



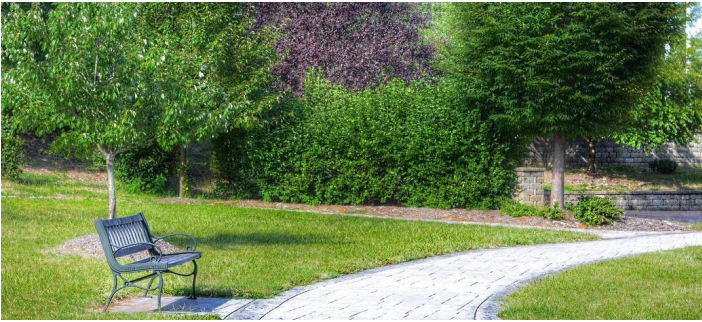
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Lincroft Village Green Association

ANNUAL NEWSLETTER • 2019 YEAR-IN-REVIEW

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

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SPECIAL THANKS

Thank you to the **Middletown Township** park maintenance dept and township officials for their continued cooperation and support as we work together to make Lincroft a safe and beautiful place to live. **Brookdale Community College** and **Sunrise Senior Living of Lincroft** made space accommodations for our monthly board meetings. Sunrise also generously donated a new Norway spruce to the Green, which was planted in November. Special thanks to **Tony Avallone** of Avallone Direct Marketing for the printing of this annual newsletter.

The LVGA Volunteer of the Year is GLORIA GROSS

Gloria is a longtime Lincroft resident and Rutgers University Monmouth County Master Gardener. She has dedicated countless hours to educating the public about horticulture, inspiring interest in gardening, and harvesting thousands of pounds of produce for food pantries in the county. Thank you Gloria for all of your assistance with our beautification campaign and for many years of sharing your knowledge with the community.

This was our 15th year organizing the **LVGA Annual Yard Sale & Clothing Drive**, held on May 11th. The community-wide sale saw participation from over 50 homes across Lincroft and was a great success. New signs and new websites were used to promote this event. Thank you to all those who donated their unsold items to the clothing drive which yielded over 2000 pounds of clothing and \$510. Save the date for 2020: April 25th.

This was the fifth year the LVGA awarded our **\$500 Community Scholarship** to two Middletown High School South rising seniors. These students were chosen based on their academic excellence and commitment to helping their community through volunteerism. The 2019 LVGA Community Scholarship recipients were Vienne Park and Kate Kunz. Congratulations to these two fine students.

ANNUAL MEETING RECAP

The Annual Meeting was held on November 13 at Brookdale Community College. Directors and officers were elected, the 2020 Budget was accepted by unanimous vote, and the Volunteer of the Year was introduced. Congratulations new director, Brittany Tarabour, and re-elected directors Holly Rohlf, Ben Harris, Christine Nolan, and Sue Buckley; as well as 2020 officers Melanie Elmiger and Mary Grant as Co-presidents, Marguerite Portagallo as VP, Susan Dzigan as Secretary, and Trish Thomson as Treasurer.

The annual **LVGA Egg Hunt** was held on April 14, 2019. Highlights included egg hunts by age group, photos with the Bunny, petting zoo, a visit from the 4H Club, crafts, games, tattoos and face painting. Everyone had a great time and we are looking forward to next year's Eggstravaganza!

Traffic Safety: The LVGA has advocated for a safer route in and out of the Phalanx Road entrance to Brookdale Community College. We are excited that a plan for a roundabout was presented by the Monmouth County Engineers at a public meeting held on October 30th at the Middletown Library. County and Township officials endorsed the plan at the meeting and, as stakeholders in the project, several LVGA Directors were in attendance at the meeting.

Thank you to our members and their guests who joined us at our **"Kegs for a Cause"** fundraiser in March at Red Tank Brewery in Red Bank. Fun was had by all and we raised over \$1500 for our beautification campaign. Special thanks to Luigi's of Lincroft and ABC Bagel for their very generous and delicious food donations. **Please join us on January 17, 2020** at Red Tank Brewery for a flight and light fare. Details on our website.



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?

Our "For the Greener Good" Beautification Campaign project is growing and more colorful than ever. This year, new LVGA Director Sue Buckley designed and planted the garden by the flagpoles. The overgrown bushes were removed and hundreds of daffodils were planted in the fall of 2018, and Sue worked tirelessly in the spring of 2019 to plant a wider variety of shrubs, annuals and perennials to liven up the garden beds.

The irrigation system was expanded and the sprinklers kept the new plants hydrated and healthy during a very hot summer. We hired an arborist to clear out the brush on the Phalanx Road side of the park to allow our beautiful evergreens to be showcased.

The beautification campaign has inspired young volunteers and we appreciate their enthusiasm! Lincroft Cub Scout Pack 210 began monthly trash sweeps and maintenance of the woodland pathway in May. Boy Scout Pack 246 spent several hours doing various gardening tasks on a sunny Saturday morning in October, including planting the ten foot Norway Spruce which was generously donated by Sunrise Senior Living of Lincroft.



Sue Buckley at the Green



Fall Flourishes on Rte. 520 Island

Another community member, Keith Bennett, also helped make the Green "greener" with his time and expertise in fertilizing and seeding the lawn.

Thank you to community volunteers of all ages who helped make a cleaner, more colorful place to visit right in the heart of Lincroft.

Our adopted island on Newman Springs Road also got a fresh new look by Sue Buckley. Take a "brake" as you drive through the village to enjoy both of these beautiful gardens.

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 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 more FUNdraising events in 2020!

**Interested in helping with fundraising or planting?
Have ideas you would like to share?**

Please email Mary at DirectorLVGA@gmail.com.



Cub Scout Pack 210

TIME TO RENEW, OR BECOME A NEW MEMBER!

LVGA membership is open to all Lincroft residents. To renew or become a new member for 2020:

- 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.