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Lincroft Village Green Association

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

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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.

2020 Year-in-Review

The Lincroft Village Green Association had plans to celebrate its **20th anniversary** this year, but the COVID-19 pandemic changed plans for people and organizations all over the world. The ever-popular **Easter Egg Hunt** and **Annual Yard Sale** were also canceled. Although it was disappointing to have to cancel these events, while under quarantine, it gave us a chance to reflect on the founding members' efforts that began over 20 years ago. When state and county parks and playgrounds were closed to visitors, our township parks were an option for many people looking for a safe, outdoor place to get fresh air and exercise. **The Lincroft Green**, located on **Old Phalanx Road**, was used by many local walkers, bicyclists and residents looking for a quiet park to relax.

LVGA Scholarship Winners: Middletown High School South Seniors, Daniel DeCresenzo and Emily Russo, each earned the **LVGA \$500 Scholarship** for their excellence in academics and dedication to community service. We wish them the best as they pursue their higher education goals. Look for the "Scholarship" contribution line on the payment pulldown menu to contribute to the 2021 awards.

The LVGA Sponsored a **Virtual Candidates Night** on October 20: The "ZOOM" virtual forum was hosted and moderated by the **League of Women Voters of the Greater Red Bank Area**. The four candidates for Middletown Township Committee had the opportunity to introduce themselves and answer questions which had been submitted on-line by residents of Middletown.



Members Gathered at Red Tank Brewery: In January, members of the LVGA gathered at Red Tank Brewery in Red Bank to kick off the 20th Anniversary Celebration. Little did we know it would be our only chance to meet, socialize and celebrate with the members of our organization. It was a fun night for all.



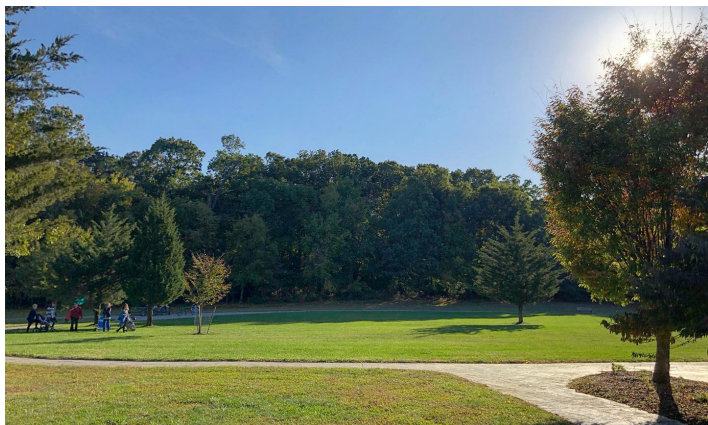
LVGA Teamed Up with the Lincroft First Aid Squad for Easter: We couldn't host the LVGA Annual Easter Egg Hunt, so Bun-Bun the Easter Bunny took a ride through the streets of Lincroft, riding in the **Lincroft First Aid boat** as it was towed by an EMS truck, sirens blaring. Many thanks to our all-volunteer First Aid Squad for teaming up with us!

Save The Date

3/28/2021: **Egg Hunt at The Green**

4/24/2021: **Annual Yard Sale**

Summer 2021: We hope to have a BELATED **20th Anniversary Celebration** at The Green! We will keep you posted!



The beautification project, "**For the Greener Good**" is still underway. Volunteers of all ages took time to plant over 150 annuals and perennials, weed, mulch, pick up trash, decorate for fall and give the **Little Free Library** a fresh coat of green paint. Lincroft resident and Boy Scout, Quinn Curley of Pack 246, is one of our high school volunteers. He noticed that the bocce court is in need of repair and decided to renovate the bocce court for his Eagle Scout Project. Help support Quinn's **Eagle Scout Project**! Send a check payable to Quinn Curley and mail to 16 Bryna Drive, Lincroft, NJ 07738. We are grateful for our volunteers! Thank you to Quinn and all of the Scouts from Pack 246 and Pack 210 for your volunteerism. We couldn't do it without you!



A SNAPSHOT OF LVGA HISTORY

1999-2005: A small group of residents learned that the 6-acre tract of land was being proposed as a future site for a commercial property. Over the next 6 years, the all-volunteer group grew its membership, raised money, and worked closely with county and township decision-makers to get The Village Green built. It officially opened in 2005.

2001: LVGA became Incorporated.

2003-2007: LVGA learned that the county was proposing widening Newman Springs Rd. Knowing this would affect our quality of life, the LVGA suggested an alternative solution - a round-about. In 2006 the plan was approved and the round-about was completed in 2007.

2009: LVGA first to "Adopt-A-Spot"; planted and continues to maintain a small garden on the median on Route 520.

2009: First Candidates' Night held at Lincroft School.

2011: LVGA urges county to add a Pedestrian Bridge at Thompson Park. This section, across from CBA, was the last part needed to finish the five-mile loop at the park.

2008-2014: The LVGA supported residents throughout Lincroft who were concerned with over-development and land-use issues affecting the village character and quality of life.

2017-Present: Beautification Project at The Village Green begins with well and sprinkler installation.

2000-2020: The LVGA has sponsored many community events such as Picnic in the Park concerts, Movie Night, Candidates Night, Egg Hunt, Yard Sale Day, Jack-o-Lantern Jubilee, Food Truck Festival & Car Show.

These events and projects happen because of our members! Thank YOU!
Become a member today and be a part of your community!

Annual membership is \$25 per family.

Join today via PayPal @ lincroft.org OR mail a check payable to LVGA



Thank you for your generous support of the Lincroft Village Green Association.

Lincroft Village Green Association membership dues:	\$	25.00
Donation to Capital Campaign "For the Greener Good":	\$	_____
Voluntary "Community Scholarship" contribution:	\$	1.00
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