



# Lincroft Village Green Association

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## ANNUAL NEWSLETTER | 2022 YEAR-IN-REVIEW



**ANNUAL EGG HUNT:** This year's Annual LVGA Egg Hunt took place on Sunday, April 10th from 11-1 at The Green. Over 100 children and their families participated in free activities including the egg hunt, petting zoo, visits with the 4H bunnies, prizes, lawn games, and face painting. The Lincroft Fire Company was there to help educate and meet with our community as well. We had a beautiful day and our Lincroft families came together and enjoyed it very much.

### YARD SALE AND CLOTHING DRIVE:

The 2022 Lincroft Community Yard Sale Day was once again met with beautiful weather and support from LVGA members and the community at-large. For the fourth year, the directors donated items for a multi-family sale to raise funds for the Capital Campaign. We also collected clothing donations from yard sale participants. In total, we raised \$537.30 which will go directly back to the beautification of The Lincroft Village Green.



### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COMES TO A CLOSE:

The Capital Campaign that began in 2018 to raise \$20,000 for beautification and capital improvements at The Lincroft Village Green will officially end with the writing of this newsletter. Through our Kegs for Cause fundraisers in 2019 and 2020 at Red Tank Brewing and generous donations made by our loyal members, we have a truly GREEN space that comes alive with color every spring. The LVGA has installed and maintained a well and sprinkler system and planted dozens of perennials in the garden beds along Rte. 520. With the help and knowledge of director and long-time resident, Sue Buckley, we always have a pop of color that adds to the beauty and charm of The Green in every season. We are grateful to everyone who helped make our Capital Campaign goals a reality.



**CLEAN THE GREEN DAY:** The annual Clean the Green Day was a great success with many youngsters and parents from the community joining together to pick up garbage, plant flowers, and weed the garden beds on the sunny Saturday, April 23. Thank you to everyone who helped make a difference!

### ANNUAL MEETING

Our Annual Meeting was held on Wednesday, November 16, 2022 in the Trustees Room of Brookdale Community College. Our 2023 Board of Directors Officers:

- Lori Littenberg and Brittany Tarabour - Co-Presidents
- Marguerite Portagallo - Vice President
- Janet Clapp - Treasurer
- Mary Grant - Secretary

Three-year term renewing directors include: Sue Buckley, Melanie Elmiger, Ben Harris, Brian Heyesey, Marguerite Portagallo and Brittany Tarabour. New three-year term directors include: Amber Cunha, Jeff Gonzalez, Meagan Magrini.



### VETERAN'S DAY:

A small Veteran's Day celebration was held at the Green on November 9th. Resident veterans from Sunrise Senior Living were presented with "thank you" letters from local Boy Scout troops, and the park's holiday tree was decorated with red, white and blue ornaments and a flag at the top. LVGA Board members and members of the public were also in attendance. The honorees made and hung ornaments that recognized fellow veterans or named the branch they served in. One of the residents, John F., wrote a letter saying the following: "We all thoroughly appreciated the music, photographs, flags, interviews and of course the coffee and cookies which you good folks arranged. It was a beautiful day." We thank all veterans for their service!

**TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE:** There are many safety and quality of life issues that cannot be resolved without citizen action. The LVGA takes notice of these concerns and reports them to entities such as the DPW, utilities companies and code enforcement. But you can do your part, too! For example, the LVGA contacts Middletown's DPW for crosswalks and roadlines that have faded or street signs that have been damaged or removed. We recently have worked with DPW Director Ted Maloney for these improvements on Phalanx Road, and we hope to get better lighting in that area in 2023. We worked with the Monmouth County Highway division to improve overgrowth conditions and add reflective lighting at the Navy Road overpass. Code Enforcement is emailed or called when we see persistent unsightly conditions such as an accumulation of garbage at downtown businesses. JCP&L is notified of non-working street lights; there are so many throughout town that we encourage residents to get the pole number and call 1-800-662-3115 for repair. If you see a problem and you are not sure who to call, just email the LVGA (directorlvga@gmail.com) and we can help direct you to a resolution.



**HALLOWEEN HULLABALOO:** The Annual Halloween Hullabaloo at The Green, held on Sunday, October 30th, was a day of sunshine, Halloween-themed games and crafts. Of course, Pumpkin Pal returned for photos and the parade around the park's path. Following the parade, prize baskets (provided by Directors' families) were awarded to the winners in five categories: scariest, cutest, funniest, most creative, and best overall. As an extra sweet treat, Best Day Ever Ice Cream Truck spent the afternoon selling delicious ice cream. And again this year, the all-volunteer Lincroft Fire Company drove a fire truck to the event for curious youngsters to touch, climb and sit in while they asked questions of the firefighters. We thank Molzon's for donating the hay bales, the Lincroft Fire Company, Best Day Ever Ice Cream, and our members for supporting this free event!



**SCHOLARSHIP WINNER:**

The LVGA awarded a \$500 scholarship to one Middletown High School South Senior in June of 2022. Jacqueline Murray was chosen by an independent panel for her passionate community involvement and volunteer work. We wish Jacqueline well in her future endeavors.

**SAVE THE DATES FOR 2023!**

- April 2 - Annual Egg Hunt
- April 22 - Earth Day Celebration & Clean the Green
- April 29 - Yard Sale (rain or shine)
- April 29 - May 5 - Clothing Drive

Dates subject to change. Please check [www.lincroft.org](http://www.lincroft.org) and @LincroftVillageGreenAssociation on Facebook for event details as the dates approach.


**BOY SCOUT STRIVES FOR EAGLE STATUS:** The LVGA board first met Lincroft resident and Boy Scout Quinn Curley at our Annual Clean the Green events in 2019. He inquired about doing a project to earn his Eagle Scout Award. After some thought and inquiries with Township Park Maintenance, it was decided that the bocce court, which was deteriorating and never used, could be removed and replaced with grass and some healthy plants and a tree could be added. Once approved by the township in spring of 2022, the plan was set to begin in the summer. With delays in the weather and a broken wrist, he began work with his team of fellow scouts in September. He hopes to complete the project by the end of the year and be awarded his Eagle Scout in 2023. Thank you, Quinn, for your perseverance and choosing to make improvements at The Green!

**Thank you to the following local businesses & organizations for your support of the LVGA this year!**

- Brookdale Community College
- Boy Scout Troops 110 & 246
- Cub Scout Troop 210
- Girl Scout Brownie Troop 60688
- Girl Scout Daisy Troop 1291
- Les Pierce, The Journal
- Lincroft Fire Department
- Middletown DPW
- Minuteman Press, Red Bank
- Molzon Landscape Nursery
- Monmouth County Engineering

**Love Lincroft? Join the LVGA!**

Annual membership is \$25 per family and helps support our community events & beautification of The Green. Join today at [www.lincroft.org](http://www.lincroft.org) OR mail a check with the form below. Questions? Contact [directorlvga@gmail.com](mailto:directorlvga@gmail.com)


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

Lincroft Village Green Association 2023 membership dues: \$ 25.00  
 Donation to Lincroft Green park improvements: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 TOTAL PAYMENT (One check payable to LVGA): \$

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