

The Town Buzz



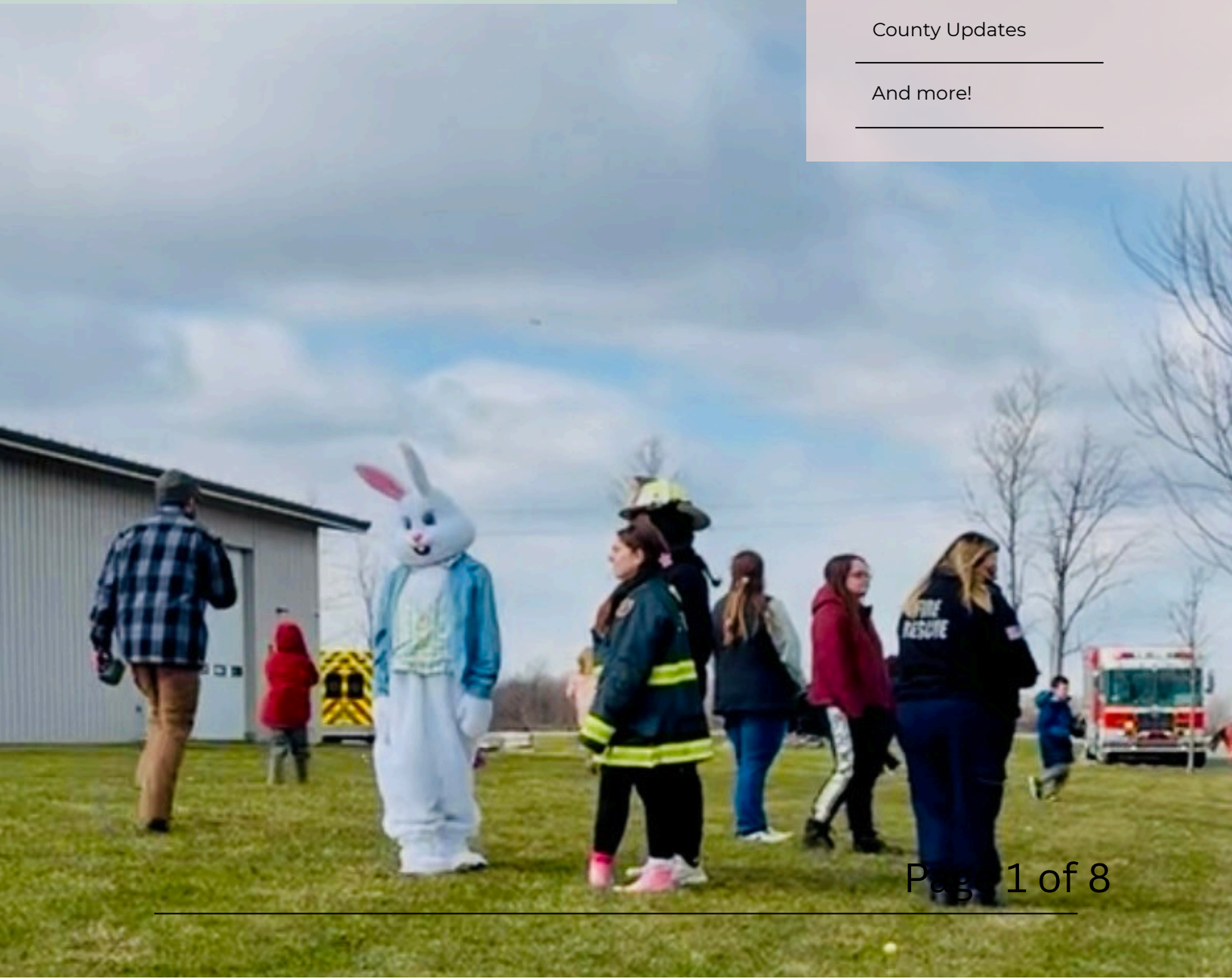
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From The Supervisor's Desk-



As we welcome the spring season here in Lincoln, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible sense of community that continues to make our town so special.

Our Easter Egg Hunt was another wonderful success, and that is entirely thanks to the many hands and hearts that made it possible. I'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of our volunteers, those who generously donated, and our continued collaboration with the Fire Department. Events like this don't happen without you, and your efforts truly make a difference for our families and children.

And of course, thank you to everyone who bundled up and came out to enjoy the day—it may have been sunny, but it still had a bit of a chill in the air! Your participation is what brings these events to life.

Looking ahead, I encourage residents to keep an eye out for an upcoming Energy Smart Workshop we are working on in partnership with the Central New York Regional Planning & Development Board. This will be a great opportunity to learn about ways to improve energy efficiency in your home, explore options like residential solar, heat pumps, insulation, and weatherization, and ask questions about what makes the most sense for your household.

We are currently working with our partners to shape the workshop to best meet the interests of our community, and we're excited to bring this valuable resource to Lincoln.

As always, thank you for being such an engaged and supportive community.

Bridge Replacement Project on Creek Road



Madison County recently held a public information meeting to share details about an upcoming infrastructure project: the replacement of the County Route 29 bridge over Cowaselon Creek in the Town of Lincoln.

This project is part of the County's ongoing efforts to maintain safe, reliable roadways while planning for long-term improvements to our infrastructure.

What's Being Planned

The existing bridge, originally constructed in 1958, is nearing the end of its useful life. The proposed project includes:

- Replacing the current structure with a new, single-span bridge
- Improving overall roadway conditions and safety
- Enhancing hydraulic performance through the site
- Extending the lifespan of the crossing to approximately 75 years

The new bridge will be slightly wider and built to modern standards to better serve residents, emergency services, and daily traffic.

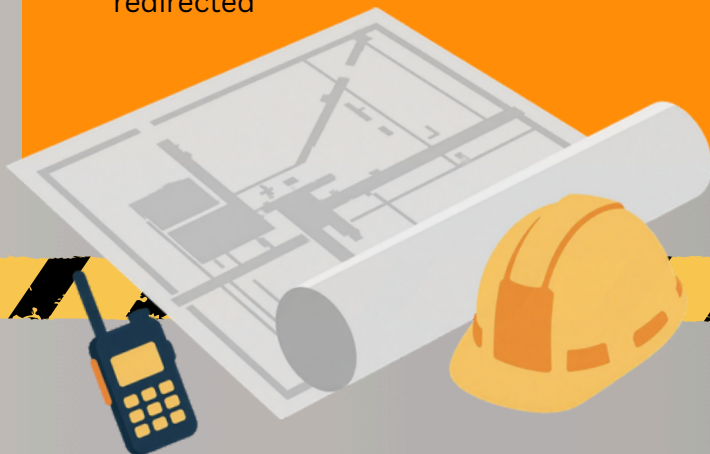
Project Timeline (Anticipated)

- Design Completion: September 2026
- Construction Start: June 2027
- Construction Completion: October 2027

Traffic & Detour Information

During construction, Creek Road (CR 29) will be closed at the bridge location.

- A signed detour route will be in place utilizing nearby roads, including Peterson Road and Burleson Hill Road
- The detour is estimated to add approximately 9 minutes (about 6.5 miles) to travel time
- Access will be maintained for local residents as much as possible, though through traffic will be redirected



Property & Community Considerations

The project will require minor right-of-way access on nearby properties for construction purposes. These impacts are expected to be temporary and necessary to safely complete the work.

Environmental Review

The project is currently classified as:

- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA): Class II (Categorical Exclusion)
- State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA): Type II
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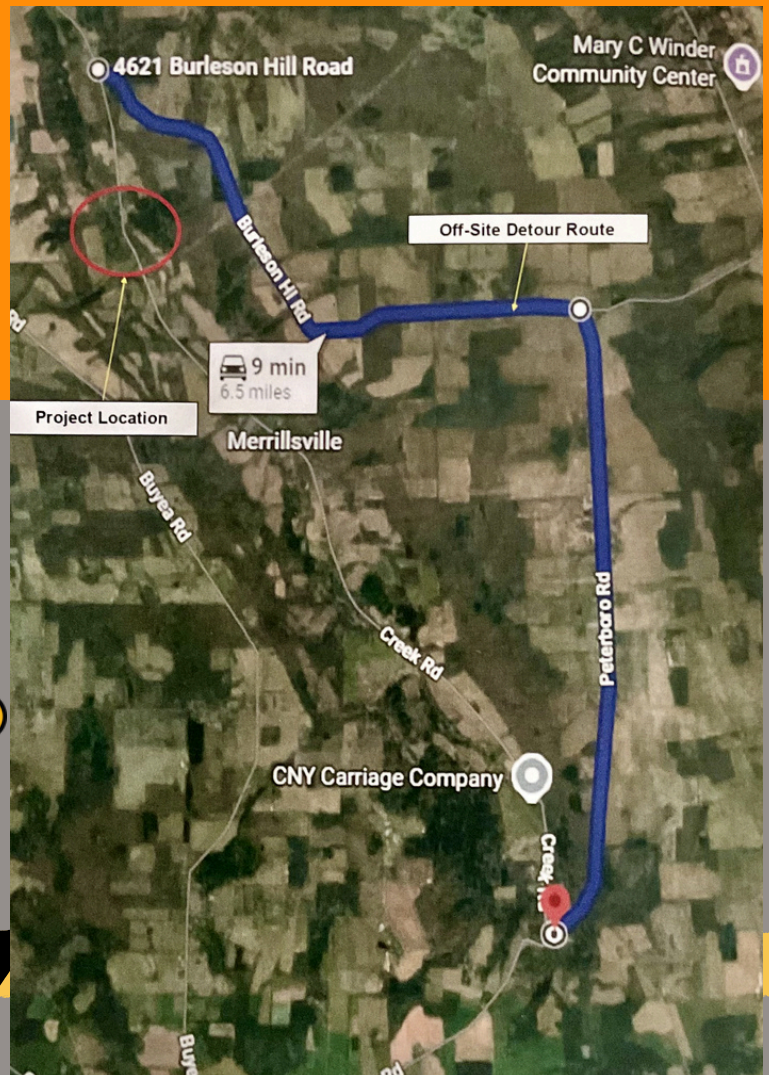
This means the project is not expected to have significant adverse environmental impacts.

Community Input Matters

Public information meetings like this are an important part of the process. They give residents the opportunity to:

- Learn about upcoming projects
- Ask questions and share concerns
- Stay informed about impacts to travel and daily routines

More information is available for review at the Town Clerk's Office.



Supporting Responsible Homesteading

The Town of Lincoln continues to embrace the values of rural living, sustainability, and self-sufficiency that make our community so special. As interest in homesteading and small-scale agriculture grows, the Town Board has adopted new requirements to support hobby farms on residential properties under five acres—while ensuring they can be successful and sustainable for years to come.

We recognize that hobby farms offer many benefits. They allow residents to produce their own food, teach valuable life skills to children, promote sustainability, and strengthen our agricultural roots. Allowing these practices—even on smaller parcels—helps preserve Lincoln’s rural character and encourages a deeper connection to the land.

The intent of this policy is not to control or limit residents, but to provide a simple framework that helps hobby farms thrive in a way that works for everyone in the community.

The Hobby Farm Permit process is designed to be straightforward and practical. It helps ensure that:

- Animals are cared for humanely and kept in safe conditions
- Waste, odor, and noise are properly managed
- Basic setbacks and fencing are in place
- Neighboring properties are respected



Under the policy, residents keeping livestock or poultry on parcels under five acres are asked to obtain an annual permit, submit a simple site plan, and outline how they will care for their animals and manage waste. Reasonable guidelines on the number and type of animals are included to help match the size of the property.

This approach is about supporting residents, preventing future conflicts, and setting everyone up for success—not creating unnecessary barriers. By having clear expectations from the start, we can protect both our agricultural traditions and the quality of life for all neighbors.

The Town Board believes strongly that with thoughtful planning, hobby farms can thrive alongside residential living. We are proud to support residents who want to live more sustainably and keep Lincoln’s agricultural traditions alive for future generations.

If you are interested in starting a hobby farm or have questions, we encourage you to reach out—we’re here to help.



Living in RVs in Lincoln: What You Need to Know

Clear guidelines for safe, temporary RV use—supporting residents, protecting neighbors, and preserving our community.

The Town of Lincoln has adopted a new local law to provide clear guidance on the use of recreational vehicles (RVs), campers, and similar units within our community. This law is designed to strike a balance—allowing flexibility for temporary use while ensuring health, safety, and fairness for all residents.

Why was this law created?

As RV use has become more common, the Town recognized the need for clear, consistent guidelines. The goals of this law are to:

- Support safe and responsible use of RVs
- Protect water quality and prevent improper waste disposal
- Maintain the character of our neighborhoods
- Provide reasonable flexibility for temporary living situations
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This is not about limiting responsible use—it's about making sure everyone has clear expectations.

What does this mean for residents?

Here's a simple breakdown of the key points:

- RVs cannot be used as full-time or permanent homes anywhere in the Town
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Temporary RV use (allowed with conditions)

You can use an RV for temporary living, as long as:

- It is not used between November 1 – March 31
- It is self-contained or connected to approved septic and water
- It is set back at least 50 feet from property lines
- A temporary permit is obtained

Hosting family & guests

- You may host RVs for up to 14 days per year without a permit
- No rent or payment can be exchanged
- The RV must be safe, registered, and properly maintained
- If the stay exceeds 14 days, a permit is required

During home construction

If you're building a home, you may live in an RV on-site:

- For up to 180 days
- With a valid building permit
- With proper health and safety connections
- With a permit tied to your construction timeline
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Important safety rules

To protect neighbors and the environment:

- No discharge of sewage or wastewater onto the ground
- No multiple RVs being used as dwellings on one property unless permitted
- No long-term RV living on vacant land without approval

Enforcement

The goal is compliance, not penalties:

- First step: a 30-day period to correct the issue
- Continued violations may result in fines or further action

What this law is really about

This law was created to provide clarity, fairness, and consistency for everyone.
It supports:

- Residents who want to use RVs responsibly
- Neighbors who expect safe and well-maintained properties
- A shared commitment to protecting our community and environment

Questions?

If you're unsure how this applies to your situation, please reach out to the Town. We're here to help guide you through the process.

Celebrate Earth Day with Lincoln's 4th Annual Town Clean-Up!



In honor of Earth Day, the Town of Lincoln is excited to host our Fourth Annual Community Clean-Up Day on Saturday, April 25th at 9:00 AM, starting at Town Hall.

Each year, this event brings together neighbors, families, and volunteers who take pride in keeping our town clean, welcoming, and beautiful. Participants will gather at Town Hall before breaking out into small groups to help pick up litter along some of our roads that need it most.

Supplies will be provided, including gloves, bags, and litter pickers—just bring yourself, comfortable clothing, and a willingness to make a difference!

This event is a great opportunity to spend time outdoors, connect with others in the community, and take part in something meaningful. Whether you can stay for an hour or the whole morning, every bit of help makes an impact.

Please note: This event is weather dependent. If conditions are rainy or unfavorable, we will reschedule and share updates with the community.

While we look forward to this day each year, it also serves as a reminder that caring for our community doesn't stop here. Keeping Lincoln clean is something we can all contribute to every day—through small actions that add up to a big difference.

We invite everyone in our community to join us and be part of this growing tradition. Together, we can continue to make Lincoln a place we're all proud to call home.

We hope to see you there!

