

## LINCROFT VILLAGE GREEN ASSOCIATION INC.

"A commitment to the preservation and restoration of our community" ANNUAL NEWSLETTER AND MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

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### 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

- 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.

#### Arbor Day Plantings at the Village Green

On Arbor Day, April 25th, two Rivers Purple Beech trees were planted at the Lincroft Village Green by Molzon Landscape and Nursery. These trees are cone-shaped deciduous shade trees. They have gray bark and dark purple foliage and mature to a size of 75' high and 40'-60' wide. They will make a beautiful addition to the Green and were made possible by your generous donations to the LVGA.



## Our 2015 Membership Prive

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 do so 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:

Lincroft Village Green Association P.O. Box 101 Lincroft, NJ 07738

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

## 2014 Annual Membership Meeting

The Annual LVGA General Membership Meeting was held on November 19th, 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. Thank you to all our members that attended and participated in the meeting.

We would also like to give a warm welcome to our two new Directors of the Board elected at the meeting, Anna Kenney and Lori Littenberg.

10th Annual Lincroft Village Yard Sale and Clothing Drive was held on April 26th, with 55 Lincroft homes participating, and 2,065 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. Check our website for the date of the 2015 Yard Sale.

6th Annual Candidates Night was hosted by the LVGA on October 21, 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 organized the questions from the public. We are indebted to the LWV for their knowledge and experience. Thank you to all the candidates that participated and all the residents that attended.

**Bamm Hollow Estates** is in its first phase of development by Toll Brothers, at the former golf club site on Sunnyside Road. In total, 190 luxury homes are planned to be built on the property.

Exit 109 Interchange improvements are being planned by the New Jersey Turnpike Authority, which is currently finalizing data collection and developing and analyzing proposed improvement concepts. It is the NJTA's intent to hold a public information center to present the selected concept and receive pubic comment/input in February or March 2015.

**520 Roundabout** suffered much damage to its pavers and cement apron from the 2014 winter storms. Monmouth County has completed repairs to the Roundabout and restored its beauty and function.



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

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.

Since last year, the Applicant, Four Ponds, filed an Appeal of the Township Planning Board original 9-0 decision to reject their application.

As a continuation of the vigorous objection to the original proposal, Jeffrey Blumengold and Abe Littenberg, both LVGA Members and Board Directors, were named as Intervenors in the Appeal and were represented by Ron Gasiorowski, Esq.

The Appeal led to an agreement entered into between the Township and the Applicant, which was approved by the Judge overseeing the Appeal, to reduce the number of units down from the proposed 342 to a maximum of 228 units. Moreover, it was also agreed that the proposed three-story buildings be reduced to just two stories. In addition, the Applicant decided, in entering into this agreement, to also remove the proposed 72 rental flats from the original Plan submitted.

The Applicant and a potential Developer have since formally submitted revised Plans to the Middletown Township Planning Board for consideration on November 12, 2014. These plans will be posted on our website. Members of the LVGA, as well as the greater Middletown Community, will have the right to review these plans and express their support or concerns once again to the Planning Board.

We will inform our members of meeting dates as soon as they are scheduled with the Planning Board. If you would like to be contacted with this information, please forward your email address to us at <a href="mailto:info@lincroftvillagegreen.org">info@lincroftvillagegreen.org</a>, or visit our website, www.lincroft.org.

Thank you to all those who donated their time and expertise to the LVGA.

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