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.
From the Mayor’s Desk

I saw a Facebook post from a neighbor where Lindenhurst had been ranked as one of the safest towns (#25) in the U.S. Are we a safe community? Compared to a number of communities around us, I would answer ‘Yes’!

Why are we a safe community? Regardless of the criteria/statistics used to measure ‘safe’, I strongly believe it’s due to 1) our excellent police force, and 2) our residents.

I have been involved in a number of meetings and seminars at work discussing workplace violence, sexual harassment, and active shooter situations. Over and over, we are educating our co-workers to ‘See something, say something’. We need to remember those words not only in the workplace, but in our community too. I know a number of our residents already contact our police if something doesn’t look right; but I’d like all residents and businesses to follow that approach. If something doesn’t look right, sound right or smell right, contact the Police Department and ask them to check it out. They will respond.

Recently, there have been several incidents reported by numerous media sources highlighting issues between Law Enforcement and their community. I am so proud of our men and women of the Lindenhurst Police Department - they not only work hard every day protecting us, but have a very good relationship with our community.

That relationship comes through a lot of hard work - and that hard work is paying off. I continue to hear and see kind words and deeds by members of our community directed towards our Police Department. That relationship between the police and the community is extremely important.

In closing, I’d like to thank our residents for their diligence and concern for their neighbors and neighborhood. I’d also like to thank Chief Jones and the Lindenhurst Police Department for all they do to keep us safe and being an integral part of our community. I’d also like to thank everyone who puts on a badge and pledges to ‘Serve and Protect’.

And Remember - See something, Say something!

Donie Martin

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Officer Ralph Goar, seen here with Chief Thomas C. Jones, was recognized for his 25 years of dedicated service with the Village of Lindenhurst. Officer Goar started his law enforcement career as a Police Explorer. Ofc. Goar then systematically worked his way up in the Lindenhurst Police Department as records clerk, Explorer advisor, community service officer, and now is our most senior patrol officer. Officer Goar is a firearms range officer, and has been a member of the Lake County Major Crime Task Force due to his expertise as an evidence technician. Officer Goar’s strong work ethic and wealth of knowledge have made him a mentor to many cadets and officers throughout the years.

Mike Hildinger has been a part of the Lindenhurst Public Works (PW) Department for 15 years. Formerly of the San Antonio, Texas Public Works Department, Mike migrated to Lake County. Mike is a Class A Water Operator; the highest Illinois certification for water operations. “As Maintenance Operator III, Mike is able to do anything that’s thrown at him,” according to Crew Supervisor Charles Hernandez (right). Mike has played on the PW softball team, and can be seen every year in the Lindenhurst Parade representing Lindenhurst Public Works. Mike is in his second year at IPSI (Illinois Public Service Institute) training, and has only one year to go to graduate.
Utility Bill Payment Options
Resident 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 and select the link “pay utilities” on the homepage. Visa, Mastercard and Discover credit cards are all accepted. 

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

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 24, and Friday, November 25
- Monday, December 26
- Monday, January 2

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 Tuesday, December 27 through Monday, January 9. 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.

For more information on all Village programs, please contact Village Hall at (847) 356-8252.

Ice and Ice Fishing Safety Tips

Remember in the winter, moving ice can damage docks. Damaged and unrepaired 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. Ordinances 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