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Snow Plowing - New Alternate-Side Street Parking Regulations in Effect

On October 1, 2009 the Village Board approved an alternate-side street parking Ordinance. Alternate-side parking means that when there are two or more inches of snow on the ground on even-numbered days of the month, between the hours of 8:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. Monday through Friday, motor vehicles may only be parked on the side of the street with even-numbered addresses and on odd-numbered days of the month, motor vehicles may only be parked on the side of the street with odd-numbered addresses. This Ordinance will allow the Public Works Department to more efficiently clear snow from streets. Vehicles that do not adhere to the parking regulations will be ticketed.

The Public Works Department asks all residents to assist the department in snow removal by parking vehicles in driveways or garages during the winter months and refraining from blowing snow into the street. Snow plowing operations begin when snow becomes more than two-inches deep and freezing temperatures indicate that no melting will occur. Parking is prohibited along Pratt Avenue when two inches or more of snow accumulates.

Please remember that the Village does not maintain any roads that fall under the jurisdiction of another agency. Lincoln, Central, Cicero, Touhy, Devon, Crawford Avenue between Devon and Lincoln and McCormick Avenue are maintained by the Illinois Department of Transportation. Crawford Avenue from Lincoln to Jarvis is maintained by Cook County. To contact Cook County call (708) 485-7130 and IDOT call (847) 705-4000.



Snow plow required to plow around a parked car



Online Registration

The Village of Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Department implemented a new online registration system. You can now register online for programs and activities. You can access the online registration site by going to www.lincolnwoodil.org and scrolling over the departments tab, then clicking on Parks and Recreation.

Village President's Message

Dear Residents & Friends,

At last we move into the time of year which is the favorite of many, the Holidays! This year has been especially challenging to all of us. The economy has posed problems for our Village as sales tax revenues continue to slump. We were not alone, as most all of the municipalities in the country face these same challenges. We have been able to 'tighten our belts' and make our limited resources stretch a little further. Thanks to the work of our staff, the Village postponed or eliminated some budget items. The Village Board also approved a revised three month budget for expenditures. We will continue to make adjustments in our spending in order to address the volatile nature of the economy. We have begun to see signs that we are beginning to turn the corner. Our hope is that these signals continue to gain a stronger foothold in this last quarter and into 2010.



Gerald Turry
Village President

As we head into the winter, no doubt severe weather will be upon us. The Village Board recently passed an alternate side street parking ordinance to help alleviate the issues of snow removal and parked cars.

Please see the article on the cover of this newsletter which explains alternate side parking in detail. I know once you get the hang of it, you'll like it.

The federal government will hold a national census in 2010. The motto of census 2010 is 'It's in our hands!' The census questionnaire will be delivered in March and is due back by April 1, 2010. This year's questionnaire is the shortest in US history with only 10 questions. The census will affect our voice in congress, and the ways in which we make ourselves safe and secure. The census determines more than \$300 billion annually of government funding for critical community services. So please make it your mission to be counted in 2010. It's in our hands.

I wish to acknowledge the work of the Lincolnwood Fest Co-chairs Jim Berger and Diana Lass, along with their unflappable committee of Sallie Blackman, Debra Ernst, Barbara Faermark, Beryl Herman, Paul Levine, Marilyn Marwedel, Marty Michonski, Lou Napravnik, and Adrienne Stern.

Congratulations to the Chamber's Corporate Citizens of the Year 2009 who will be honored on November 6, 2009. The event will be hosted by Trim-Tex. The Village is thrilled by the wonderful support it receives from our business. The businesses that will be honored are: Las Cazuelas, MB Financial Bank, and Whole Foods. Please plan to join in this very nice evening of celebrating our business community. Call Diana Lass at the Chamber for reservations, (847) 679-5760.

Our Parks and Recreation Department under the leadership of Director, Janice Hincapie, has done some wonderful things this year. One initiative was to rekindle interest in the Village's farmers market. The Village partnered with St. John's Lutheran Church as the host site and the farmers market sprang to life this year. In addition, Director Hincapie has worked to receive a \$350,000 grant for further enhancements to Channel Runne Park. This matching grant will bring active and passive recreational opportunities to the park, including an amphitheatre and a frisbee golf course.

Don't forget this holiday season finds many families without the resources to provide gifts for their children. Our Village will support the Toys for Tots program for the 15th year under the leadership of John and Dee Barbino along with our Lincolnwood Police Department. To support this program you may drop off an unwrapped new toy at Village Hall. Be sure to mark it with a sticker indicating the gender and age appropriateness. Anyone interested in serving as part of our Village's Toys for Tots leadership with the Barbinos should contact our Police Department at (847) 673-4413.

Why not support our Village's initiatives and donate a pint of blood for the Holidays? LifeSource will be present at Village Hall on Tuesday, December 15, 2009 from 1:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. to collect donations. Lastly, don't forget our Rescue Ranger program which provides help to our seniors. I am always looking for high school and junior high school students to get involved. Send me an email jerry@turry.net and let me know if your children are interested. Include your full name, address, and phone number. Put 'RESCUE RANGERS' in the subject line. Let's not let one neighbor in need of help go without having his/her own 'Rescue Ranger'.

It is getting colder outside and fall will end soon. I want to be certain to extend the warmest of wishes from my wife, Nancy and I, to you and yours. May your Holidays be joyous and peaceful and may your New Year be filled with good health and prosperity. Many happy returns and may 2010 be a year filled with new challenges which enrich many lives.

Very truly yours,
Gerald C. Turry, Village President



Village Art Gallery

Beginning November 2, 2009 the Village's Art Gallery will display the photographic talents of Rich Fisher in a showcase titled "Combining the magic of art, the discipline of science, and the love of nature." The art is displayed at Village Hall until December 31, 2009. Come and meet the artist at the opening reception ceremony on December 3, 2009 from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Available Commercial Space and Properties Report

The Village publishes an available commercial space and property report on a quarterly basis. This report lists all commercial space currently for lease, rent, or sale in the Village. The purpose of this report is to help potential developers and business owners find an appropriate space within the Village to establish their business. Additionally, you can subscribe to be notified when a new report becomes available or request changes and/or additions to the report. The report can be accessed online at <http://www.lincolnwoodil.org/availablecommercialspace.cfm>.

Salvation Army Kettle Campaign

Each year, the Village receives emergency funds from the Salvation Army. These funds are reserved for residents who are experiencing economic hardship. The Village will participate in the Annual Kettle Campaign that runs from the middle of November to the third week of December in effort to raise additional emergency funds for our residents. The Village's kettle will be located at Walgreen's, on the corner of Lincoln and Pratt. Any donation made to this kettle on Saturdays will be specifically designated for residents. For more information on this program or to volunteer your time, please contact the Village Social Worker, Geri Silic, at (847) 745-4755.

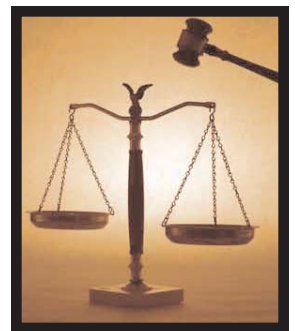


Administrative Adjudication Process

On June 18, 2009 the Village Board approved an Ordinance establishing an Administrative Adjudication Process. On November 24, 2009 the first administrative hearing will take place. These hearings address a wide range of appeal cases involving violations of municipal Ordinances as an alternative to Cook County Circuit Court. All hearings are held in the Village Hall Council Chambers. They are intended to expedite resolutions, reduce litigation expenses, ensure code enforcement and compliance, and allow the Circuit Court to focus on more serious offenses. These hearings are also more convenient for residents because they are held at Village Hall.

The Administrative Hearing is a civil (not a criminal) proceeding. Persons found liable through the hearing process may only be fined and/or ordered to comply. Under the Administrative Adjudication process an Administrative Hearing Officer hears cases, not the municipal entity that issued the citation. The Administrative Hearing Officer presides over the hearings and is appointed by the Village President with the consent of the Village Board. Hearing Officers are required by the State of Illinois to undergo training and be professional, fair, and courteous. The following list contains types of cases that are heard in Village's Administrative Adjudication Process:

- * Parking Tickets
- * Nuisance Violations
- * Alcohol and Tobacco Violations
- * Property Maintenance Violations
- * Red Light Camera Violations (beginning in 2010)
- * Curfew Violations
- * Ordinance Violations
- * Fire Code Violations
- * Building Code Violations



For more information on the Administrative Adjudication process, please call the Village Administrator's Office at (847) 745-4716 or visit our website at www.lincolnwoodil.org/administrativeadjudication.cfm.

Community News

Keep The Wreath Red

The Fire Department will kick off their annual "Keep the Wreath Red" program this holiday season. If a holiday related fire occurs, one of the red lights on the wreath is changed to white. Thus, it becomes the responsibility of each resident to "Keep the Wreath Red." The Fire Department encourages all homeowners to use the following checklist to help protect their home against fire during the holiday season:

Tips for Christmas Trees

- * Keep the tree in a cool place as long as possible
- * Place your tree away from heat sources and open flames
- * Keep water in a tree base container and check it often
- * Check tree lights carefully for broken or frayed wires
- * Use appropriate size and type of extension cords
- * Never place extension cords or wires under rugs
- * Turn tree lights off when not at home
- * Do not use lights strings for metal trees due to risk of shock
- * Do not mix "Angel Hair" with spray-on flocking since the combination is highly combustible



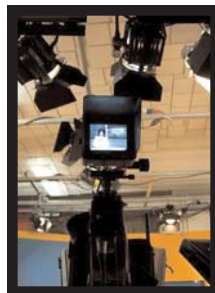
Candle Safety

- * Keep candles away from all holiday decorations
- * Place burning candles where they can not be bumped or brushed against
- * Never leave a burning candle unattended
- * Extinguish all candles when you leave the room or go to sleep



Comcast Public Access Production Class

Did you know that Comcast provides our residents the opportunity to produce television programming? Comcast provides access to a public studio which is specifically designed to cater to the residents of our community.



The studio has the tools necessary for community members to begin the process of creating programming by offering public access certification classes. These free classes are taught by professionally trained staff at the Comcast Studio located at 9651 Gross Point Road, Skokie, IL 60076.

The classes will teach you every aspect of a production (ie: camera, audio, lighting, etc). At the end of the classes, you will have the knowledge to put together a television production. You are then able to create community programs and have them aired on Comcast's public access channel number six.

While completing the classes is not a requirement to have a show air on the public access channel, it does give you the advantage of using Comcast's equipment and obtaining a higher priority on the playback schedule.

For more information on the public access services, visit www.accesschannel.com or call (847) 789-0630.

Flu Season and H1N1

Flu season is once again upon us. This year we are also faced with the imminent threat of H1N1 flu virus. Below are some safety tips and information on the H1N1 virus.

Protect yourself:

- * Wash your hands and under the fingernails
- * Use a hand sanitizer whenever possible
- * Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- * Stay home when you are sick and keep sick children at home
- * Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze
- * Get your flu vaccination as soon as possible

The H1N1 vaccine is expected to be available this fall. Vaccines will be made available in a combination of settings such as clinics organized by local health departments, healthcare provider offices, schools, and other settings such as pharmacies and workplaces.



For more information on H1N1 virus, please visit the Fire Department's section of the Village's website at www.lincolnwoodil.org/FIREDPEARTMENTMAINPAGE.cfm.

Change Your Clock, Change Your Batteries

On November 1, 2009 at 2:00 A.M., change your clocks back for central standard time. The Fire Department recommends that residents also change the batteries in their smoke detectors. If any resident needs assistance changing their batteries or



installing a smoke detector, they can contact the Fire Department at (847) 673-1545. Smoke detectors save lives.

Thanksgiving Traffic Enforcement

This Thanksgiving season the Police Department in cooperation with the Illinois Department of Transportation will be conducting occupant protection check points.

From November 13 to 29, 2009, the Police Department will be conducting several day and nighttime roadside occupant protection checks to make sure that everyone is buckled up this Thanksgiving season.



Holiday Season Scam Prevention

With the Holiday Season just around the corner, the Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit would like to offer some safety tips to ensure a happy and healthy holiday.

It's no secret that due to the current state of the economy, consumers will all be looking for the best deals this holiday season. But don't let scammers get the best of you this season. Information is available on several websites that offer insight and tips to avoid becoming the victim of holiday scams. One of these sites is www.scambusters.org. This site contains information on the top five scams to watch for during the holiday season. The number one scam cited pertains to "Fly-By-Night Web Merchants." Here's how the scam works. Each year, there is a particular popular item on everyone's wish list that stores can not keep on their shelves. Shoppers resort to the internet to locate the item. In many cases, consumers become involved in web auctions. Dishonest on-line sellers and scammers set up websites offering the product. After receiving multiple orders and payment, they shut down the stores/sites and disappear. You are left without a gift and the loss of a few dollars. Unfortunately, the scammers further this theft by using phishing scams (stealing credit card / personal info), identity theft and/or credit card fraud. These types of scams can cost you money and ruin your credit rating.



In an effort to avoid these issues, please take the time to research the websites you are visiting before providing personal information and credit card numbers. Here are a few tips:

- * Inspect the site address and ensure that the secure website indicators or icons are present. This will drastically reduce the possibility of you becoming the victim of an identity theft scam.
- * Before using a credit card over the internet, check the site address for an "s" which may be added to the end of "http". Look for the yellow padlock, usually located in the upper left or lower corner of the page, where you are about to enter your credit card number.
- * Check to see if your credit card company offers a virtual credit card option. With this program, the consumer downloads a free piece of software that generates virtual credit card numbers. The consumer can then assign an expiration date and a set limit to the card. This allows virtual numbers to be used that are then routed back to your regular credit card account.

The above information is a brief summary of the materials available on-line to assist and educate you in what you can do to avoid becoming the victim of fraud this holiday season. If you would like more information on these and other scams, or would like to arrange for an awareness presentation on any topic, please contact the Crime Prevention Unit of the Police Department at (847) 673-2167 or visit the Police Department section of the Village's website at www.lincolnwoodil.org/Police.cfm.

Public Works Project Corner

Frozen Water Lines and Meters

As winter approaches the Village would like to remind residents to prepare water lines for freezing temperatures. Below are a few simple tips that can be followed in order to protect your water lines.



- * Disconnect garden hoses from all outdoor faucets
- * Let a trickle of water run from a faucet to keep water moving through the line
- * If your water meter is located in your basement, check to be sure that the water meter has been properly insulated and has protection from freezing during winter months

If you suspect a frozen meter ask the following questions:

Is the flow of water interrupted over the entire building, or just one location?

- * If it is just one location, find out if and where the pipes are running through an outside wall. It is possible to have just one frozen pipe. If the entire building has no water then it is possible that the water meter and/or the private water service line to the building is frozen

Is your water meter located inside the building or outside in a meter pit?

- * If the meter is located in a meter pit outside, check to be sure the meter pit cover is in place, if it is ajar, or if the cover and/or frame have holes in them

If you are still experiencing issues please contact the Public Works Department at (847) 675-0888.

Tree Pruning

The Village is in the third year of a five year tree pruning cycle. This year the area south of Touhy Avenue between the Com-Ed right-of-way and Crawford Avenue will be pruned. Parkway trees in twenty percent of the Village are pruned each year. This program ensures that every public tree in the Village is maintained and inspected on a regular basis. It also increases the Village's ability to identify and remove high-risk trees in a more timely fashion.



The two primary goals of pruning are to remove significant deadwood in the crown of the tree and to remove low hanging limbs over the street. Pruning of live limbs will be kept to a minimum.

If there are any issues or concerns regarding a tree in your right-of-way that the Village should be aware of, please go to the Village website at www.lincolnwoodil.org and select the "Arborist" selection under e-gov and note them. Where feasible, the Village will try to address your concerns. If you do not have access to the internet, please call Public Works at (847) 675-0888.

Automated Water Meters

In 2008 the Village installed automated water meters at all residential and commercial properties. The meters automatically transmit the consumption for each account to the Village's water billing system. The new water meters provide more accurate reads due to elimination of human error, reduce staff time allocated for water meter reading and assist the Village with identifying potential water leaks.

In order to assist the Village with ensuring that your meter automatically transmits water consumption please make sure that items are not placed in the vicinity of the meter pit lid. The Village appreciates your assistance.



www.lincolnwoodil.org

- * Quilts
- * Jewelry
- * Baked Goods
- * Ornaments

And much more....



HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

Saturday, December 12
9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Lincolnwood Community Center

\$2.00 Admission

- * Children under age 12 are free if they bring a can of food to donate to the local food pantry
- * Free children's Make n' Take craft area
- * Holiday Wreath making class taught on site. Pre-registration is required. Must be 16 or older
- * Find that special gift for that hard to shop for individual, teacher or boss

Winter Safety Tips

Old Man Winter is back again for another blustery year. Here are some tips to keep safe and warm this season.

In the event of a winter storm, here some preparations you can make:

- * Prepare snow removal equipment before the first storm
- * Have your furnace checked for proper and safe operation
- * Winterize your home, insulate, and store emergency heating equipment
- * Winterize your car with snow tires, winter weight oil, anti-freeze, check your battery, heater, defroster, wiper blades and lights
- * Know which radio stations broadcast school closings in your area
- * Keep a portable radio and extra batteries on hand
- * Stock extra medicine, first aid supplies, blankets and firefighting equipment

If a winter storm occurs:

- * Stay inside and dress properly in layers of clothing
- * Eat well balanced and nutritional meals
- * If you must go outside, avoid over exerting yourself and dress warmly in loose fitting clothes

If a blizzard traps you on the road:

- * Stay in a vehicle and don't panic
- * Keep a down-wind window slightly open for fresh air
- * Beware of carbon monoxide build up and only run the engine/heater sparingly
- * Exercise by clapping hands and moving legs, but don't overdo it

For more winter safety tips, please visit the Fire Department's section of the Village's website at www.lincolnwoodil.org/FIREDPEARTMENTMAINPAGE.cfm.



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Village Hall, the Police Department, the Fire Department, Community Development 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
Community Development Department	(847) 673-7402
Parks & Recreation Department	(847) 677-9740
Community Assistance	(847) 677-SERV
Social Services	(847) 673-2167
Groot	(847) 734-6400
SWANC	(847) 724-9205
IDOT	(847) 705-4000
Cook County	(708) 485-7130

Board and Commission Meetings

Beautification Commission	1st Monday of the month
Economic Development Commission	3rd 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 Commission	Meets as needed
Traffic Commission	4th Thursday of the month

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

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

(TV) = Broadcast live on Comcast Cable Channel 6 and AT&T U-Verse Channel 99.

Re-Broadcast one week following the scheduled meeting at 1pm and 7:30pm or online at <http://www.lincolnwoodil.org/boardmeetings.cfm>.

Recent Board Actions

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

Recent Village Board Decisions:

- * Approved a Resolution to participate in the "Idling Gets Us Nowhere" Campaign of the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus' Clean Air Counts Program.
- * Approved a Resolution authorizing the Village Administrator to execute the project agreement initiated by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. This will enable the Village to obtain grant funds to complete phase II of the Channel Runne Park Master Plan.
- * Approved a recommendation by the Parks and Recreation Board to complete park improvements. The improvements include replacement of playground equipment, installation of new signage, and provide additional surfacing.
- * Approved a Resolution authorizing the Village Administrator to execute an agreement with DACRA, Inc. to provide the Village with Administrative Adjudication Software.
- * Approved an Ordinance amending the Village Code pertaining to gambling. This will prohibit video gambling in bars and restaurants within the Village.
- * Approved an Alternate Side Parking Ordinance. This Ordinance states that during snowfall of two inches or more, parking will be restricted in the following manner: Mondays through Fridays 8:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.: vehicles must park on the side of the street with even-numbered address on even-numbered days of the month, and park on the odd-numbered address side of the street on odd-numbered days of the month. (see cover story)

Village Hall Holiday Closings

Thanksgiving Day * Thursday, November 26, 2009
Day After Thanksgiving * Friday, November 27, 2009
Christmas Eve * Thursday, December 24, 2009
Christmas Day * Friday, December 25, 2009
New Year's Day * Friday, January 1, 2010