



LINCROFT VILLAGE GREEN ASSOCIATION INC.

"A commitment to the preservation and restoration of our community"

ANNUAL NEWSLETTER AND MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

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*Alone we can do so little.
Together we can do so much.*
~ Helen Keller

About Us

The Lincroft Village Green Association is a non-profit, non-partisan civic organization, dedicated to keeping Lincroft a pleasant and safe place to live. From the beginnings of the organization in 1999, we have concentrated our all-volunteer efforts in several areas:

- Voicing concerns to our local governments about traffic calming and safety in our village.
- Encouraging our representatives to take a measured approach to development and zoning changes that affect quality of life.
- Upgrading and beautifying the Lincroft Village Green Park.
- Organizing community activities such as picnics, concerts, movies, and the Annual Yard Sale.



Re-launch of our Website

Our Website was re-designed and re-launched in August, with the help of Alexis Nulle and Zumu. The new website provides a more user-friendly site for our members, more timely information, space to promote community-wide events and links to all social media. Please visit and let us know what you think! www.lincroft.org

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Our 2014 Membership Drive

Please renew your membership or become a new member of the LVGA today for an annual

\$25 Family Membership Fee.

Membership in the LVGA is open to all Lincroft residents 18 yrs. or older. Non-residents, firms or associations who wish to join can join as associate (non-voting) members upon nomination by an active member.

To renew, join or donate:

- Mail a check or money order payable to the LVGA in the enclosed return envelope
- Pay by credit card or PAYPAL via our website, www.lincroft.org

Our mailing address:

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Your membership fee helps pay for operating expenses such as insurance, permits, administration costs, advertising events, website hosting, tax filing fees, and professional fees for experts when necessary. We are an all-volunteer organization, so we spend your money wisely and only when necessary.

2013 Annual Membership Meeting

The Annual LVGA General Membership Meeting was held on November 13th, at the **Courtyard Marriott/Red Bank**. The year's activities were summarized, elections were held for LVGA Board positions, and the financial report was presented.

We would like to give a warm welcome to our two new Directors of the Board, Christine Nolan and Marguerite Portagallo, and congratulations to our new Co-President, Linda Snyder, who joins Co-President, Heather Colella at the helm, and our new Vice President, Mary Grant. Pat Valerio continues as Treasurer, and Susan Dzugan continues as Secretary.

9th Annual Lincroft Village Yard Sale and Clothing Drive was held on April 20th, with 55 Lincroft homes participating, and 2,000 lbs. of clothing collected. This year's sale was once again free to LVGA members to show our appreciation for their support. We would also like to thank those residents who joined the LVGA in order to participate in the town wide sale.

A Free Concert with THAT BAND was held on August 24th at the Lincroft Village Green. Over 100 people attended and enjoyed a three hour performance of the rock 'n' roll show band with lead singer Kevin Mulvaney. A big thank you to LVGA member and former director, Lori Bennett, for her time and dedication in coordinating this concert and securing the event sponsors: Luigi's Famous Pizzeria-Ristorante, Master Electrical Systems, Brad's Lawn & Landscape, Frost Heating & Air-Conditioning, Gloria Nilson Realtor Heather Colella, Party designers Cindy Hubeny & Kathy Limyansky, Kim & Steve Grillon, Dr. Lawrence M. Stankovits of Atlantic Pediatric Orthopedics, Bethany Auto, and Leslie Auto Sales. Thank you for your support!

5th Annual Candidates Night was hosted by the LVGA on October 22nd at Lincroft School. The candidates for Middletown Township Committee and Monmouth County Freeholders were invited to participate. Questions were submitted prior to the event via the LVGA website as well as from the public that evening. Our League of Women Voters moderator, Terry Thompson, travelled from Somerset County to organize the questions from the public. We are indebted to the LWV for their knowledge and experience. The candidates answered questions pertaining to budgets, shared services, traffic calming efforts and pedestrian safety issues. Thank you to the candidates that participated.

The Master Plan of Monmouth County is undergoing a third comprehensive update by the Monmouth County Planning Board and the Division of Planning staff. The plan is written with a 10-year planning horizon and a scope that is limited to issues that can be meaningfully addressed in Monmouth County and seeks to both inform and guide local decision-making. Learn more at www.co.monmouth.nj.us. Click on Planning and then Monmouth County Master Plan Update.

Four Ponds Center Associates vs. Township of Middletown Planning Board - Update

Subsequent to the Middletown Township Planning Board's unanimous denial of this Application, which sought approval of a proposed 342 Residential Unit Development on the former site of AVAYA in Lincroft, the applicant filed an Appeal with the Superior Court. That Appeal has now been considered, and on August 29, 2013, Judge Kapalko rendered a decision which remanded the matter back to the Planning Board, so that they may consider the possible relevance of testimony offered by the applicant's experts. The Judge found that either the Planning Board failed to consider some of the testimony, or the Board's explanation of how it evaluated that testimony was incomplete. The Planning Board was ordered to complete its review and issue a revised Resolution. A special meeting was scheduled for that purpose on October 30th, where they discussed the testimony and agreed to write an updated Resolution denying the application. Voting was postponed until the regular meeting on November 6th, and postponed again due to lack of a quorum. It should be noted that both Jeffrey Blumengold and Abe Littenberg were Interveners in this matter, in support of the Middletown Planning Board decision. They are represented by Ron Gasiorowski, Esq.

Thank you to all of our members and those concerned residents who have generously donated funds towards the attorney and expert witness fees incurred during this legal battle.



Thank you to all those who donated their time and expertise to make the LVGA a success, and to *Chris Penk Plumbing* for repairing the damaged plumbing system at the Center Island.

When a community comes together, we can accomplish great things!