From the Mayor’s Desk

New Village Administrator Selected

A few items to update you on in this edition:

Village Administrator

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, we have been working with a search firm (GovHR) to find a new Village Administrator. Sixty-one resumes were submitted to the search firm, who narrowed the pool to nine candidates; and the Village Board further narrowed the list to seven interviewees. We completed our interviews on July 20th, and approved the contract on August 14th to hire Clay Johnson as our next Village Administrator.

Clay comes to us from Lincoln, IL (population 14,500) where he has been the City Administrator since 2014. Prior to Lincoln, Clay was the Assistant Town Manager in Munster, IN (population 23,000) from 2010 to 2014. Clay has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Telecommunications with a minor in Business from the University of Kentucky, and a Masters Degree in Public Affairs from Indiana University. Clay and his family will be relocating to the Lindenhurst area, and he is expected to start here just after Labor Day.

Lake Michigan Water

Our quest for obtaining Lake Michigan water is coming down the home stretch. Virtually all of the pipe to carry the water from Gurnee to Grandwood Park to Lindenhurst is in place. Pressure testing of the system took place in August and September to check for leaks, etc. With the project being ahead of schedule as of this writing, I am still encouraged that we will have Lake Michigan water in the September/October timeframe.

Finally, a comment on water bills. My July utility bill was DOUBLE my May bill. I have a pool, which was reopened in May, and requires me to add water to bring my pool water level up. I use more water, I pay for more water. When the summer months are over, I will use less water, and will see a lower bill. Because we eliminated the Minimum Charge for water, everyone now pays for what they actually use - use more, pay more; use less, pay less.

I hope that everyone enjoyed their summer. When you have the chance, stop in at Village Hall and introduce yourself to Clay.

Community Calendar

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

- October 14: Park District Haunted Trail and Bonfire, see (www.lindenhurstparks.org) for times
- November 5: “Fall Back” – Daylight Savings Time Ends 2 AM
- November 10: Veterans Day Ceremony, 11:00 a.m., Village Hall, 2301 E. Sand Lake Road
- November 23 & 24: Thanksgiving - Village Hall & Postal Substation closed.
- November 27: Final Groot Landscape Waste pick-up of the season

Question:

What are Lindenhurst’s Trick-or-Treat hours?
**Business Recognition**

The Village of Lindenhurst is pleased to recognize:

**September**
- Quest Diagnostics - 7 years
  1854 E Grand Avenue

**June**
- Advanced Chiropractic & Acupuncture Center S.C. - 17 years
  2450 Grass Lake Road
- AHA Resale Shop - 7 years
  2106 E Grand Avenue

**May**
- State Farm Insurance - 47 years
  1724 E Grand Avenue
- Sindy’s Signature Hair Salon - 12 years
  2238 E Grand Avenue
- Pitter Patter Child Care Too - 12 years
  2425 Harbor Ridge Way
- North Suburban Physical Therapy - 7 years
  3021 Falling Waters Blvd., Suite C

- SMR Oil Company dba Sam’s Mobil - 7 years
  2200 E Grand Avenue

**April**
- Lindenhurst Animal Hospital - 42 years
  2595 E Grand Avenue
- Lindenhurst Laundromat - 37 years
  2044 E Grand Avenue
- Lindenhurst Health & Fitness - 17 years
  3098 Falling Waters Blvd.
- Grand Plaza - 17 years
  2232 - 2246 E Grand Avenue
- BP AM/PM - 7 years
  3200 E Sand Lake Road

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**Make Sure Your Home Address is Visible from the Street**

The Village would like to remind homeowners to properly display their home addresses. Village Code requires each owner or occupant of real estate to provide, place and display their street address in a manner that can be easily and distinctly read throughout the year from the roadway.

In the event of an emergency, the lack of a clear and legible address could delay public safety officials when responding to the residence. Public safety officials have identified a significant number of homes in Lindenhurst that have addresses that are very difficult to read, displayed improperly, or are not displayed at all. Additionally, address numbers should not be obscured by bushes or other materials, and each number in the address must be between three and six inches high.

Please assist the Village in helping you stay safe. For more information, please contact the Village Hall at (847) 356-8252.

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**Property Maintenance**

To ensure Lindenhurst looks its best and remains free of safety or health hazards, the Village has minimum property maintenance standards.

All structures must be in good repair, clean and sanitary condition, and structurally sound. Structures should also be properly anchored, free of rotting wood, peeling/chipping paint, and rust.

Properties must be well-maintained with grass below 8” in height; free of weeds, pet waste and garbage or debris. Any dead trees or shrubs should be removed. Tree limbs and shrubs must not obstruct the sidewalk, and have a minimum 8-feet of overhead clearance.

For more information, please contact the Lindenhurst Village Hall at (847) 356-8252, or www.lindenhurstil.org/villagecode.
Linden Notes

Landscape Collection Through Nov. 27
Landscape waste collection with the Village’s contracted waste hauler, Groot, runs through November 27. Landscape waste includes grass, shrubbery, small tree limbs and weeds. Subscription service: Each sticker is $3.20 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 $145 annually. Residents with subscription service can use biodegradable yard waste bags. Leaves must be placed in 35-gallon containers or Kraft bag placed 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 Walgreen’s (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 16 through November 27, 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.

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

Thanksgiving Holiday Reminder
Village Hall and the Postal Substation will be closed on Thursday, November 23, and Friday, November 24, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

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 parkway 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 lake-shore stabilization program for residents who own lake-shore 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 shrubs and plantings will be available on the Village website

For more information, please contact Village Hall at (847) 356-8252 or visit www.lindenhurstil.org.

Back to School Traffic Safety Reminders
School is back in session, and the Village would like to take this opportunity to remind the community about several traffic regulations:

- Please obey all speed limits, especially in school zones; the speed limit in school zones is 20 miles per hour.
- Refrain from parking your vehicle across a sidewalk, as this blocks pedestrian access.
- Parking on Village streets from 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. is prohibited all year.
- Per state law, motorists must use a hands-free cellular phone device if they wish to operate a cellular phone while driving; please do not text and drive!

Don’t forget – Lindenhurst Village Hall acts as a substation to the Lake Villa Post Office to provide convenient postal service during regular business hours. Services include a full assortment of postage stamps, including holiday stamps. Call (847) 356-8252 for more information.

The holidays are just around the corner....

October 31 is Halloween!
Trick or Treat Hours are from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Be safe, discard any suspicious candy, travel in groups and have fun!
Lindenhurst’s Trick-or-Treat is always on Halloween, from 4PM - 7PM.

GO CUBS GO!

The Lindenhurst Parade Committee would like to recognize the following Outstanding Parade Entries:

Antioch Pizza Shop, STEPS Performing Arts Center, Lindenhurst Public Works Department, Lindenhurst Park District, LG Automotive, and Lake County Area Pageant Queens.

A great big THANK YOU to all parade participants for helping make our Cubs Victory Parade such a success!

Village Board meetings are scheduled on the second and fourth Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at Village Hall, 2301 E. Sand Lake Road. Please visit www.lindenhurstil.org for more information.