

Village of LINDENHURST

DEVELOPING TODAY FOR TOMORROW

2019/20 Budget Reflects Resident Feedback

The Village of Lindenhurst has prided itself on being a low-revenue operation, but still providing high level of service to our residents. That philosophy remains unchanged. Due to that fact, it is paramount that we use our resources in response to the needs of our public with eyes cast toward the future. This year, the Village sought to engage our residents regarding our various services through the use of a community survey. The survey helped shed light on the level of satisfaction of our service delivery. Our public safety, emergency response, and refuse and recycling services scored as some of our highest rated attributes; while road repair/conditions, snow removal, and code enforcement rated among some of our lowest.

In response to the survey (results on www.lindenhurstil.org), our budget takes a more “priority based” approach and dedicates more funding to some of the areas that may need greater emphasis. Here’s our increased investment based upon attribute:

1. **Timely Repair of Streets:** Purchase of Asphalt Hot Box, increased Crack Sealing and Patching budget, hiring Additional Staff.
2. **Maintenance and Driving Condition of Village Streets:** Adjusted Capital Schedule, Stormwater Improvements, Liquid De-Icing Equipment.
3. **Overall Value of Village Services:** Create a respectful, productive conversation within the community, build awareness of Village government activities, and better inform residents about the municipal function itself— with an emphasis on Customer Service.
4. **Local availability of goods and services:** Economic Development Study budgeted.

The Village Board approved the 2019/2020 fiscal year budget at the April 22, 2019 Board meeting. Structuring our budget expenses based upon the input of our community ensures that we’re addressing the issues that are most critical to our residents. This helps improve the quality of life and the future viability of our Village.

Community Calendar

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

- **Wednesday, June 5, 7 PM - 8:30 PM:** Park District “Live Music in the Parks” series begins, Lehmann Mansion, 485 N Milwaukee Ave, Lake Villa; see www.lindenhurstparks.org for additional dates and locations
- **Saturday, June 8:** “Family Fitness & Fun Day”; see www.lindenhurstparks.org for specific times and events
- **Tuesday, June 11, 6 PM - 7 PM:** “Kids Rockin’ the Park” series begins, Mallard Ridge Park, 110 Robincrest Ln; www.lindenhurstparks.org for additional dates
- **Thursday, July 4:** Village Hall & Postal Substation closed for Independence Day
- **Thursday, Aug. 8 - Sunday, Aug. 11:** Lindenfest, 2301 E. Sand Lake Road

2018 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) Notification

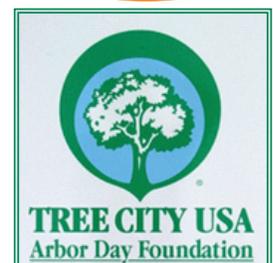


Please go to www.lindenhurstil.org/2018waterreport to view your 2018 annual water quality report and learn more about your drinking water. This report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water during 2018.

If you would like a paper copy of the 2018 Annual Water Quality Report mailed to your home, please call the Village Hall at (847) 356-8252.

Question:

How many years has the Village been designated as a Tree City USA community?



From the Mayor's Desk A few random thoughts...

1. Do they still publish Rules for the Road?

While campaigning for re-election, I can't tell you how many residents complained about drivers speeding on their residential street.

It's unfortunate that so many are speeding - it seems like every time I'm driving on one of our Village streets, someone is on my back bumper.

SLOW DOWN! Sadly, these drivers are mostly our residents - our neighbors - who are speeding. Please drive on our streets as if your own kids/grandkids/etc. are playing nearby.

While we're on the subject - **SLOW DOWN** around our schools and construction zones. And, **YIELD** when First

Responders have their emergency lights and sirens activated.

Be safe, and keep others around you safe too.

2. Construction: Road construction is here to stay.

This year, with both the Millburn Bypass and the Grand Avenue projects underway, I can promise you there will be dust, noise, and travel delays. Please be patient and understanding - the end result will be well worth the inconveniences.

3. Shop Local.

Although the construction on Grand Avenue will be painful at times, keep in mind that we have several businesses along Grand Avenue. I encourage everyone to make every attempt to support our local businesses during this construction- our businesses need our support!



Fee for repair of water/sewer infrastructure, CLCJAWA transmission costs, debt service, & capital improvement

On April 22, 2019, the Village of Lindenhurst approved Ordinance 19-4-2129 which adds a capital fee over a multi-year period. On each subsequent May 1 through 2021, the monthly rate will increase by \$2.25. This fee was the result of a Comprehensive Water and Sewer Rate and Fee Study, completed in March 2018 by Municipal & Financial Services Group (MFSG).

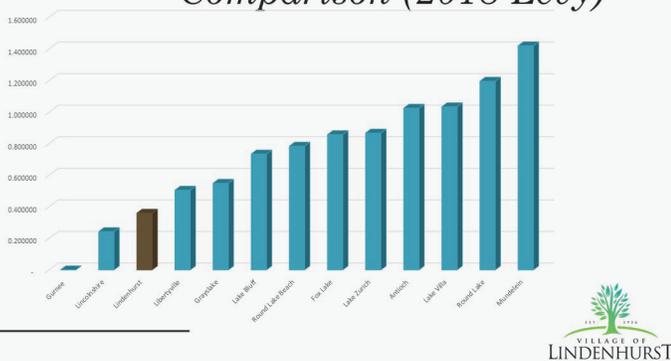
The rate and fee study evaluated capital infrastructure and equipment replacement needs as identified in the Village's Capital Plan as well as consideration of routine maintenance and repair costs. The study recommended alternatives for a fee structure that would collect sufficient revenues for the operation, maintenance, replacement, and improvement of the Village's water and sewer systems.

The implementation of this fee comes after a year of 0% increase to the water rate. The Village has absorbed the increased cost of water from CLCJAWA and other contractual/cost-of-living inflationary increases during that period. A recent survey of comparable communities noted that our water/sewer rates sit squarely in the middle of the data set. The addition of this fee would not change the Village's position when compared with the other communities. In fact, a \$2.25 monthly fee is smaller than a 2% increase to the water rate for users of 10 units and greater. It should also be noted that Lindenhurst is one of the few Villages that 1) does not have some type of flat monthly fee in conjunction with a consumption rate, and 2) offers a discount to seniors over the age of 62.

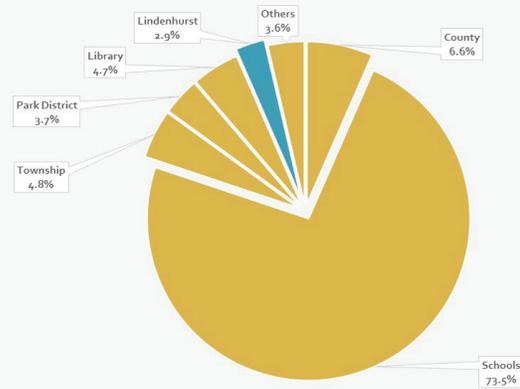
The Water and Sewer Rate Study can be found in its entirety at https://www.lindenhurstil.org/egov/documents/1523049074_22494.pdf.

The Monthly Capital Fee of \$2.25/month (\$4.50/billing cycle), will be implemented on the May utility bills that charge for mid-February to mid-April consumption.

Village Property Tax Rate Comparison (2018 Levy)



Where Do My Property Taxes Go?



Linden Notes

Landscape Collection

Spring is here, and so is the start of landscape waste collection with the Village's contracted waste hauler, Groot. Landscape service runs through November 25. Landscape waste includes grass, shrubbery, small tree limbs and weeds. Sticker service: Each sticker is \$3.30 and one must be affixed to each 32-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 \$155 annually. Residents may place up to four 32-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 Village Hall (2301 E. Sand Lake Rd.), Walgreen's (399 S. Rte. 45), or Butera Finer Foods (1500 E. Grand Avenue). For more information, please contact Groot at (847) 693-2700.

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 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.

SPRING CLEANING TIPS - PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE REMINDERS

Landscaping

Grass should not exceed 8 inches in height, and weeds are not permitted. The burning of yard waste is not permitted.

Shrubbery and trees should not encroach over public sidewalks, nor block the line-of-sight for roadway traffic.

Vehicles

No vehicle may be parked on the front lawn or obstruct a public sidewalk. Boats, RVs, and trailers have size and parking restrictions. All vehicles shall be operable, with current plates displayed. 2 AM to 6 AM street parking is prohibited.

Garage Sales

Only 2 garage sales are permitted within a calendar year, and may not exceed 4 consecutive days in duration.

Signs can not be affixed to lamp posts, fences, mailboxes, electric lights, utility poles, street signs, or public buildings.

Structure Maintenance

For prompt emergency response, display address numbers, a minimum of 4-inches high, using a color contrasting with its background.

Keep trim and wall exteriors free from chipping/peeling paint and rotting wood. Maintain hand and guard rails.

Storage/Debris

All garbage must be sealed in a tight-fitting container, and may not be stored in front of the house. Receptacles, yard waste, and other items can be placed roadside after 6 PM the night before a scheduled pick-up, and must be removed by 8 PM the day of pick-up.

Keep yard free of litter/debris. Store toys, bicycles, and tools inside. Remove animal waste regularly.

Answer: 22 Years

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

Lindenhurst Lakes Rules & Regulations:

Please remember that our parks, lakes and beaches are closed sunset to sunrise.

Boats must be operated at least 25-feet from swimmers and shoreline. Boat launching onto a lake via a trailer backed-up to a lake shore is only permitted at the boat launch on Lake Linden. Required watercraft stickers may be obtained at Village Hall for no charge. No gas powered engines are permitted. Electric motors of 12 volt maximum are permitted, or 24 volts for pontoon-style boats. Please see www.lindenhurstil.org for full list of lake regulations.

Catch & Release

Largemouth Bass 

Muskie 

Channel Catfish 

Daily Limit (25)

Bluegill 

Crappie 

Lindenhurst Lakes Commission
www.lindenhurstil.org

ALL Bait Fish Prohibited

By definition this includes the use of bluegills, crappies or any fish alive or dead and/or suspended under bobbers

ALL watercraft shall display village watercraft stickers on BOTH sides of the bow.
ORD# 93-8-39

NO public access trailer launching anywhere except Lake Linden boat ramp.

Fishing, boating, swimming RESTRICTED to village residents and their companions guests.
ORD# 94-6-847

Fisherman are encouraged to pinch down barbs to protect fish and fingers.
Report violations 847-356-5400



A message from your Lakes Commission:

Now that the warmer weather is here, are you thinking of finally getting back out on the lakes? Whether you are considering fishing, boating, landscaping or making improvements to your shorelines, we think it is important that you be aware of the Village ordinances pertaining to these activities and improvements. A link for these Lake Regulations (95.50 - 95.59) can be found on the Village website www.lindenhurstil.org. Please take a few moments to familiarize yourself with these regulations before you engage in any shoreline improvements, or add docks or piers.

The Lindenhurst Lakes Commission is composed of a group of Village-appointed volunteers who support a comprehensive program that incorporates both protection and restoration activities to improve and maintain the quality of our four Village lakes. The Lakes Commission's public meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every other month in the Village Hall (i.e., January, March, May, July, September and November). If you haven't already done so, we encourage you to visit our website at www.lindenhurstlakes.com so that you may acquaint yourself with some of the activities with which we have been involved. We invite you to attend some of our public meetings, as well.

Finally, the Lakes Commission invites you to register to receive email notifications of important lake events. Examples of notifications we intend to send to those who register includes reports on fish stocking; new lakes commission recommendations; water quality reports; shoreline stabilization incentives or any developments in which lakeshore property owners may be interested. In order to sign up to receive these email notices, please email us at lakescommission@lindenhurstil.org with a request to receive lake updates.

In the meantime, the Lakes Commission encourages you to join us in our efforts to maintain and improve our lakes. You can begin to contribute by familiarizing yourselves with the ordinances, and attending our scheduled meetings at the Village Hall. We hope to hear from you!

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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.

