



### Fall/Winter 2024

### Are you a Village of Lindell Civic Association Member?

This is a friendly reminder that the annual VOL Civic Association dues for the 2024-2025 season are due. Your contribution is essential for funding general maintenance, snowplowing, community events, and maintaining our reserves. The annual dues remain at \$25.00/year and may be paid to the *VOL Civic Association* via check or PayPal. Checks may be mailed or dropped off in the dedicated mailbox located at 2402 Saint Francis St. Visit villageoflindell.org to pay online and view your dues status.

As a VOL Civic Association Member, you can take advantage of a \*Discount for weekly trash pickup from Evergreen Waste Services (302-635-7055) and \*Special pricing from American Lawn & Landscape (302-299-0012). *Dues payment status will be confirmed via the Village of Lindell website (villageoflindell.org) prior to applying discounts* \*If you know of any licensed and insured contractor or local businesses interested in offering discounts to our members, please let us know at vol@cbchost.com We'd love to expand member benefits!

## Neighborhood Entryways

As the leaves begin to change, it's the perfect time to spruce up our neighborhood entryways. Our entryways are undergoing a cleanup effort that includes: weed removal, pruning, tree trimming, and planting seasonal flowers to enhance our community's curb appeal.

In addition to the landscaping improvements, the Saint James Church entryway sign will receive a fresh coat of paint along with the installation of new sign lights and post lighting to create that 'welcome home' feeling. These efforts will not only beautify our neighborhood but also foster a sense of pride and community spirit.

### **Community Safety Initiative**

As part of our ongoing effort to enhance safety and mobility for everyone, we encourage everyone to take a moment to walk along your sidewalk and check for any overgrown foliage or obstructions (such as toys, cars, or trash cans) that may pose a tripping hazard or force pedestrians into the street. By keeping our sidewalks clear, we can create a safer and more accessible environment for all members of our community. Thank you for helping us make our neighborhood a better place to walk!

## New Year, New Discount

We are excited to offer a special discount opportunity for painting curb address numbers through Neighborhood Sign Painting Services this January! Curb address numbers, featuring 4 -inch black enamel numerals on a highly reflective white traffic paint background help emergency responders, visitors and delivery services find your home quickly. In the past, this service has been \$20.00, but we have secured a 50% discount for VOL Civic Association members-provided we have a commitment from 30+ households.

For just \$10.00, the number will be painted on one side of the curb area next to your driveway (you may have numbers painted on both sides of the driveway for an additional cost). If you are interested, please send your name and address to <u>vlglinca@gmail.com</u>. We'll take the final count of homeowners in late December and share the payment details and confirmation of service.

We would like to take a moment to give a heartfelt shoutout to a few of our dedicated neighbors who, for many years, have been involved in keeping our neighborhood welcoming and well-maintained.

★ Thanks to Mike and Kelly F. who have generously supplied the water, hose, and manpower to give our Lindell Blvd entryway plants the water they need to thrive.

★ Thanks to Kathy and Steve C. who maintain and place the entryway signs that remind us to pay our dues and keep us informed about upcoming events.

★ Thanks to John N. who has been maintaining the grassy area surrounding the Saint James Church entryway sign, ensuring the area stays neat and trimmed.

We truly appreciate everything you do for our neighborhood.

Fall is Upon Us – And Winter is not too far behind -The winter season runs December 21, 2024 – March 20, 2025 Winterizing your home and yard is essential for protecting your property from the elements. The Energize Delaware Marketplace (<u>https://energizedelawaremarketplace.com/</u>) provides an opportunity for Delaware homeowners to access sales and promotions on weatherization and energy-efficient products at competitive prices. Energize Delaware is a valuable resource for making decisions about energy use in your home.

We may start hearing the night-time screeches and barks of foxes – they're most vocal in winter as it's their mating season. Their calls can travel long distances as they try to attract a mate and fend off rivals. Let's work together to keep our neighborhood a pleasant place to live. Please remember to pick up after your dog and properly dispose of dog waste. Dog feces can attract pests, contaminate our lawns, and pose health risks. By cleaning up after your pet, you're helping to protect our community and show respect for others.

Snow?? (Tongue Twister: "Snowy skies shimmer softly as swirling snowflakes swiftly settle.")

As we prepare for the upcoming winter season, we are reviewing contractor quotes to ensure our roads remain accessible and safe for travel during snowstorms. As we did last year, snow plowing will begin at 1 inch of snowfall and sand barrels will be placed throughout the neighborhood for traction during snow and ice conditions-not trash. Please remember to pay your dues promptly to cover the costs of snow removal. Once we reach 4 or more inches of snow, DelDOT's snow removal reimbursement program may provide up to "75% of the amount paid to a plowing contractor or 75% of an annually adjusted formula based on state-maintained road miles within the suburban development". Your cooperation is essential for our neighborhood's safety this winter. Thank you for your support.

With the holiday's fast approaching, the Delaware State Police would like to remind everyone that the holiday season is a time when people can become vulnerable to theft and other holiday crimes. At this time of year, conartists may try various methods of distracting you, including working in teams with the intention of taking your money or belongings. Avoid overloading yourself with packages. It is important to have clear visibility and freedom of motion if you are approached. Try not to use your phone or text when walking through a store or parking lot. Remain aware of your surroundings and stay safe not only during the holiday season, but all year long. Please also teach your kids about holiday scams and safety

# Holiday Event

We are excited to announce that Santa will once again be spreading holiday cheer throughout the Village of Lindell. While the exact date is still to be determined, Santa will be riding with Mill Creek FD's Santa Crew and stop for a special gathering and meet & greet at the bottom of the hill on Saint Francis St. The fire department plans to publish the schedule in November.

The Polly Drummond Hill Yard Waste Site will remain open on Saturday and Sunday through mid-January. Hours: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. (302-739-9403)

Delaware 211 is a free, confidential helpline and website that connects people to local organizations that provide essential services. Delaware 211 can help with a range of issues, including financial assistance, mental health counseling, and emergency housing. You can contact Delaware 211 by calling 211, texting your zip code to 898-211, or using the online chat. Doggy Day Out is a Humane Animal Partners program, available 7 days a week, that allows community members to take a shelter dog offsite for all or part of a day. These offsite adventures could include hikes, walks, dog friendly establishments or your own backyard! The time away from the kennel helps the dogs manage kennel stress, burn off energy, and get exposure to potential adopters. Supplies are provided. For details, navigate to the volunteer section of www.humaneanimalpartners.org and fill out a questionnaire to get started.

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