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 25th. You’ll help our community’s local living economy.

Community Calendar

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

• Thursday, November 23 & Friday, November 24: Village Hall closed due to Thanksgiving
• December 2: Lindenhurst Park District Tree Lighting Ceremony, 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. www.lindenhurstparks.org
• Monday, December 25: Village Hall closed for Christmas
• Monday, January 1: Village Hall closed for New Year’s Day
• Monday, February 19: Village Hall closed in honor of Presidents’ Day

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From the Mayor’s Desk  
Some random thoughts...

New faces- The Police Department has 3 new officers:

- Shawn White and Nana Owusu were sworn in as part-time officers on July 10th.
- Maloree Johnson was sworn in as a new full-time officer on September 11th. She is currently in training at the Police Academy.
- Finally, Heath Rosten was appointed to the Village Board as a Village Trustee to replace Tracy McGrath, who had recently moved out of Lindenhurst. Heath was most recently on the Millburn School Board.

All are welcome additions to the Village.

Business Recognition- In our last edition, we neglected to recognize the Twisted Cow, who celebrated their 14th Anniversary back in September. Congratulations to the “Cow”!

The Holidays are here! Traditionally, it’s the time of year for me to spend more time with my family and friends. It’s also the season of giving - there are so many that are less fortunate than us. Additionally, recent natural disasters and terrorist acts have only put more of a demand on giving. Locally, the Lake Villa Township Food Pantry is available to accept food and monetary donations. Local service organizations like the Lake Villa Township Lions Club (full disclosure - I’m a member of the Lions Club) is available to help our community; and through its State and International organizations, assists those in need outside of our community.

There are infinite opportunities to give food, money, clothing, even blood at the local blood bank - please take the opportunity to give.

On behalf of the Village Board, Village employees, and my family, we want to wish you safe and happy Holidays!

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

On August 25, 2017, Officers Sandra Rapey and Eric Gugel were dispatched to a Lindenhurst address to assist the Lake Villa Fire Department with an unconscious person, who may have succumbed to a drug overdose.

Upon arrival, both officers turned to their training and professional instincts. An assessment of the person laying unconscious on the floor, surrounded by drug paraphernalia, led both officers to believe that this person suffered from an opioid overdose. The officers began life-saving measures, and administered Naloxone twice. Within moments, the person’s breathing began to normalize, albeit shallow.

The Lake Villa Fire Department arrived and took over life-support measures, as well as administering more Naloxone intravenously. The person was transported to the hospital where he recovered fully.

Officers Rapey and Gugel can be commended for their outstanding efforts in performing actions and techniques that ultimately resulted in saving a human life.

All police departments in Lake County have joined the Lake County Opioid Initiative. All officers have been trained in recognizing signs and symptoms of an opioid overdose, and they have been trained in the proper administration of Naloxone. Each of our officers carry Naloxone as part of their duty equipment. Since Naloxone was adopted in 2014, a total of 192 lives have been saved by Lake County police officers.

Because of the quick response, keen observations, and timely administration of Naloxone by our officers, that count continues. This was the 61st save so far in 2017. Officer Sandy Rapey and Officer Eric Gugel were both presented the Life Saving Award by Lindenhurst Police Chief Thomas C. Jones on 9/11/2017.

Officer Sandy Rapey was also presented the Lindenhurst/Lakes Area Kiwanis Club’s 2017 Shining Star Award for her tireless commitment to her job and our community.
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. Sticker 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 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 Walgreen’s (399 S. Rte. 45), or Butera Finer Foods (1500 E. 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 on-line My Utility Account bill system at no additional cost, 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 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.

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.

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 23, and Friday, November 24
• Monday, December 25

- Monday, January 1
- Monday, February 19
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 26 through Monday, January 8. 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.

CORRECTION

In our last Village Newsletter, we posted a picture incorrectly reflected as our 2017 Lindenfest Pageant winners. These lovely young ladies are the actual pageant winners.

Please accept our apologies for the error.

2017 Jr. Miss: Kelly Eppel
2017 Little Miss: Savannah Romig
2017 Miss: Alyssa Costa

Photo courtesy of Joyce Dever

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

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

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