distribution center, etc., please submit a copy of this documentation. The envelope gives the USPS the necessary information to track the source of the problem.

Your Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Do you have documentation? Yes or No

Is this a recurring issue? _____ How often? _____

If you have contacted the USPS, please provide the most recent date of contact as well as the case number.

Date _____ Case number _____

Please provide a brief statement regarding the issue. _____

There is no need to wait for the town hall meeting to express your concerns to the USPS, please contact the U.S. Postal Service: <http://www.usps.com> or call their customer service center at: 1-800-ASK-USPS (1-800-275-8777) or call the Chicago Main Post Office at 1-312-983-8403.

Community News



Helpful Hints for Better Mail Service

At the Chicago Post Office, our letter carriers have one basic job: deliver your mail promptly and to the right address. They're happy to provide that service day in and day out, through rain, sleet and snow - after all, "service" is in our name! But there are a few things you and/or your building manager can do to help speed delivery of your mail:

DO

Make sure your mailbox is in working order... Our carriers will deliver your mail only into a secure receptacle that closes properly. Delivery could be suspended, and customers asked to pick up their mail in person, if broken mailboxes aren't repaired.

Make sure names and apartment numbers are labeled on mailboxes... Property managers: Having a current building directory on hand can also help us get the right mail to the right customer.

Tell us how we're doing... Let us know if you've gotten great service, or if we can serve you better, by calling our Consumer Affairs department at (312) 983-8403 during regular business hours.

DON'T

Don't let mail pile up in your mailbox... Clear your mailbox every day, so there's plenty of room for the next day's mail. If you're going out of town, have your mail held at the Post Office until you return.

Don't leave former residents' names on mailboxes ... That helps eliminate confusion, and speeds up getting that mail to the customer's new address.

Don't write on the mail... Put a note on the envelope and leave it for your carrier - extra handwriting on the envelope can delay processing.

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The approved budget maintains the Village Board's policy of limiting the property tax levy increase to no more than the Cook County Consumer Price Index; which was 2.5% this year. However, due to the deteriorating local and national economy, developing this year's budget was a challenge. The Village has not been experiencing the increase in sales tax revenues of previous years. In fact, Village staff anticipates a slight decrease in actual revenue received this year, compared to last year. Since the Village's two main sources of revenue - property and sales tax are relatively flat or falling, the Village had to secure new revenue streams. While staff is proud of the fact that the General Fund was limited to a 1.9% increase over last year's budget (which is less than the consumer price index), expenditures for commodities and personnel continue to increase. To remedy this, the Village Board endorsed several revenue initiatives, including:

- * A 1% Food and Beverage Tax for restaurants and caterers. Anticipated new revenue: \$300,000.
- * \$10 adjustment to the Vehicle License fee. Anticipated new revenue: \$100,000.
- * Adjusted miscellaneous building permit and license fees. Anticipated new revenue: \$187,000

The revenue enhancements were designed to have as little an impact on residents as possible. Throughout the budget process, the Village President and Village Board challenged staff to reduce expenditures wherever possible. The budget, as approved, continues all current programs and services enjoyed by our residents.

For questions concerning the Village's budget, please contact Robert Merkel, Finance Director, at (847) 673-1540.

2008 Lincolnwood Farmers Market

Beginning Thursday, June 12, the Parks and Recreation Department will be operating the “new and improved” Farmers Market. The market will run every Thursday through September 25, from the hours of 8 am – 1 pm. It will be located between Village Hall and the Police Department and near the semi-circle drive on Lincoln Avenue. This location was chosen because of its visibility and the accessibility of parking behind Village Hall. Care will be given to allow for passage of pedestrians along Lincoln Avenue and those entering the buildings. The goal of the Lincolnwood Farmers Market is to offer an event that brings residents and the business community together, while offering the opportunity for individuals living and working in Lincolnwood to buy fresh produce and natural products. Vendors will set up displays that may include fruits, vegetables, bread and pastries, cheese, flowers and honey.



Further information may be obtained by calling the Recreation Department at (847) 677-9740.

Building Department Update

Permits and inspections are required for the protection of public health, safety, and welfare. The Village inspection staff enforces the adopted codes to ensure that construction is safe and in compliance. Projects not built to Village Codes may have a negative impact on the sale of your home and on insurance costs. A building permit is required when the project involves new construction, alterations, or an addition to your building. For most changes to any component of structural, electrical, plumbing or mechanical a permit is required. The replacement of doors, windows, siding, concrete work, sidewalks, and driveways are also items that need permits. Permits are required before the start of projects.

To obtain a permit, applicants need to file an application in writing on the forms provided by the Building Department. The normal processing time for a permit application is around 10 to 14 work days if the paperwork is correct when it is submitted. If you are unsure if your project needs a permit call the Building Department at (847) 745-4790 or check the website at www.lincolnwoodil.org.

The Building Department will also start a more regular program of Property Maintenance inspections in the spring and summer to ensure the beauty of the Village is maintained. These will be performed on residential, commercial, industrial, and manufacturing sites throughout the Village. If you have questions please contact the Building Department at 847- 673-7402 between 8am and 5pm.

Village Hall Art Gallery

Located in the lobby of the Village Hall, the Art Gallery displays the work of a new artist every other month. From June 2 to July 31 “Circles” will be displayed by the artist known as “RHB.” RHB uses acrylic and graphite on canvas to explore a series of geometric images designed to stimulate imagination. This work has been exhibited at the Museum of Science and Industry and the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Memorial Day Resident Picnic

On May 26, Memorial Day, the Lincolnwood Fire & Police Departments, in conjunction with New Century Bank and Lincolnwood Produce will host a Village resident picnic immediately following the Memorial Day festivities. An All-American lunch will be served. The event will occur inside the Fire House at 6900 North Lincoln Avenue. Come and join the fun!



Community News

Chamber of Commerce Update

The Lincolnwood Chamber of Commerce & Industry is proud to be celebrating 30 years of commitment to the Village of Lincolnwood and its business community. While being 30 years old is an accomplishment, what the Chamber is most proud of is that we currently have nine members who are part of the original organization. They are ATF, Inc.; Bank of Lincolnwood; Grossinger Autoplex; Liberty Bank for Savings; Lou Malnati's Pizzeria; Myron & Phil's Restaurant; Nadig Newspapers; Voss Belting and Specialty Company, and Village of Lincolnwood. Thank you for being the foundation to this Chamber and for your continued support to the Village of Lincolnwood.

Are you a new resident to Lincolnwood? Whether you are a new resident or business we would like to welcome you to the community with one of our Welcome Bags. Each bag is filled with items from businesses in the community as their gift to you. Please call Diana at the Chamber office, 847-679-5760 to arrange to have one delivered to you.

Thank you to the Lincolnwood Human Relations Commission for their support and assistance with the Focus Breakfast held on April 23 dealing with the legalities of hiring and firing of personnel in the current job market.

Village Board Highlights

The Village Board generally meets on the first and third Thursdays of the month. Listed below are highlights from recent Village Board meetings.

Recent Village Board Decisions:

- * On March 19, 2008, the Village Board approved an ordinance establishing a one percent (1%) food and beverage tax in the Village.
- * On March 19, 2008, the Village Board approved an ordinance amending the Village Code to increase vehicle license fees by \$10.00 in FY 2008-2009.
- * On March 6, 2008, the Village Board approved an ordinance increasing commercial demolition permit fees to \$4,000.00 for the first 25,000 cubic feet and \$10.00 per additional 1,000 cubic feet. This ordinance also increased the electrical contractor license fee from \$75.00 to \$100.00.
- * On February 7, 2008, the Village Board approved 12 ordinances to vacate 12 alleyways in the Village.
- * On February 7, 2008, the Village Board approved an ordinance to create a system of tree management under Article 12 of the Municipal Code.

Lincolnwood Fest 2008 - July 10th – 13th



Mark your calendars for this year's Lincolnwood Fest taking place at Proesel Park, which will open on July 10 at 5pm and close on July 13 at 10pm. Wristbands for unlimited carnival rides will be available Thursday evening from 5pm to 10pm; Saturday afternoon from 1pm – 4pm and Sunday afternoon from 12pm to 3pm. Bingo will be available Friday through Sunday from 6pm to 10pm. Saturday afternoon will feature the Lincolnwood Chamber of commerce Annual Business Expo from 1pm – 5pm. Sunday will feature one of Chicagoland's premier Classic Car Shows from 10am – 2pm. Free live musical entertainment will be part of the festivities on all four days. Currently, American English, The Meteors, The Associates, This is This and Alfe Rockers are scheduled. Children will be treated to a petting zoo, pony rides, the music of Rick Kelley and much more. For updates check the Fest website at www.lincolnwoodfest.com.



Cross Connection Control

On August 16, 2007 the Village Board directed staff to solicit Request for Proposals (RFP) on behalf of residents for RPZ Valve installation and annual testing in order to comply with the Cross Connection Control Program.

On February 28, 2008 the Village received four proposals. Residents are now able to contact any of these vendors to coordinate an installation. Although these are competitive prices, residents are not limited to these vendors. The Village has extended the compliance deadline from March 1, 2008 to August 1, 2008. Prior to the installation of the valve, plumbers must contact the Building Department in order to pay the permit fee. These requirements are mandated by the Illinois Department of Public Health, in conjunction with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. They state that a backflow preventer (in the case of

lawn sprinklers, an RPZ Valve) must be installed on all lawn sprinkler systems. The valve's purpose is to prohibit the backflow of contaminants from entering the public water supply from the sprinkler heads. If you have any questions please contact Public Works at 847-675-0888 or check our website at www.lincolnwoodil.org.

CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RESULTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Cost Per Valve Installed</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>	<u>Annual Testing Rate</u>
1) Water Resources 848 Olive St. Elgin, IL 60120-8027 847-697-6623	1/2"	\$195	\$95
	3/4"	\$240	\$95 1yr
	1"	\$240	\$95 2yr
	1 1/2"	\$480	\$95 3yr
	2"	\$526	
2) T & J Plumbing 5251 W. Belmont Ave. Chicago, IL 60641 773-545-4422	3/4"	\$382.43	\$100
	1"	\$451.89	\$125 1yr
	1 1/2"	\$766.98	\$131 2yr
	2"	\$911.33	\$137 3yr
3) Backflow Testing Services 40 W 278 Baron Lane Huntley, IL 60047 847-669-1664	1/2"	\$306.30	\$125
	3/4"	\$424.40	\$85 1yr
	1"	\$460.30	\$85 2yr
	1 1/2"	\$877.50	\$85 3yr
	2"	\$1014.80	
4) Taylor Plumbing Inc. 488 Diens Dr. Wheeling, IL 60090 847-279-8581	1/2"	\$350	\$120
	3/4"	\$350	\$99 1yr
	1"	\$380	\$102 2yr
	1 1/2"	\$580	\$105 3yr
	2"	\$610	

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Finally, on Sunday, May 4 at 3pm, the award winning Lincolnwood Chamber Orchestra and our Lincoln Hall Orchestra will perform an educational concert in the new Cadillac showroom at the Grossinger Autoplex, 6900 McCormick Blvd. Grossinger Autoplex and Grossinger Toyota are thrilled to sponsor this event. Admission is free and a reception will follow the performances.

The soloist will be 16 year old violinist Kimberly Mok, a current student at Niles West High School and Lincoln Hall graduate. Ms. Mok will perform Beethoven's Romance in F Major with the Lincolnwood Chamber Orchestra. The Lincoln Hall Orchestra, under the direction of John Jones, will perform music of Bach and Mozart. Both orchestras will join forces in three movements of Peter Warlock's Capriol Suite, and the program will conclude with the LCO performing Haydn's Symphony No. 73, with Music Director Philip Simmons conducting. Mr. Simmons graduated from Lincoln Hall in 1975, and founded the LCO in 1990.

Best wishes to you and yours,
Gerald C. Turry - Village President

Water Meter Upgrade Program

Beginning this spring a Village approved representative from Professional Meters, Inc. will be replacing every water meter in the Village. The procedure does not require that anyone be present during the installation which will last only 30 minutes. Water connections will be turned off for a brief period of time. Anyone concerned that a brief water shut-off will cause a hardship is encourage to call (866) 623-4045 to schedule a special appointment to replace your meter. These new meters reduce water loss resulting from old or broken meters and include a new wireless automatic meter reading system that is far more effective and economical than current manual meter reading methods. If you have any questions regarding the water meter upgrade program you may contact the Public Works Department at (847) 675-0888 or visit our website at www.lincolnwoodil.org.

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Village Hall, the Police Department, the Fire Department, Building Department and the Parks and Recreation Department are located at 6900 North Lincoln Avenue in the Municipal Complex.

Village Hall office hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday,

Village Board meetings are held in the Council Chambers in Village Hall at 7:30pm on the first and third Thursday of the month.

Village Web Site	www.lincolnwoodil.org
Police / Fire / Medical Emergency	911
Village Hall	(847) 673-1540
Police Department	(847) 673-2167
Fire Department	(847) 673-1545
Public Works Department	(847) 675-0888
Building Department	(847) 673-7402
Parks & Recreation Department	(847) 677-9740
Community Assistance	(847) 677-SERV
Social Services	(847) 673-2167
Groot	(847) 244-1977
SWANC	(847) 724-9205
IDOT	(847) 705-4000
Cook County	(708) 485-7130

Board and Commission Meetings

Beautification Committee	1st Monday of the month
Economic Development Commission	4th Thursday of the month
Fire and Police Commission	meets as needed
Human Relations Commission	2nd Monday of the month
Parks and Recreation Board	2nd Tuesday of the month
Sign Appearance Review Board	3rd Monday of the month as needed
Telecommunications Advisory Board	meets as needed
Traffic Commission	4th Thursday of the month

Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals
(TV) * 2nd and 4th Wed. of the month

Village Board
(TV) * 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month

(TV) = Broadcast live on Village Cable Channel 6
Re-Broadcast one week following the scheduled meeting

Public Safety Awareness Day

The Village is an active participant in the Northeastern Illinois Public Safety Academy (NIPSTA), which is an intergovernmental agency comprised of municipalities, fire protection districts, and other organizations located in the Chicago metropolitan area that have combined energies and resources to create a regional, state-of-the-art public safety training facility. To showcase its specialized programs and facilities, NIPSTA is opening itself to the public and will be hosting live demonstrations and hands-on activities. This open house will take place on Sunday, June 8 from 11 am to 3 pm. Participants of all ages may join the fun of a fire hose spray, squad car rides, search dog demonstrations, backhoe equipment operations, high-rise fire rescues and more. Admission is \$5 per person. Children under three years of age will be admitted free. The campus is located at 2300 Patriot Boulevard in Glenview, Illinois. Call (847) 998-8090 or visit www.NIPSTA.org for more information.



Village Hall Holiday Closings

Memorial Day, May 26
Independence Day, July 4