

LVGA

TOP 25 ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 25 YEARS!!

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY



2001 - 2024	1.	<p>Crosswalks and Sidewalks Petitioned County to incorporate a dedicated pedestrian phase at Hurley Lane/520 traffic light crosswalk. Petitioned to add sidewalks on Middletown-Lincroft Road where sections were incomplete. Ensured crosswalk markings and pedestrian signs were maintained, and re-built when roads were newly paved.</p>
2001	2.	<p>Safe Streets Initiatives Advocated for a township ordinance for residential neighborhood traffic calming measures by limiting cut-through traffic between Swimming River Road to Phalanx Road.</p>
2007-2012	3.	<p>Thompson Park Pedestrian Bridges Advocated with the Monmouth County Parks System and County Commissioners to construct two bridges at CBA and Cross Farm Park to complete the 4.5 mile Thompson Park pedestrian path loop.</p>
25 YEARS! 1999 - 2024	4.	<p>Transportation Studies Provided feedback on four County funded CR520 Corridor Studies. Analyzed Traffic Reports with new development and construction such as Bamm Hollow, Four Ponds, and GSP Exit 109. Participated in Monmouth County Division of Planning's Barriers to Mobility Study by attending workshop meetings.</p>

TRAFFIC



	5.	Roundabout at Brookdale's 520 Entrance: Hired and funded a private engineering consultant, roundabout expert Michael Wallwork, who was instrumental in convincing the County to build a roundabout rather than a large jughandle with traffic lights at the entrance to Brookdale on Newman Springs Road.
2001 - 2007		
	6.	Preventing the Widening of 520 Led opposition to County's plan to widen the Lincroft section of CR520/Newman Springs Road and Middletown-Lincroft Road. Instrumental in stopping a widening in front of Lincroft Elementary School by gathering petitions and getting residents to public meetings to oppose the plan.
2001 - 2002		
	7.	Proposing Alternate Driving Routes Met with the NJDOT, Turnpike Authority and Two River's Mayor's Council to encourage the study of creating a better Garden State Parkway and Rt 18 connection to reduce 520 traffic and create alternative routes for trucks. Created a map of alternate route suggestions which were included in Brookdale College's Student Handbook. Proposed a GSP Exit 107 in Tinton Falls (now the expanded Exit 105) and a Laird Road exit from Rt. 18 in Colts Neck (not realized).
2003		
	8.	Meeting with Stakeholders – The 520 Task Force Participated in the 520 Task Force with the County, Township and Brookdale officials, business owners, and residents to discuss the road conditions in Lincroft and collaborate on solutions.
2001 - 2007		
	9.	Lowering Speed Limits Convinced County authorities to lower the speed limit to 35mph on Swimming River Rd. Continue to monitor speeds with police department installed speed boxes and speeding ticket reviews.
2002 - 2003		
	10.	Protecting Safe Routes to School Convinced Middletown officials to install blinking school lights on 520 near Lincroft Elementary School to slow traffic.
2001		
	11.	Downtown Revitalization Advocacy Hired Engineer Michael Wallwork and collaborated on a concept plan for the revitalization of downtown Lincroft, including improved street design, vehicular circulation, and pedestrian safety. Met with Middletown and County officials to promote the plan and advance the installment of the 2-Way Acme Road.
2019 - 2022		

CIVIC ACTION

Do we have a picture from a public meeting from any of the issues below?

	12.	Representing Lincroft's Interests at Public Meetings LVGA Directors attend meetings of the Township Committee, County Commissioner, and their respective Zoning and Planning Boards when agenda topics pertain to Lincroft to inform residents and protect Lincroft's interests. Participated in Middletown's and Monmouth County's Master Plan meetings and submitted comments when the whole plan was updated or an amendment was added.
25 YEARS! 1999 - 2024		
2009-2020	13.	Supporting Civil Debate Hosted seven Meet the Candidates Nights, a public Q&A forum for residents to learn the issue positions of Middletown Township Committee and County Commissioner candidates.
2009-2018	14.	Opposing Sports Complexes on Wetlands Mobilized residents against the selection of environmentally sensitive sites for athletic field complexes on Middletown-Lincroft Road by Molzon's (2009), West Front Street (2010), and Stevenson's Park (2018).
2008-2012	15.	Advocating for Sensible Development – Four Ponds Opposed the township's recommendation to build 375 housing units at Avaya (now Four Ponds) and supported neighborhood group SONIC (Save Our Neighborhood's Integrity and Character) in their efforts to raise funds for attorney representation. Demonstrated the faults of the plan to the Planning and Zoning Boards. Successfully persuaded officials to reduce the number of units (from 342 - 270 three-story townhomes plus 72 high rise flats, to 228 two-story townhomes), reduce the height of the buildings, improve the safety of the interior roadways, and prevent environmental impact on Jumping Brook and the property wetlands.

BEAUTIFICATION



	16	The Lincroft Village Green – Building the Park
1999-2005		Rescued a 5.9 acre parcel of land from commercial development by orchestrating a land swap between the County and Middletown for the land to remain as open space. Raised \$80,000 for stamped concrete, benches, landscaping and a bocce court. The new park, known as The Lincroft Village Green, opened in 2005.
	17	The Lincroft Village Green – Maintaining the Park
2005-2024		Although the Lincroft Village Green is owned by Middletown Township, we beautify and protect the park. With our "For the Greener Good" campaign we raised over \$20,000 to install the well and maintain the sprinkler system, and pay for new plantings of trees and perennials. We organize an annual Earth Day Clean the Green event, pay for landscaping enhancements and we have formed a Garden Club to beautify the park.
	18	Navy Road Island Adopt-A-Site
2004-2009		Applied for and was granted the first Monmouth County Adopt a Site at the Normandy Road island on 520. The area is beautified and maintained by LVGA volunteers as an area that welcomes travelers to Lincroft and helps calm traffic.
	19	Streetscaping
2001-2003		Worked with Middletown and Monmouth County in an advisory capacity to obtain a grant for a \$375K streetscaping project to beautify Lincroft's business district.
	20	Historical Cemeteries
2001-2002		Organized the restoration of Lincroft historical cemeteries with local residents, Boy Scouts, and businesses.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



2005-2024	21	Community Yard Sale and Clothing Drive Organized and advertised a list of addresses and items for sale for a town wide garage sale. Collected sale leftovers as a fundraiser for the Lincroft Village Green.
2005-2024	22	Holiday Celebrations at the Green Egg Hunts, Halloween Costume Parades, Veterans Day Celebrations, Holiday Tree and Menorah Lighting events. The tree was donated by Sunrise Senior Living, and the menorah was privately funded by the LVGA Board.
2005-2024	23	Entertaining Events Hosted a Polo Match, Movie Nights and several Picnics in the Park, one featuring Tom Chapin.
25 YEARS! 1999 - 2024	24	Park Fundraisers Raised funds for park enhancements with social events for the community such as brewery events, two successful Food Truck Festivals and a Car Show.
2005-2024	25	Good Citizenship Appreciation Presented Community Service Awards to residents and businesses who improved our community. Gave two \$500 scholarships to exemplary MHSS students for 7 years and hosted fundraisers to match the individual donations of members.

THE BEST IS YET TO COME!

Our TOP 5

Current Initiatives that

we hope will be our

2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

<p>1.</p>	<p>TWO WAY ACME ROAD We have advocated for 25 years for the construction of a two-way Acme Road connecting Middletown-Lincroft Road with the Acme property; with roadway sidewalks, crosswalks, and the resulting closure or redesign of driveways on 520. Middletown negotiated the land purchase, allowing the project to move forward. This County funded project has been approved and designed, and it will be built in 2025.</p>
<p>2.</p>	<p>PHALANX ROAD ROUNDABOUT Since 2017 we have advocated for the construction of a roundabout at the Phalanx Road entrance to Brookdale Community College. At our urging, the project will include sidewalks and lighted beacon crosswalks on Campus Drive for the High Tech High students to access the athletic fields. This County funded project has been approved and designed, and it will be built in the spring of 2025.</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>CAMPUS DRIVE CROSSWALK We are partnering with Brookdale Community College to improve connectivity between the college and the community with a mid-block crosswalk across Campus Drive between the Lincroft Little League fields and Parking Lot 3. This project is in the design stage.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS We are collaborating with County Traffic Engineers, Middletown Engineering, and the Middletown Police, as we focus on enhancing safety initiatives throughout Lincroft, particularly along the 520 Corridor. We are analyzing accident reports and speedbox data to understand the recent increase in accidents throughout Lincroft, particularly at the Navy Road overpass and at GSP Exit 109. We are advocating for improved traffic signals and signs, better lighting, safer traffic circulation, and traffic calming measures such as a road diet to reduce 520 to two lanes with bike lanes and turning islands with pedestrian refuges and a mid-block crosswalk.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>COMPLETE STREETS POLICY AND TRAILS We will continue to advocate for Middletown to adopt a Complete Streets Policy - safe access for all people who need to use the road, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, and transit riders of all ages and abilities. We will be researching locations where a pedestrian and bike trail, portions of which already exist, can be constructed to better connect town assets and parks. Complete Streets and Trails were also recommended by Middletown's 2024 Master Plan consultant, BFJ Planning.</p>