



# LINCOLNWOOD CONNECTIONS



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There are currently 638 suscribers on the Village News subscription list and 2,600 subscribers across all lists. Join other fellow residents and sign up today.

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## Corned Beef and Trivia at the Social Club's St. Patrick's Day Party

The Lincolnwood Social Club offers fun and social gatherings for ages 55 and better in Lincolnwood and surrounding communities. This St. Patrick's Day, on March 17 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., all are welcome to celebrate the holiday with a lunch at the Community Center that includes traditional Irish fare such as catered corned beef and cabbage. Then enjoy the game-show themed "Time Warp Trivia" which promises to be a fun and memorable event.



"Time Warp Trivia" is all the fun of trivia without the stress. Contestants team up with others at their table and as the host projects video clips from classic movies, TV, and music, a table is chosen at random to answer a question about the clip as a team. There are no time limits and no one is put on the spot. It is just a fun, entertaining way to spend the afternoon. Come on your own or bring a friend, everyone is invited.

The cost of the St. Patrick's Day Party is \$24 per person (\$20 for Lincolnwood Social Club Members). For more information on how to register for this event, please contact the Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Department at (847) 677-9740 or visit [www.lincolnwoodil.org/the-lincolnwood-social-club](http://www.lincolnwoodil.org/the-lincolnwood-social-club).

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# President's Message

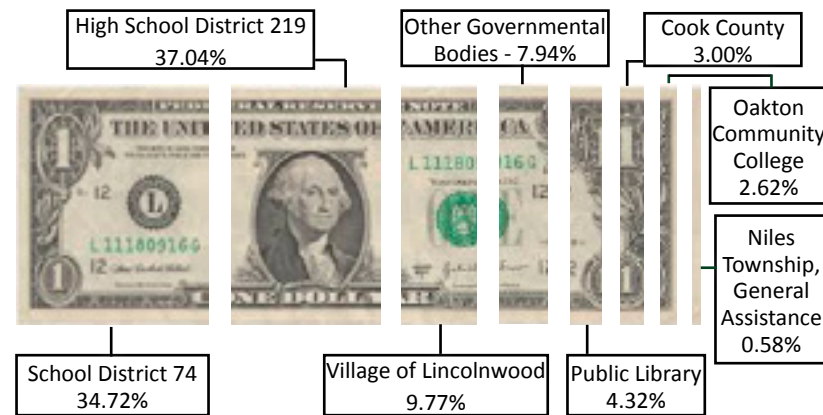
Dear Fellow Residents,

The end of winter has to be near! With the equinox in sight in a few weeks, we will officially be in spring's grasp. There are some important things to mention about recent progress in our Village.

By now you have received the first installment of your 2015 property tax bill from the Cook County Treasurer which includes information about the various taxing bodies. You should know that of all the taxing bodies in our Village, the municipal taxes make up only about 9.77% of the total tax any of us will pay. Our figure still remains the lowest in Niles Township and the lowest among our neighbors in all directions surrounding us.

### Understanding Your Tax Bill

On your property tax bill, you will find a break down of the taxing bodies that receive funding from property taxes. The Village receives a minor portion of the overall property taxes along with the school districts, other governmental bodies, public library, community college, and the township. The graphic on the right shows the percentages that each of the taxing bodies receives from all property taxes collected.



Binny's Beverage Depot will open its 31st store in Lincolnwood in the former Lincolnwood Produce site at Lincoln and Kostner this year. In addition to Binny's, Begyle Brewery, a Chicago based craft beer manufacturer, has begun renovation of the former Collision Revision property adjacent to the Lincolnwood Town Center Mall. North Capital Group, developer of the former Purple Hotel site, is currently securing a construction loan and are planning to begin construction on the site in the fall of 2016.

On March 24th I will be speaking to members of the business community in our annual "State of the Village" speech to highlight our significant achievements in 2015. You can still reserve a seat at the luncheon by contacting Chamber Executive Director Jackie Boland at [jboland@lincolnwoodchamber.org](mailto:jboland@lincolnwoodchamber.org) or (847) 679-5760. The material below covers some of the accomplishments of the Village President and Board with future editions to cover the accomplishments of our departments.

- Approved final design plans for the Touhy Avenue Pedestrian/Bicycle Overpass
- The Cook County project for infrastructure and road surface improvements on Crawford Avenue was completed in August.
- Worked in cooperation with IDOT to address the center median project on Lincoln Avenue to remove the asphalt as new lighting was installed. The next phase of planting natural vegetation on the medians will begin in the near future.

Village departments continued to partner with the business community in 2015 to create special events. The most notable was our Lincolnwood Turkey Trot which had the largest registration ever at 2,200 participants. Sponsoring businesses included Republic Bank, Chroma Salon Spa, Lou Malnati's, Accelerated Rehabilitation Center, Advanced Plastic Corporation, Olympia Group, Voss Belting, Starbucks, Meatheads, MB Financial Bank, and Children's Care & Development Center. The Human Relations Commission and Village Departments continued to partner with local businesses. These partnerships included MB Financial, Brickyard Bank, Republic Bank, Bank Financial, and Liberty Bank for our annual Food Drive and Independence Day Concert. The Parks and Recreation Department also hosted Pumpkins in the Park sponsored by NorthShore University HealthSystem, Liberty Bank, Dental Art Specialists of Evanston, and Jump Zone of Niles. The event attracted over 300 residents who enjoyed Halloween-themed activities and entertainment at the Proesel Park Shelter. You will hear much more at the luncheon. I will hope to see you there.

With warmest wishes for the coming spring to you and yours,

Gerald C. Turry, Village President

# News and Events

### New Parks and Recreation Director Hired

On November 30, 2015, Janice Hincapie retired from the Village of Lincolnwood as the Parks and Recreation Director after nine years with the Village and over 30 years of public service to Wisconsin and Illinois communities. After a comprehensive recruitment process, the Village has appointed Laura McCarty to the position of Parks and Recreation Director. Ms. McCarty's first day with the Village was Monday, January 18, 2016.

Laura grew up in Park Ridge and brings a wealth of experience having served in the Wheaton Park District before moving to Virginia to serve as the South Run Recreation Center Manager for the Fairfax County Park Authority in Virginia. Laura most recently served as the Park Operations Superintendent for the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority (NOVA) where she was directly responsible for managing 17 multifunctional regional parks that covered over 5,400 acres of land. Ms. McCarty can be reached at (847) 745-4724 or [lmccarty@lwd.org](mailto:lmccarty@lwd.org).



### Comprehensive Plan Meeting

On Wednesday, April 13 at 7:00 p.m., a public hearing will be held before the Plan Commission regarding the proposed new Comprehensive Plan. After nearly a year, the Comprehensive Plan Committee has completed its work on a new Comprehensive Plan. All interested residents are invited to attend the meeting and provide comments on the proposed plan. The Village's consultant, Houseal Lavigne Associates will deliver a presentation on the proposed plan at the public hearing to be held in Council Chambers at Village Hall, 6900 N. Lincoln Avenue.

The Comprehensive Plan is an important document which guides future land use decision-making. Typically a community prepares a new plan every 15 to 20 years. The previous Comprehensive Plan was adopted in 2001.

The proposed Comprehensive Plan may be viewed at [www.lincolnwoodil.org/plans-and-reports](http://www.lincolnwoodil.org/plans-and-reports).



### ComEd Warns Customers of Increase in Scams

ComEd wants residents to be aware that scammers are contacting their customers by phone and in-person claiming to be ComEd representatives and telling them their service will be disconnected unless payment is made. Representatives from ComEd always carry proper identification and never ask customers for cash or personal financial information. Customers can avoid being scammed by taking a few precautions:



- Never provide your social security number or personal information to anyone initiating contact with you claiming to be a ComEd representative or requesting you to send money to another person or entity other than ComEd.
- Be skeptical of individuals wearing clothing with old or defaced company logos. If you have any doubts, ask to see a company photo ID.
- Never make payment for services to anyone coming to your door.

If customers ever have concerns about the status of their account, they can contact ComEd at 1-800-EDISON1.

### State of Illinois Vehicle Registration Renewal Mailing Reminder Notices Suspended

The Illinois Secretary of State Office has suspended the mailing of vehicle registration renewal reminder notices. Vehicle owners are encouraged to be mindful of their vehicle status and can sign up to receive their renewal reminders via email by going to [www.ilsos.gov/greenmail](http://www.ilsos.gov/greenmail).



# Parks and Recreation



## Mother-Son Bingo at the Lincolnwood Fire Station

Moms and sons ages 4 through 12, get ready for a fun night out at the Lincolnwood Fire Station on Thursday, April 21 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. This fun night features bingo with prizes, pizza and refreshments. Kids will also have a chance to try on firefighter gear!

Tickets are only \$15 per couple for Lincolnwood residents. Advanced registration is required. Register online at [www.recreation.lwd.org/registration](http://www.recreation.lwd.org/registration) or in person at the Parks and Recreation office in Village Hall.



## Proesel Park Family Aquatic Center

The opening day of the Proesel Park Family Aquatic Center will be Saturday, June 4. This year, in addition to all the fun the pool provides, we will be hosting several Friday theme nights from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., including Fiesta Night (June 17), Luau Night (July 15), and Game Night (August 19). These theme nights are free to pass holders or with paid admission to the Aquatic Center. So this summer, plan to take a break from swimming and join us near the concession stand for these fun summer nights.



## Lincolnwood International Soccer Academy Spring Soccer League



We invite all kids ages 5 to 14 to join the Lincolnwood International Soccer Academy Spring Soccer League from March 31 to June 13. Led by professional coach and Lincolnwood resident Ned Dervisevic and sponsored by Loeber Motors, the goal of the academy is to help players of all levels improve their game in a fun and safe atmosphere that stresses respect and sportsmanship.

Team members will be taught the fundamentals of soccer, as well as technical and tactical skills through drills and scrimmages. Players will be challenged both physically and mentally and kept active throughout the season.

The registration fee includes one practice and game per week and a uniform which includes two game jerseys, shorts, and socks. Practices will be on Thursdays from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and games will be on Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. All practices and games will be held in Proesel Park. Please visit [recreation.lwd.org](http://recreation.lwd.org) to register or call (847) 677-9740 if you have questions.

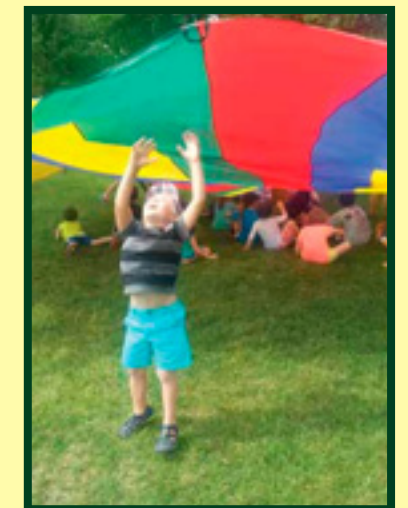
# Parks and Recreation



## Lincolnwood Summer Day Camp

Our summer day camp is available from May through August, and registration is going on right now. Residents should already have received a *Lincolnwood Summer Day Camp Guide* in the mail and it is also available on our website at [www.recreation.lwd.org/camp](http://www.recreation.lwd.org/camp).

We pride ourselves on providing high quality programming for kids from 3 to 15 and, providing a safe and fun camp experience, with the lowest staff-to-camper ratios in the area. We do our best to meet the needs of our families with full day, half day, and partial week registration, as well as our "Pick-a-Week" option. We also offer an early registration discount for Lincolnwood residents, sibling discounts, and a convenient camp payment plan.



## Looking for a Great Summer Job?

Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation is currently hiring enthusiastic students and adults with a passion for serving the community for our summer day camp and aquatic center.

You can apply for day camp counselor, pool front desk, swim lesson instructor, lifeguard, concession stand, and more. To learn more about available summer positions and how to apply, please visit [lincolnwoodil.org](http://lincolnwoodil.org) and select "Job Postings" under "Village Government" then "Employment Opportunities". If you have questions, please call the Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Department at (847) 677-9740.

## Proesel Park Shelter Reservations

From the first weekend in June through the end of October, the Henry A. Proesel Park Pavilion (Proesel Park Shelter), at the corner of Kostner and Morse Avenues, will be available for rent to groups of up to 150 people for a flat fee of \$200.

We will begin accepting in-person rental applications from Lincolnwood residents, businesses, and organizations at the Parks and Recreation Office in Village Hall beginning Monday, April 4. Our doors will open at 8:30 a.m. and we will begin processing applications at 9:00 a.m.

Other outdoor facilities available for rent in Proesel Park are:

- 40'x40' party tent near the entrance of the Aquatic Center
- Baseball/Softball Fields
- Soccer Fields
- Volleyball Courts

For further details, including pricing and rental requirements for our outdoor facilities, please visit [www.lincolnwoodil.org/outdoor-facilities](http://www.lincolnwoodil.org/outdoor-facilities). If you have any questions about reservations, please call the Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Department at (847) 677-9740.

## Teams Forming for Lincolnwood Recreational Softball League

It is time to register your team for the Spring Softball Season in Proesel Park. We offer 12" and 16" adult (18 years+) recreation slow pitch softball leagues with cash payouts awarded to both the 1st and 2nd place teams in the league and in the tournament.

Both new and returning teams are encouraged to register now. The first games are scheduled for the end of April. For more information, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (847) 677-9740 or visit [lincolnwoodil.org/adult-softball](http://lincolnwoodil.org/adult-softball).





# Public Works



## Groot Garbage Pickup

The Village's waste hauler, Groot, picks up garbage and recycling every Monday. During 2016, Groot will observe the following holidays that fall on Sundays or Mondays: Memorial Day (May 30), Independence Day (July 4), Labor Day (September 5), and Christmas (December 25).

On each of these weeks, refuse and recycling will be collected on the following Tuesday. If a pickup is missed during regular pick up, residents must call Public Works on Tuesday prior to 11:00 a.m.

It is illegal to deposit electronic products into your garbage. Groot offers collection of electronic items such as computer equipment, televisions, and DVD players for a fee. To make arrangements for a pick up of electronic products, please call Groot at (847) 734-6400.

Yard waste pick up will resume on March 14. Groot will not pick up garbage that is mixed with branches and yard waste. If you have yard waste in your garbage, Groot will notify you by placing an orange tag on the garbage bin, and you must separate your garbage from the yard waste, then schedule a pick up by contacting Groot at (847) 734-6400. When disposing of yard waste, please ensure that branches that are four inches or less in diameter, four feet or less in length, and tied together in bundles of 60 pounds or less.

Yard waste bags are available for purchase at the Village Hall at a cost of \$2.00 for five bags. If you have questions, please contact the Public Works Department at (847) 675-0888.

## Animal Control Program

The Village has an animal control cost sharing and reimbursement program for opossums, raccoons, and skunks. If you are encountering problems with any of these animals, contact the Public Works Department. The Village's contractor, Animal Control Specialists, will make an appointment with the property owner to set up a trap.



The property owner must pay Animal Control Specialists \$90 to set the trap and \$55 for each animal caught. Once the invoice is paid to the vendor, they will provide a copy to the Village and the Public Works Department will process a reimbursement of up to \$200. Animals inside the home or on the roof are not covered under this program. Please contact the Public Works Department at (847) 675-0888 if you have questions about the program.

## Water Testing for Lead

Lead enters drinking water primarily through plumbing materials in your house such as faucets or fittings made of brass which may contain some lead, copper pipes with lead solder, and lead pipes including services lines. The Illinois Plumbing Code prohibits the installation of new lead pipes to provide water service to residential properties; however, homes built before 1991 may still have a lead service line. The Public Works Department estimates that approximately 75% of the residential properties in the Village receive water through lead service lines.

In accordance with the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) 1991 Lead and Copper Rule, the Village takes samples from 30 residential properties across the Village to test for elevated levels of lead. Testing is conducted every three years, with the most recent testing taking place on June 3, 2014. The results of those tests showed that the Village is well within the acceptable levels of lead per EPA guidelines. The results of the most recent lead testing are available in the 2014 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report, which has been posted to the Village's website at [www.lincolnwoodil.org/resident-services/understanding-your-water-bill/](http://www.lincolnwoodil.org/resident-services/understanding-your-water-bill/).

Infants and young children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. It is possible that lead levels may be elevated in specific homes due to materials used in the private plumbing system as outlined above. Residents who are concerned about elevated levels of lead may wish to have their water tested; kits are available commercially. Residents may also try flushing the tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using tap water. Additional information is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

## Tree Removal Permits

The Public Works Department would like to remind residents that a tree removal permit must be applied for to remove any private property tree that is eight inches or greater in diameter. For questions or to obtain a tree removal permit, contact the Community Development Department at (847) 673-7402 or the Public Works Department at (847) 675-0888.



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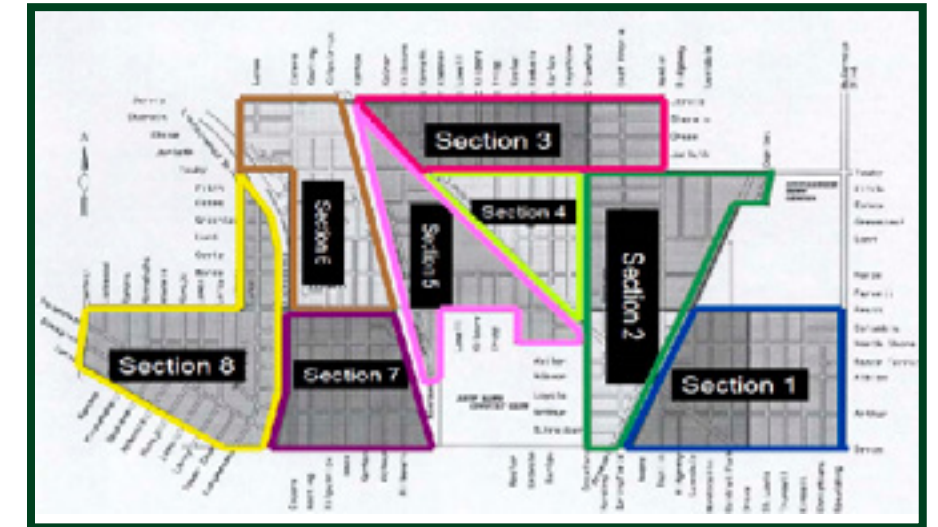


## Permanent Street Sweeping Reminders

Each year, the Public Works Department performs street sweeping throughout the Village to keep streets clean as well as to prevent dirt and debris from entering the Village's sewer system. Signs are located on each block notifying residents when street sweeping will occur in the area. Street sweeping is a two day process. Motorists should not park on the side of the street where street sweeping will occur that day.

Residents will have street sweeping performed every month on the same day of the week. Street sweeping will resume on April 1. In the street sweeping schedule, the following days are swept each month:

- Section 1: First Tuesday and Wednesday
- Section 2: First Thursday and Friday
- Section 3: Second Tuesday and Wednesday
- Section 4: Second Thursday and Friday
- Section 5: Third Tuesday and Wednesday
- Section 6: Third Thursday and Friday
- Section 7: Fourth Tuesday and Wednesday
- Section 8: Fourth Thursday and Friday



## Hydrant Flushing

During the spring, the Village will begin to flush fire hydrants. Signs will be posted in the areas that will be affected prior to the start of the flushing operation. Periodic flushing of fire hydrants is an important preventative maintenance activity to maintain the integrity of the water system and ensure quality water for all residents.



As a result of the flushing procedure, residents in the immediate vicinity of the work may experience temporary discoloration of their water. This discoloration consists of harmless silt and precipitates and does not affect the safety of the water. If you experience discoloration in your water after crews have been flushing in your neighborhood, clear the pipes in your home by running all water faucets. If you have additional questions regarding hydrant flushing, please contact the Public Works Department at (847) 675-0888.

## RPZ Testing Compliance

As spring approaches, please remember that a licensed and certified back flow prevention assembly tester must perform an annual back flow prevention test and certification on all RPZ valves installed on irrigation or fire suppression systems. The test report must be mailed to the Village's authorized agent, Back Flow Solutions, Inc. (BSI) at P.O. Box 246, Worth, IL 60482 or faxed to (888) 414-4990.

If you have a lawn sprinkler system and do not have an RPZ valve installed, you must do so immediately. Plumbing cross-connections, defined as actual or potential connections between a potable and non-potable water supply, constitute a serious public health hazard. If you have questions regarding the Village's Cross Connection Program, please contact the Public Works Department at (847) 675-0888.

## Sewer Line Rebate Program

If your home has experienced a backup in your private sanitary sewer line and a repair or replacement of the line is necessary, you may qualify for the Village's sewer line repair rebate program. For collapses determined to be in the Village right-of-way and that are directly caused by tree roots from a Village owned tree, the repairs and/or replacement may be eligible for a rebate up to \$2,000. Applications are available at [www.lincolnwoodil.org/streets-and-sidewalks](http://www.lincolnwoodil.org/streets-and-sidewalks) and at the Public Works Department, 7001 N. Lawndale Avenue.



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### Help Stop Hunger In Our Neighborhood!

The Human Relations Commission is hosting its annual Food Drive to benefit the Niles Food Pantry. Donation collection boxes for non-perishable foods will be located at schools and businesses throughout Lincolnwood from March 1 through April 15. Boxes are also available at Village Hall and the Police Department.

### Lincolnwood in Bloom

The Beautification Task Force will be holding the "Lincolnwood in Bloom Contest" to showcase property owners that landscape and beautify their homes and neighborhoods. The contest will run through September 12. For more information, please contact Charles Meyer, Assistant to the Village Manager, at (847) 475-4715 or [cmeyer@lwd.org](mailto:cmeyer@lwd.org).

#### Board and Commission Meetings

Village Board (TV)	1st, 3rd Tuesday of the month
Plan Commission (TV)	1st Wednesday of the month
Human Relations Commission	2nd Monday of the month
Park and Recreation Board	2nd Tuesday of the month
Zoning Board of Appeals (TV)	3rd Wednesday of the month
Economic Development Commission	4th Wednesday of the month
Traffic Commission	4th Thursday of the month

Village Board meetings are held in the Council Chambers in Village Hall at 7:30 pm on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. Please check the Village's website at [lincolnwoodil.org](http://lincolnwoodil.org) for Board and Commission meeting dates, agendas, and minutes. To receive meeting agendas, send an e-mail to [subscribe@lwd.org](mailto:subscribe@lwd.org).

(TV) = Broadcast live on Comcast Cable Channel 6 and AT&T U-Verse Channel 99 and [lincolnwood.tv](http://lincolnwood.tv). Plan Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Village Board meetings are also re-broadcast one week following the scheduled meeting on Comcast Cable 6 and AT&T U-Verse and are also available on-demand at [lwdtv.org](http://lwdtv.org).



### Welcome New Businesses!

Nori Japan  
Restaurant  
Lincolnwood Town Center  
(847) 410-7588

Family Chiropractic  
Chiropractor  
Lincolnwood Town Center  
(847) 312-0117

Howard Bernath Heating  
Heating and Air Conditioning  
3737 W. Arthur Avenue  
(847) 824-5198

Beauty Bar  
Beauty Products  
Lincolnwood Town Center

Clyde Media LLC  
Video Production  
7301 N. Lincoln Avenue  
(773) 412-6565

Touhy Crawford Mobile  
Gas Station  
7169 N Crawford Ave  
(847) 679-3212

Home Health Choice LLC  
Home Health Agency  
7350 N. Cicero

Healthcare Dekor  
Healthcare Design  
7373 N. Lincoln Avenue  
847-692-7135

Concerto Renal Services LLC  
Healthcare Management  
7373 N Lincoln Suite 100  
847-233-1200

### Recent Board Actions

- Approved an Ordinance approving Nicor Gas Company as the Village's franchisee for construction, operation, and maintaining of natural gas services within the Village.
- Approved the purchase of the Union Pacific Railroad property located on the east portion of the Village. The Village's future plans for the site include the construction of a new bike path.

### Village Hall Closed

Village Hall will be closed on Friday, March 25, 2016 in observance of Good Friday.