



Lincroft Village Green Association

~ Celebrating 26 Years as a Voice for Lincroft ~

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Annual Newsletter | 2025 Year in Review

Abe's Way a Win for Lincroft after 25 Yrs. of LVGA Advocacy



*LVGA Director Abe Littenberg and Mayor Tony Perry hold the ceremonial shovel together at the June 3rd Groundbreaking Event for **Abe's Way**. Middletown and Monmouth County shared in the costs of the project, which was completed in November.*

Our Mission of Traffic and Pedestrian Safety

The story of the 2-Way Acme Road, now named Abe's Way, is one of perseverance and friendship. Since 1999, several engineering consultants studied the vehicle circulation in downtown Lincroft and determined that a 2-way road was a necessary safety improvement to reduce dangerous vehicle turning movements on CR520 and to provide better access to businesses. After 25 years of tenacious LVGA advocacy for the construction of the 2-way Acme Road, this long awaited project was completed by Middletown and Monmouth County. Pedestrian access has been enhanced with a new sidewalk to be lit by solar lampposts. As the road is fully utilized this winter, the County will study how it impacts vehicle circulation, traffic, and pedestrian safety. They will seek the public's input to develop a proposal of additional safety improvements to CR520. This project is a great example of how citizens and government officials can collaborate effectively to bring forth positive community improvements. Just when the LVGA's advocacy for the 2-Way Acme Road seemed futile, LVGA Director Abe Littenberg, with a Michael Wallwork concept plan in hand, invited Mayor Tony Perry to breakfast and asked for his help to build the road. This dynamic pair worked together for three years to bring this plan to fruition, with frequent dialogue and idea sharing. Mayor Perry arduously sought funding and negotiated agreements with the property owner and the County. In July, the Township Committee graciously named this widened access road Abe's Way to thank and honor a humble unifier and change maker—**Abe Littenberg**.



LVGA Directors Melanie Elmiger and Lori Littenberg with Engineer Michael J. Wallwork during his Lincroft visit in September.

Meet Our Engineer—The LVGA has proudly worked with world-renowned traffic engineer and roundabout expert **Michael J. Wallwork**. Michael is the acclaimed engineer of thousands of roundabouts worldwide in a 50 year career. Through the financial support of our generous members, we have funded his concept designs for the 2-way Acme Road, two Brookdale roundabouts, various road circulation designs, pedestrian access improvements, and CR520 roundabouts. In September he visited downtown Lincroft with the LVGA and County Engineers to assess problems with roads, sidewalks, signs, and vehicle movements. The LVGA and Michael Wallwork share the philosophy that changing road design from car-centric to people-centric saves lives and brings a community together.

Building great cities takes vision, courage, and a willingness to try new ideas or to create them when existing ones are inadequate. ~ Michael J. Wallwork

Love Lincroft? Join the LVGA

Annual membership is \$25 per family and helps to support our community events, the hiring of traffic experts & beautification of the Green. Join today at www.lincroft.org or mail a check with the enclosed envelope. Thank you for your loyal support as we strive to make our Lincroft village a safe place for everyone.

JOIN TODAY!



December 2025



Coralee Dixon and daughters speak to town officials.

Our Mission of Civic Action—With the increase in traffic volume and development, we have witnessed an alarming increase in crashes in Lincroft. The LVGA has ensured that our representatives and police are aware of residents' concerns and asked for public forums to openly discuss solutions. These "520 Info Session" collaborations between residents, Middletown and County officials, County engineers and police took place on March 18th and May 13th at Middletown's Town Hall. The results: increased police enforcement, speed boxes, a speed limit reduction from 40mph to 35mph on CR520 and traffic studies to determine vehicles speeds, driving patterns and volumes. The LVGA continues to analyze crash and traffic data with County Engineers and engage our government decision-makers to seek solutions for the problems on our roads.

Did you know that LVGA Directors attend township, county, and other public meetings to represent and protect Lincroft's interests?

Our Annual Meeting was held on November 12th at the Lincroft Firehouse. Suzy Dyer from Parker Health Clinic spoke about plans for the Community Dental Health Clinic at Brookdale. Members discussed issues of safety, traffic and development.

LVGA 2026 Board: President Lori Littenberg, Vice President Mary Grant, Treasurer Brittany Tarabour and Secretary Marguerite Portagallo.

What's on the LVGA Agenda for 2026?

Here are some of the projects and initiatives we will be reporting about to our members:

- New amenities, furniture and plants at the Green
- Event collaborations with Middletown Recreation
- Advocating for a road diet and roundabouts
- LVGA advocacy for safety measures on CR520
- Participation in the County's SS4A workshops

Our Mission of Beautification—In our formative years, the LVGA became the stewards of the Village Green park, and took responsibility for maintaining the Navy Road center island on CR520. We have struggled to engage member volunteers to clean and beautify these green spaces, and the work has become overwhelming for our small Board. In 2026 we plan to use LVGA funds to hire a professional landscaper to weed and plant flowers at the Green to enhance the efforts of the LVGA and township maintenance crews. Due to the safety concerns on CR520 from speeding and crashes, our Board voted to rescind responsibility for the maintenance of the Navy Road island, and met with the County DPW to request frequent cleanups and trimming when crews mow the grass.



Our Mission of Community Engagement—The LVGA and Middletown Recreation are collaborating on free community events and activities at the Green. We are looking for input from residents on what events or activities could be planned that will bring our residents together. A movie night? Yoga? Ping-pong? Send your ideas to directorlvga@gmail.com.



*LVGA Directors and BunBun at the LVGA Egg Hunt, scheduled for **March 22nd, 2026**. Save the Date!*

Yard Sale: Over 40 members participated in our 2025 Yard Sale. It's time to clean the closets, declutter and plan your sale! Registration for our **April 25, 2026** Yard Sale opens soon. Participation is free to members.