



Lincroft Village Green Association

ANNUAL NEWSLETTER • 2018 YEAR-IN-REVIEW

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

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The LVGA Volunteer of the Year is JIM BRETT

His tireless efforts and countless hours spent improving the Lincroft Little League complex are appreciated. To honor Jim, the LVGA purchased a brick for the brick walk entrance at the complex, to be installed in the spring of 2019.

This year's **14th Annual Community Wide Yard Sale** was a great success with over 50 families taking part in our yearly event. All proceeds from the yard sale and clothing drive will benefit the Capital Campaign "For The Greener Good". Thank you to everyone who participated.

LVGA 2018 **Community Scholarship Fund** recipients, Kelsey Ryan and Garrett Thompson from Middletown High School South, were chosen by the MHSS Scholarship Committee and were recognized for academic excellence and commitment to helping their community through volunteerism. Each student received \$500. Thank you to the LVGA Members who support the Scholarship Fund through their additional \$1 donation.



ANNUAL MEETING RECAP

The LVGA Annual Meeting was held on November 14th at the Lincroft Fire House. Our 2019 officers are:

- Lori Littenberg, President
- Marguerite Portagallo, Vice President
- Trish Thompson, Treasurer
- Susan Dzugan, Secretary

Sue Buckley, Ben Harris, and Tara Velho were voted in as new Directors. The Lincroft Fire Company and Lincroft First Aid Squad each made presentations regarding their fundraising and volunteer needs. We also had a special guest - Joe Pandozzi, project manager for the new Lincroft Tavern - who fielded questions about the restaurant. Finally, the LVGA honored Jim Brett as Volunteer of the Year. Thank you all for a great year!



The annual LVGA **Easter Egg Hunt** was held on March 25th. Highlights included egg hunts by age group, photos with the Bunny, a visit from the 4H Club, crafts, games, tattoos and face painting. The third annual egg hunt was a success. Everyone had a great time and we are looking forward to next year!

The LVGA **Jack-O-Lantern Jubilee** Halloween Party took place on October 18th. The children enjoyed games, limbo, crafts, tattoos, prizes, treats and Halloween photos with festive pumpkin character. We had a parade around The Green and a costume contest.



Candidates Night was held at Lincroft School on Tuesday, October 23. This was the tenth candidates night that the LVGA has hosted and was one of the best attended in several years. The panel was made up of three Democratic and three Republican candidates, all of whom were running for Middletown Township Committee. The question and answer format was moderated by the Monmouth County League of Women Voters. Questions were submitted through an on-line Google form on the LVGA website and also the night of the event.



Want to know the latest Lincroft news & events all year long? LVGA members receive our quarterly e-newsletters & event reminders by email. **Renew or join today at lincroft.org.**

FOR THE GREENER GOOD CAMPAIGN : HOW'S IT GROWING?

In January of 2018 we kicked off our Capital Campaign "For the Greener Good", a beautification project for the Lincroft Village Green Park. The LVGA hopes to raise \$20,000 in order to complete the project, which will include revitalizing the gardens, expanding the sprinkler system, clearing the path in the woods, tree plantings and more.

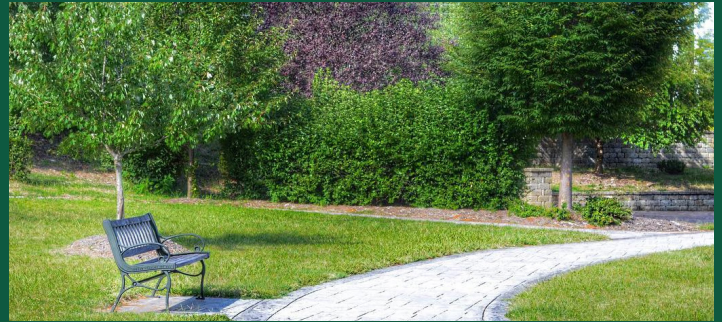
We created several ways for members to help. At the beginning of the year, a GoFundMe account was set up on the LVGA website. Current and former LVGA directors donated items for a multi-family sale on Yard Sale Day and many residents shopped for treasures. Lincroft business owner, Sheri Nocelli, donated profits from Tara at Home party sales, and Mary Grant donated all sales of Doggie Duds dog bandanas. Along with donations from members throughout the year, we have a total of \$4300 For the Greener Good.

Gloria Gross, LVGA member and Master Gardener, volunteered her time and expertise in the planning of the garden beds near the three flag poles at the Lincroft Village Green. With the funds raised so far, the LVGA is working to make the Green a greener, more vibrant park.

Projects that have been completed are: the installation of a well and sprinkler system, and seeding and fertilizing of the main lawn in the center circle. The lawn is looking greener

and healthier than it has in years.

In 2019, we plan to expand the sprinkler system, replace plants in the garden beds, clean the tree line that borders Phalanx Road, and clean up the path in the woods.



Want to help keep it growing? Any donation, great or small, is appreciated. Go to www.lincroft.org to make a donation through PayPal or GoFundMe, or send a check in the enclosed envelope. Watch for email updates throughout the year and for invitations to "Gatherings for the Greener Good" -- we are planning to have a few FUNdraising events this year!

Interested in helping with fundraising or planting?

Have ideas you would like to share?

Please email Mary at DirectorLVGA@gmail.com.

SPECIAL THANKS

Garden Irrigation installed the first phase of The Green's irrigation system this spring. **Middletown Township** also seeded the center lawn and LVGA volunteer, **Keith Bennett**, seeded and fertilized again in the fall. The lawn is looking greener and healthier than it has in years. Thank you to Garden Irrigation for a generous discount on the project. We plan to expand the sprinkler system in 2019 during Phase 2 & 3 of the beautification project.

Brookdale Community College and **Sunrise Senior Living of Lincroft** made space accommodations for our monthly board meetings.

Thank you to **Walter Horan** for his many years of caring for the adopted island on Newman Springs Road. He has handed over his gloves to gardening enthusiast and member **Sue Buckley**. Please drive a little slower and take notice of their hard work. Thanks again Walter and Sue for your dedication and green thumbs!

Special thanks to **Tony Avallone** of Avallone Direct Marketing for printing of this annual newsletter.

TIME TO RENEW, OR BECOME A NEW MEMBER!

LVGA membership is open to all Lincroft residents. To renew or become a new member for 2019:

- Mail a check payable to the LVGA in enclosed envelope
- Pay via PayPal on our website www.lincroft.org

Your membership dues pay for operating expenses such as insurance, permits, administration costs, community events, signs and advertising for events, website hosting, tax filing fees, and professional fees for experts when needed.

Thank you for your support!

ABOUT THE LVGA

The Lincroft Village Green Association, established in 1999, is an all-volunteer, non-profit, non-partisan civic organization dedicated to keeping Lincroft a pleasant and safe place to live. Since the beginning, our efforts have focused on the following 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.
- Organizing community activities.