Shop Local

Shop • Think • Buy • Local is an initiative sponsored by the Lindenhurst-Lake Villa Chamber of Commerce. The Shop Local Program is designed to create an awareness of the shopping and service opportunities in the Lindenhurst and Lake Villa area, and sends the message that buying goods and services from local retailers and service providers supports the local economy, creates jobs locally, and improves the local tax base. “By shifting your holiday shopping dollars to locally owned stores, restaurants and entertainment establishments, we can keep thousands of dollars in the Lindenhurst and Lake Villa communities,” said Connie Meadie, Executive Director of the Lindenhurst-Lake Villa Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Meadie additionally states, “Studies of similar efforts show we will likely generate 2-3 times as much economic activity in our community than if we had spent our money at a national chain.”

Don’t forget to support our local establishments on Small Business Saturday, November 28th. You’ll help our community’s local living economy.

Community Calendar
Visit www.lindenhurstil.org for more details about all Village events:

- November 11: Veterans Day Ceremony, 11:00 a.m., Village Hall, 2301 E. Sand Lake Road
- December 5: Lindenhurst Park District Tree Lighting Ceremony, 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. www.lindenhurstparks.org
- February 15: Village Hall closed in honor of Presidents Day

Answer: Yes - by adding jobs, sales tax revenue, and local development.

Photo courtesy of Joyce Dever
From the Mayor’s Desk

The holiday season is upon us, bringing a time to give thanks and to also give back to those who need our assistance.

First- the Thanks. I am personally grateful for my family and friends. My son was married at the end of 2014, and my daughter is planning her wedding for August of 2016. My wife and I recently celebrated our 34th Anniversary. Most importantly, we’re all in good health. I am truly blessed!

I am also grateful for all of the great and dedicated employees we have in the Village, and all that we have collectively accomplished this year. From the progress made with obtaining Lake Michigan Water, to the countless hours patching and plowing our streets; the water and sewer line maintenance project completion; the patrolling of our neighborhoods to keep our residences and businesses safe; and to the progress we’ve made in removing and replacing the trees that have fallen victim to the Emerald Ash Borer. Our employees are the best!

Second- the Giving Back. Regardless of the time of year, there are people less fortunate than us, and struggling in some way to make ends meet. Locally, the Lake Villa Township Food Pantry is available to assist those in-need within our township. The food pantry would be happy to take your donations— perishable and non-perishable food, as well as cash donations, are accepted. They also take paper and plastic grocery bags for re-use in the distribution of food orders. Should you need a food basket, or know of someone who does, please contact the Lake Villa Township at (847) 356-2116.

As an alternative to the food pantry, you could also contribute to the AHA! Resale Shop (Alliance for Humane Action) which benefits animal welfare programs, or the Hidden Treasures Thrift Store, which offers Allendale residents job skills. Both stores are conveniently located in the Linden Plaza.

Finally, the Lindenhurst Village Board wishes you a happy holiday season and looks forward to a great 2016!

Emerald Ash Borer Tree Program Update

This year, the Village completed the third year of its 15-year program to remove and replace each ash tree that is located in the public right-of-way. In 2013 and 2014, the Village removed 186 ash trees, and replaced 181 of these parkway trees with various species. This year, the Village removed 415 ash trees and replaced 62. So far, the Village has replaced a grand total of 243 trees. The Village continues to replace each ash tree on a one-for-one basis, unless residents prefer to replace their own trees.

Two years ago as part of the development of the Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan, the Village sought the expertise of a forestry consultant to create an inventory comprised of each Village tree in the public right-of-way. The first two years of the Village’s ash tree removal and replacement program were based on the rating of the trees’ condition in this inventory. Trees were rated as excellent, good, fair, poor, very poor or dead, and removed and replaced accordingly. This year, the removal efforts were accelerated as more trees were categorized as dead. The Village will evaluate if it is necessary to continue reviewing the condition of our public ash trees, since factors such as inclement weather may have changed the health of the tree. This revised inventory will be the basis for ash tree removal and replacement next year.

If residents are interested in taking advantage of the Village’s 50/50 tree replacement program, the Village will reimburse residents who wish to purchase a new tree for their property or parkway. Residents will be reimbursed 50% of the cost of a single, acceptable tree, excluding sales tax, delivery, installation, etc. up to $200. Program dollars are dispersed by the Village to the homeowner after the homeowner completes an application and shows proof of purchase and planting of a new tree. Households may participate once per year. Funds are available on a first come, first serve basis. A list of acceptable replacement trees is available at www.lindenhurstil.org/EAB.
Linden Notes

Landscape Collection Through Nov. 30
Landscape waste collection with the Village’s contracted waste hauler, Groot, runs through November 30. Landscape waste includes grass, shrubbery, small tree limbs and weeds. Sticker service: Each sticker is $3.10 and one must be affixed to each 35-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 $135 annually. Residents may place up to four 35-gallon containers or Kraft style bags curbside each week; any additional containers would require a sticker. Stickers can be purchased at the following locations: Groot’s website (www.groot.com), at Walgreens (399 S. Rte. 45), or Butera Finer Foods (1500 W. Grand Avenue). For more information, please contact Groot at (847) 693-2700.

Special “2 for 1” Leaf Program
From October 15 through November 30, Groot will offer a special “2 for 1” leaf disposal program, where one sticker is good for the disposal of two parcels of leaves. Leaves must be placed in 35-gallon biodegradable yard waste bags. Residents with subscription service can dispose of six bags instead of four.

Tree Replacement Program
The Village offers a program to assist residents who wish to plant a tree. Under this 50/50 tree replacement program, the Village will reimburse residents who wish to purchase a new tree for their property or parking area. The program parameters are as follows:
- Residents will be reimbursed 50% of the cost of a single, acceptable tree, excluding sales tax, delivery, installation, etc. up to $200.
- Program dollars would be dispersed by the Village to the homeowner after the purchase and planting of a new tree.
- Households could participate once per year.
- Residents can submit a receipt to Village Hall for reimbursement.
- First come, first serve basis as budgeted funds are available.
- A list of acceptable trees is available on the Village website.

Shoreline Stabilization Program
The Village offers a lakeshore stabilization program for residents who own lakeshore property. Through this program, the Village will reimburse residents who plant acceptable shrubs and plantings that help to preserve the shoreline and water quality of the lakes. The list of acceptable plantings is taken from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. This list is also located at www.lindenhurstlakes.com. Other guidelines include the following:
- First come, first serve basis as budgeted funds are available.
- Eligible residents may be reimbursed 50% of their expenditure up to $100.
- Residents must submit a receipt to Village Hall that itemizes the acceptable purchase.
- A list of acceptable plantings is available on the Village website www.lindenhurstil.org.

Utility Bill Payment Options
Residents can take advantage of the Village’s on-line utility bill system at no additional cost. Residents can use the My Utility Account to pay their utility bill, view the bill or receive paperless billing through the e-bill program. To register, visit www.lindenhurstil.org and select the link “pay utilities” on the homepage. Visa, Mastercard and Discover credit cards are all accepted. Or, residents can download the Village of Lindenhurst app on iTunes or Google Play. Please contact Village Hall at (847) 356-8252 if you have any questions about on-line utility bill payments.

Village Code Reminder: Snowmobile Regulations
- Snowmobiles can only be operated on private property with the permission of the owner.
- Snowmobiles are not permitted on any public right of way or roadway, school grounds, Village or Park District property.
- Special rules apply for Lake Linden and snowmobile equipment requirements. Please call the Village Hall at (847) 356-8252 for more information.

Winter is (Almost) Here...
Which means it’s time to remove snow. Please remember that the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) plows Grand Avenue and Route 45, and the Lake County Department of Transportation plows Sand Lake, Gelden and Grass Lake roads. All other public roads in Lindenhurst are maintained by Village snow removal crews.

Snowfall parking restrictions: To assist our snow plow crews, there is no parking on any Village street when there is 1” or more of accumulated snow. The restriction applies until the streets have been cleared of snow. Violators may be towed. And please don’t deposit additional snow onto the roadway from your shoveling or snow-blowing efforts. Following this procedure allows snow plow operators to quickly and efficiently remove snow.

Road Hazards: Though basketball nets are never allowed adjacent to our roadways, they pose a particular hazard to our plow drivers as they clear our streets. Please store them appropriately year around.

Holiday Reminders
In observance of upcoming holidays, Village Hall will be closed on the following dates:
- Thursday, November 26, and Friday, November 27
- The afternoon of December 24 and all day on December 25
- The afternoon of December 31 and all day on January 1

As a reminder, Lindenhurst Village Hall acts as a substation to the Lake Villa Post Office to provide convenient postal service during regular business hours. Holiday stamps are available.

Groot will collect Christmas trees as part of regular refuse and recycling pickup on Monday, December 28, and Monday, January 4. Trees must be placed curbside with all decorations removed.
Take Advantage of SWALCO’s Recycling Services

The Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) offers an array of recycling services to accommodate residents’ recycling needs beyond your weekly curbside collection. SWALCO offers household chemical waste (HCW) collection services, which includes recycling of items like cleaning products, oil based paints/varnishes, flammable liquids, automotive products, garden chemicals, and personal care products. Visit www.swalco.org to make an appointment to drop-off items at SWALCO’s Gurnee location, or to see a schedule of mobile collection sites. Prescription drugs can be disposed of in the Lindenhurst Police Department lobby drop-box (no sharps or patches). For more information, please contact SWALCO at (847) 336-9340.

Also, take advantage of the clothing/textile and shoe recycling boxes at Village Hall! In conjunction with SWALCO, the Environmental Commission is sponsoring a permanent clothing/textile and shoe recycling program. Please help to keep these materials out of landfills. Visit www.lindenhurstil.org/garbagerecycling for a list of acceptable items.

Ice and Ice Fishing Safety Tips

Remember in the winter, moving ice can damage docks. Damaged and unrepaiored docks are unsightly and unsafe. Docks and piers should be maintained in a manner so they remain safe and are not hazardous to the environment or individuals using the lakes. Lindenhurst’s lakes have great year-round fishing. You can catch bluegill, largemouth bass, tiger muskie and channel catfish. Ordnances are the same for ice fishing as they are for warm weather fishing:

• Lake use is only for residents and their accompanied guests
• No bait fish (minnows) allowed
• Catch and release (except for bluegill – 25 per day)

Heed these safety precautions when fishing on ice:

• Pay attention to the color of the ice; clear blue lake ice is the strongest
• Cloudy, opaque ice holds the least amount of weight
• Before going out onto the ice, walk along the shore in the area that you plan to fish to check for open water areas and areas of thin ice
• Wear a personal flotation device
• Always travel with others, preferably experienced ice fishermen