

# THE TOWN BUZZ

## Bulletin

Spring 2025



### Spring Cleaning?

#### Don't Forget Your Free Yard Waste Punch Card!

As the days get longer and the temperatures rise, it's time for that annual tradition—spring cleaning! While you're sprucing up your yard and tackling outdoor projects, don't forget that you can get free yard waste punch cards to help make cleanup a little easier.

Our Town Clerk Marva has punch cards available now at the Town Office. These cards provide residents with access to the designated yard waste drop-off site, helping you responsibly dispose of leaves, branches, grass clippings, and more—at no cost.

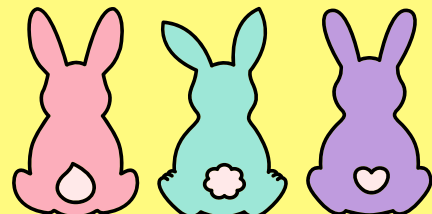
Stop by during regular office hours to pick up your punch card and get a jumpstart on your spring yardwork. Let's keep Lincoln clean and green this season!

### Annual Clean Up Day

Please join us April 26th as we take time to clean up one of our cemeteries. We will meet at the town hall at 9am.

### Annual Easter Hunt

APRIL 19TH @ 11AM  
LINCOLN TOWN HALL





# A Big Thank You to Our Highway Department for a Job Well Done This Winter

This past winter was one for the books, and despite the heavy snowfall and challenging conditions, the Town of Lincoln's Highway Department rose to the occasion—once again proving their dedication, resilience, and efficiency.

With a small but mighty crew, our Highway Department completed an impressive 120 plow runs during the 2024/25 winter season. For perspective, that's more than double the 56 runs in 2023/24 and significantly more than 72 runs in 2022/23 and 65 in 2021/22. Even with limited manpower, our team worked tirelessly to ensure that our roads remained safe, clear, and passable for residents, emergency services, and school buses alike.

We also want to extend a heartfelt thank you to the City of Oneida DPW, whose partnership helped us weather another challenge this season—a regional salt shortage. By supplying us with road salt during a critical time, they not only helped us maintain our high safety standards but also saved our town the cost and burden of sourcing salt from outside our area. It's this kind of collaboration that strengthens our entire region.

To our Highway crew—your hard work doesn't go unnoticed. Thank you for your commitment to keeping Lincoln moving, no matter what the forecast throws our way!





# RAVE

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## MOBILE SAFETY

### Stay Connected with Lincoln's RAVE Alert System

Staying informed has never been more important—and the Town of Lincoln is proud to offer a free mass communication system to keep residents in the loop: RAVE Alerts.

Whether it's a road closure, severe weather, a public safety notice, or a local event update, the RAVE system allows the Town to quickly and efficiently share important information with you via text, email, or phone call—your choice! It's an essential tool to help keep our community safe, informed, and connected.

Signing up is quick and easy—and it ensures you won't miss out on timely notifications that could impact your daily routine.

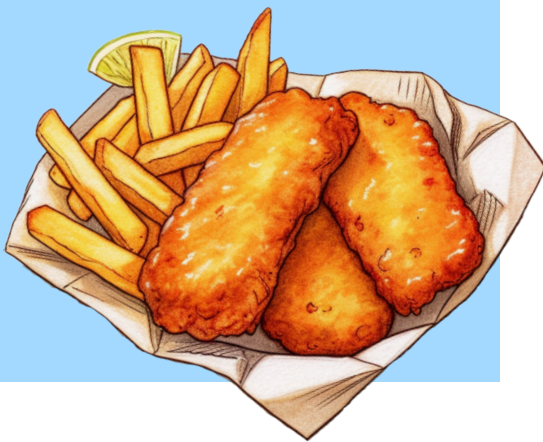
To register, scan the code below or visit our town website or stop by the Town Office for help getting signed up.

Don't wait for the next emergency or major update—join RAVE today and stay in the know with everything happening in Lincoln!

**SCAN ME!**



# DON'T MISS OUT ON THE LAST FEW WEEKS FOR FRIDAY FISH FRY!



Looking for a no-cook Friday night dinner this Lent season? Let our local heroes handle the cooking! The Lincoln Fire Department is once again hosting their popular Drive-Thru Fish Fry, and it's the perfect way to enjoy a hot, hearty meal without leaving the comfort of your vehicle.

Treat yourself to:

- Crispy fried haddock, straight from the fryer
- Hand-cut French fries, golden and perfectly crisp
- Cool, refreshing coleslaw
- And a soft dinner roll to round out the meal

Just \$15 per dinner, with service starting at 5 PM—first come, first served!

Even better? They now accept credit cards, Apple Pay, and Google Pay, making it easier than ever to support your local fire department while enjoying a delicious meal.

Skip the kitchen, stay warm in your car, and let the Lincoln Fire Department take care of dinner this Friday!

The Town of Lincoln's local 4-H group is thriving—and we're excited to share some of the amazing things our youth members are working on this season!

Meeting every second Saturday of the month, our 4-H club brings together curious, creative, and hard-working kids who are eager to learn new skills, build friendships, and make a difference in their community. This year, our group has grown in numbers and enthusiasm, diving into a wide variety of hands-on projects.

So far, we've explored STEM through snow-themed experiments, taken part in hatching chicks, and started preparing for one of our favorite events of the year—the Madison County Fair! From animal care and showmanship to crafts and agriculture, our members are getting ready to showcase their talents and hard work at the fair this summer.

We're proud of the growth we're seeing—not just in numbers, but in confidence, teamwork, and leadership. If you have a child interested in joining 4-H or want to learn more, reach out or stop by one of our monthly meetings.

There's always room to grow in 4-H!

## Lincoln's 4-H Club is Growing Strong!





# Madison County Solid Waste and Recycling Goals for 2025: A Greener, Smarter Future



Madison County is taking bold steps in 2025 to build a more sustainable, efficient, and environmentally responsible future through a series of clearly defined Solid Waste and Recycling Management Goals. These goals align with New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) priorities and climate action legislation.

Here's what residents can expect:

## 1. Boosting Organic Waste Reduction & Composting

The County is expanding composting opportunities at the Buyea Road Transfer Station, aiming to divert more organic materials from landfills. This includes new partnerships with local farms, schools, and businesses and greater public education efforts on composting benefits. A state grant application is in process to help support this growth.

## 2. Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Landfills

Through improved landfill gas management and methane capture, including “caisson wells” and new dewatering systems, the County is working hard to minimize the environmental impact of waste disposal. These initiatives support New York's goals for climate change.



### 3. Increasing Recycling Participation & Reducing Contamination

An expanded public education campaign is underway to teach proper recycling methods, aiming to boost participation and reduce contamination. The County plans to hold workshops and work with communities to improve recycling collection infrastructure. This goal also ties into upcoming contract discussions for waste collection services.

### 4. Promoting Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Programs

Madison County is advocating for and supporting state legislation that requires manufacturers to take responsibility for the full life cycle of products like electronics. Locally, efforts are underway to create convenient drop-off sites and build partnerships with businesses for collection programs.

### 5. Partnering Regionally for Waste Diversion & Landfill Efficiency

Looking toward collaboration, the County is exploring partnerships with neighboring communities to share landfill capacity and promote sustainable waste practices. Plans include designing a joint waste diversion program, tracking waste diversion progress, and pursuing grant opportunities for sustainable infrastructure projects.

### Looking Ahead

These five goals set a clear and ambitious path for waste diversion, recycling, and sustainability in Madison County. By combining smart planning, regional cooperation, and public engagement, the County is moving toward a cleaner, greener future for all.

To stay informed or get involved, visit the [Madison County Department of Solid Waste website](#) or contact the department directly.





## What Is a Public Hearing—and Why Your Voice Matters

Have you ever seen a notice for a “public hearing” and wondered what it means or how to get involved? Public hearings are an essential part of local government—and they’re one of the most direct ways residents can have a say in the decisions that affect their community.

### What Is a Public Hearing?

A public hearing is a formal meeting where officials invite the public to provide input on specific issues before a decision is made. Topics can include zoning changes, local laws, budgets, development projects, environmental concerns, and more. Public hearings ensure transparency and give community members an opportunity to share their thoughts, concerns, or support.

### How to Get Involved:

1. **Stay Informed:** Watch for public hearing notices on the town website, social media, or posted at the Town Hall.
2. **Attend the Hearing:** Hearings are open to all residents. You can attend in person and, in some cases, virtually.
3. **Speak Up:** If you wish to comment, you’ll usually be given a few minutes to speak. Be respectful, stay on topic, and clearly state your position.
4. **Submit Written Comments:** If you can’t attend, you can often submit your thoughts in writing before the hearing. These are reviewed just like in-person comments.

### Why It Matters:

Your voice helps shape your community. Whether you’re concerned about a new development, interested in environmental issues, or want to support a local project, participating in public hearings is a powerful way to make an impact.

**Your opinion counts—be informed, be involved, and help guide the future of our town.**





Dear Neighbors,

As your Town Supervisor, one of the things I value most is community engagement. Every decision we make—from budgets to infrastructure to local laws—has the potential to impact the daily lives of our residents. That's why I want to take a moment to highlight the importance of public hearings and how they give you, the people of Lincoln, a direct voice in your government.

Public hearings are more than just a formality—they're a cornerstone of transparent, democratic governance. They allow you to listen, learn, and, most importantly, share your thoughts on the issues that matter most. Whether it's a proposal for a new project, a change in zoning, or a discussion on how your tax dollars are being spent, your input can shape the outcome.

I encourage each of you to take advantage of these opportunities. Come to the meetings, ask questions, express your concerns—or show support. And if attending in person isn't possible, written comments are always welcomed and carefully considered.

When you speak, we listen. Let's continue working together to make Lincoln a strong, informed, and inclusive community.

Sincerely,  
Melissa During  
Town Supervisor, Town of Lincoln

