



The Town Buzz Bulletin



Lincoln's Easter Egg Hunt: A Day of Community Cheer

Lincoln recently hosted its beloved annual Easter Egg Hunt, a joyous tradition that unites residents of all ages. Thanks to the collaborative efforts of the Town and the Lincoln Fire Department, along with generous donations from our community members and local businesses, the event was a roaring success.

Under sunny skies, families eagerly gathered as the Easter bunny made a grand entrance atop a fire truck, delighting children and setting the festive tone for the day. With bikes and giveaways generously provided, the hunt commenced, with laughter and excitement filling the air as children eagerly collected colorful eggs hidden throughout the grounds.

The large turnout reflected the enduring spirit of community in Lincoln, as neighbors came together to celebrate the season and forge new connections. As the day concluded, gratitude filled the air, marking yet another memorable Easter Egg Hunt in the heart of Lincoln.

Lincoln Residents and Town Board Unite for Annual Earth Day Cleanup

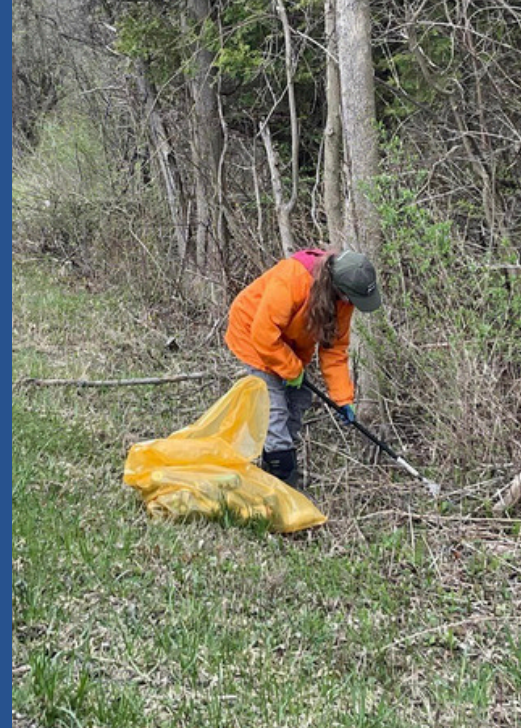
In a heartwarming display of community spirit and environmental stewardship, residents and town board members of Lincoln joined forces for the second annual Earth Day Cleanup. The event saw volunteers coming together to beautify and preserve the town's natural surroundings, focusing their efforts on several key roads, including Tuttle Rd, Timmerman Rd, Whitman Rd, and Alene Corners.

Armed with gloves, trash bags, and determination, participants set out to tackle litter and debris along the designated routes. From discarded bottles to roadside rubbish, no piece of trash was too small to escape their attention.

The cleanup efforts were not only a testament to the town's commitment to environmental sustainability but also a reflection of the strong sense of community that defines Lincoln. Residents and town board members worked side by side, sharing stories and laughter as they made a tangible difference in their shared environment.

As the day drew to a close, the roads were left cleaner and more vibrant than ever before, thanks to the dedication and hard work of all involved. The success of the second annual Earth Day Cleanup serves as a reminder of the positive impact that can be achieved when communities come together with a common goal.

As we look ahead to future Earth Day celebrations, let us continue to work hand in hand to protect and preserve the natural beauty of our town for generations to come.



Understanding Grievance Day: A Crucial Event for Property Owners

Grievance Day is a significant event in many towns and municipalities, providing property owners with an opportunity to challenge the assessed value of their properties. This annual event allows individuals to voice any concerns they may have regarding their property assessments, ensuring fairness and accuracy in the tax system.

Taking place typically once a year, Grievance Day is a formal process where property owners can present evidence to support their claims that their property has been overvalued by the local tax assessor. This evidence may include recent sales of comparable properties, assessments of similar properties in the area, or documentation of any structural damage or changes that could affect the property's value.

The primary goal of Grievance Day is to ensure that property assessments are fair and equitable. By providing property owners with an opportunity to appeal their assessments, the process helps to maintain transparency and accountability within the local tax system.

To participate in Grievance Day, property owners usually need to file a formal grievance with the local assessment review board. This typically involves completing a specific form and providing supporting documentation to substantiate the claim of overvaluation.

During Grievance Day hearings, property owners have the opportunity to present their case before the review board. They can explain why they believe their property has been incorrectly assessed and provide any relevant evidence to support their claim.

It's essential for property owners to come prepared for Grievance Day hearings, with all necessary documentation and evidence to support their case. This may include recent property appraisals, photographs, and any relevant legal documents.

After hearing from property owners and reviewing the evidence presented, the review board will make a decision regarding whether to adjust the property assessment. Property owners will typically receive written notification of the board's decision following the hearing.

In conclusion, Grievance Day is a vital part of the property tax assessment process, allowing property owners to challenge their assessments and ensure fairness in the tax system. By participating in Grievance Day hearings and presenting their case effectively, property owners can advocate for accurate assessments and fair property taxes.

*Grievance
Day 2024*

**May 29, 2024
4pm-8pm
@ Lincoln Town Hall
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EMPOWERING TOWN OFFICIALS THROUGH MONTHLY EDUCATIONAL TRAINING

Educational training is a vital tool for empowering town officials and enhancing the effectiveness of local government. By investing in continuous learning opportunities, officials can stay informed about evolving regulations, best practices, and community needs. This enables them to make more informed decisions, govern ethically, engage effectively with constituents, mitigate risks, and drive innovation in municipal operations. Ultimately, educational training plays a crucial role in building stronger, more resilient communities.

Schedule

May 04

June 01

July- No Training

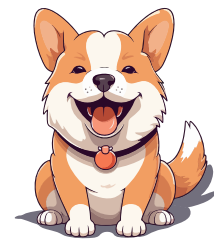
August 03

*All trainings are held at the town hall at 10AM



**OUR SATURDAY
TRAININGS
WELCOME
EVERYONE FROM
THE COMMUNITY.
FEEL FREE TO DROP
BY; WE'D BE
DELIGHTED TO
HAVE YOU JOIN US.**

THE BENEFITS OF LICENSING YOUR DOG: A RESPONSIBLE CHOICE FOR PET OWNERS



Licensing your dog is not just a legal requirement in New York State; it's also a responsible choice that offers several benefits for both you and your furry companion.

Here's why licensing your dog is a smart decision:

1. **Legal Compliance:** Licensing your dog ensures that you comply with local laws and regulations. Owning an unlicensed dog can result in fines or other penalties. By obtaining a license, you demonstrate your commitment to being a responsible pet owner and contributing to your community.

2. **Identification and Return:** A license tag serves as a form of identification for your dog. If your pet ever gets lost or separated from you, a license tag provides a quick and easy way for others to identify them and contact you. This greatly increases the chances of a safe and swift return home for your beloved pet.

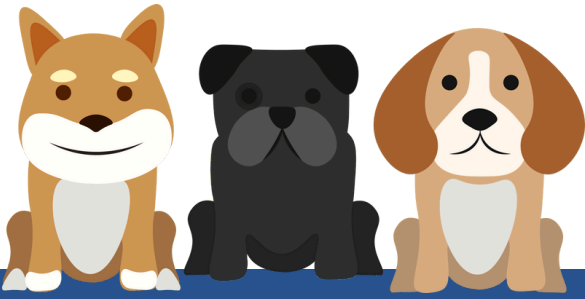
3. **Support for Dog Control Services:** The fees collected from dog licensing often go towards funding dog control services in your community. These services help ensure the health, safety, and well-being of both pets and residents. By licensing your dog, you directly support these essential services that benefit the entire community.

4. **Health and Safety:** Licensing requirements often include provisions for up-to-date Rabies Vaccinations and health checks for dogs. This helps prevent the spread of diseases among pets and reduces the risk of public health issues related to unvaccinated animals. Licensing also encourages responsible pet ownership, which can contribute to safer and more enjoyable interactions between dogs and people.

5. **Community Engagement:** Licensing your dog fosters a sense of community and responsibility among pet owners. It shows that you are actively engaged in ensuring the welfare of your pet and the well-being of your neighbors. Responsible pet ownership strengthens bonds within the community and promotes a safer and more harmonious environment for everyone. (CONTINUED ON PAGE 6)

In conclusion, licensing your dog is more than just a legal requirement—it's a proactive step towards responsible pet ownership and community involvement. By obtaining a license for your dog, you help ensure their safety, support essential animal control services, and contribute to a healthier and more connected community. So, do your part and license your furry friend today!

You can acquire or renew a dog license during our Town Clerk's business hours. Keep an eye out for our upcoming dog license portal on our website, which will be available soon.



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TOWN CLERK'S CORNER

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We're excited to announce that the Town Clerk's Office will now accept credit cards as a form of payment, in addition to checks and cash. This new payment option offers added convenience and flexibility for our residents when conducting transactions at our office. Whether you're renewing a license, applying for permits, or handling other administrative tasks, you can now use your credit card for seamless transactions. We hope this enhancement makes it even easier for you to access the services you need from our office.

HOURS OF BUSINESS

Sept. To May

Tuesday and Wednesday:

4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Saturday: 8:00 am to noon

June To Aug.

Tuesday and Wednesday:

4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Thursday 4:30 pm to 7:00pm

The Town Clerk is also available by appointment

UPHOLDING STANDARDS: THE ESSENTIAL ROLE OF THE CODES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

In every community, there are dedicated professionals who work diligently behind the scenes to maintain the integrity and safety of our neighborhoods. Among them stands the Codes Enforcement Officer, a crucial guardian of our town's standards and regulations.

Codes enforcement officers play a pivotal role in ensuring that buildings and properties adhere to local ordinances and codes. By inspecting structures for compliance with zoning regulations, building codes, and safety standards, they help safeguard the well-being of residents and protect property values.

Their responsibilities encompass a wide range of areas, including:

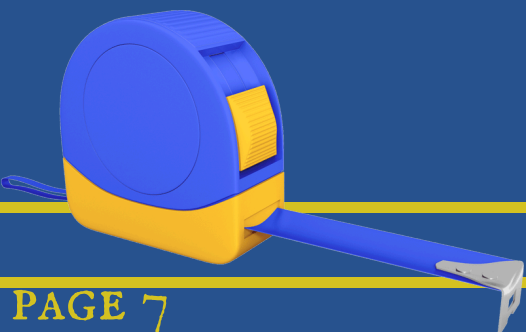
1. **Safety Compliance:** Ensuring that buildings meet structural and fire safety standards is paramount to protecting residents from harm. Codes enforcement officers conduct thorough inspections to identify potential hazards and ensure that proper safety measures are in place.
2. **Zoning Regulations:** Maintaining the aesthetic appeal and functionality of our neighborhoods relies on adherence to zoning regulations. Codes enforcement officers monitor land use, setbacks, and property boundaries to prevent overcrowding, maintain green spaces, and preserve the character of our community.
3. **Environmental Protection:** Upholding environmental regulations is essential for safeguarding our natural resources and minimizing pollution. Codes enforcement officers oversee compliance with ordinances related to waste disposal, erosion control, and environmental conservation efforts.
4. **Quality of Life:** By addressing issues such as abandoned properties, illegal dumping, and nuisance violations, codes enforcement officers contribute to improving the quality of life for all residents. Their efforts help maintain a clean, orderly environment that fosters pride and community spirit.
5. **Economic Development:** A well-maintained and compliant built environment attracts investment and supports economic growth. Codes enforcement officers play a vital role in promoting responsible development that enhances property values and stimulates economic vitality.

In addition to their regulatory duties, codes enforcement officers serve as valuable resources for residents, providing guidance on compliance requirements and assisting with inquiries related to property development and renovation projects.

While their work often goes unnoticed, the dedication and professionalism of codes enforcement officers are indispensable to the fabric of our community. Let us express our appreciation for their commitment to upholding standards and preserving the character of our town. Together, we can ensure a safe, vibrant, and thriving community for generations to come.

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SOLIDIFYING COMMITMENT: MADISON COUNTY'S OWNERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT OF WASTE



In a strong affirmation of their dedication, the Board of Supervisors of Madison County reaffirms their unwavering commitment to maintaining ownership and management of their solid waste and recycling management program. Amidst swirling misinformation and challenges, the board recently chose to underscore this commitment, signaling a clear direction for the county's solid waste & recycling management program. The recent resolution states that the Board has determined that a public-private partnership is not the best available option and is no longer a course of action currently being pursued.

During a pivotal committee meeting, a unanimous resolution was passed to recommend that Chairman Pinard create an ad hoc committee. This decision underscores the board's steadfast determination to retain control over the solid waste & recycling management program, ensuring accountability and alignment with our community's needs.

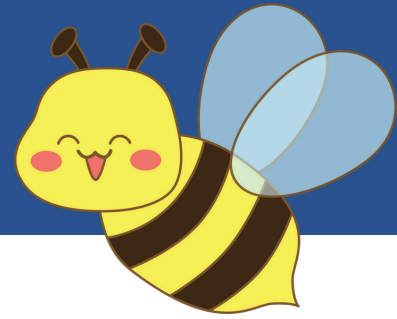
Chairman Pinard will be appointing an ad hoc committee that will delve into inventive strategies aimed at improving our solid waste and recycling management program. Additionally, the committee will seek ways to bolster community engagement and foster greater transparency in our operations. Their endeavors will prioritize sustainability, efficiency, and the best interests of Madison County residents.

Furthermore, recent validation from the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) serves as a testament to our commitment to environmental stewardship. The landfill's compliance with regulations underscores the county's dedication to upholding standards and addressing community concerns.

Despite challenges such as increased debris due to strong winds, newly appointed Director Greg Gelewski and his team remain steadfast in their management efforts. Initiatives to minimize odors are already underway, with plans for a dewatering system in the pipeline to further enhance odor control.

The board of supervisors emphasizes the importance of community engagement and welcomes feedback as we navigate these initiatives together. Your input is invaluable as we continue our collective journey towards a cleaner, greener future for Madison County. Let's stand united in our commitment to responsible waste management, ensuring a sustainable legacy for generations to come.

SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE



Dear Residents,

We hope this newsletter finds you well and enjoying the arrival of spring. As always, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for taking the time to read our community newsletter. Your engagement and support are what make our town such a vibrant and connected place to live.

In a move towards modernization, the Lincoln Town Clerk Office has expanded its payment options to include credit cards alongside the traditional methods of cash and checks. This new addition aims to provide residents with greater convenience and flexibility when making payments for various services. The decision to accept credit cards comes as a response to the evolving needs and preferences of the community, offering an additional secure and convenient payment method. Whether it's for permits or other town-related fees, residents can now easily settle their payments using their preferred credit card. (There is a small convenience fee when using your credit/debit card for payment)

Moreover, in line with the town's commitment to enhancing accessibility, Lincoln has introduced a new online dog license renewal portal. This portal, accessible through the town's website under the "More" tab and under "Quick Links," provides residents with a streamlined and efficient way to renew their dog licenses from the comfort of their homes.

Additionally, the completion of the NYS Comptroller's audit marks an important milestone for the town. Audit reports are now available online on the town's website, ensuring transparency and accountability in financial matters.

Residents are encouraged to explore the town's website for more events, board minutes, and up-to-date information. They can also sign up for Rave, our mass communication system, to receive timely updates and important announcements directly to their preferred communication devices.

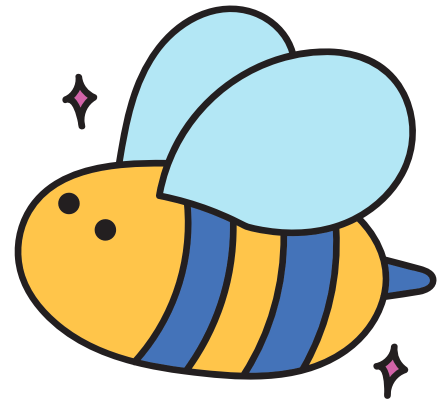
By embracing these advancements and providing various avenues for engagement, we aim to improve customer experience, enhance transparency, and foster community participation in town affairs. Visit the town's website today to stay informed and connected.

As we continue to strive to provide you with valuable and relevant content, we would love to hear from you about the topics you would like to see covered in our next issue. Your input is invaluable in shaping the content of our newsletter and ensuring that it remains a reflection of the interests and concerns of our community. Whether it's local events, updates on town initiatives, or features on community members making a difference, we want to know what matters most to you.

In addition to sharing your ideas for future articles, I also encourage you to reach out to myself with any questions, suggestions, or feedback you may have regarding town matters. I am dedicated to serving our community and is always eager to hear from residents about how we can work together to make our town an even better place to live.

Thank you once again for your continued support and readership. Together, we can keep our community strong and connected.

Warm regards,
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****Join Us for the 2nd Annual Fall Festival!****

We are thrilled to announce that the 2nd Annual Fall Festival is on the horizon! This year's festival promises to be even more exciting and vibrant than last year, with a date set for October (exact date to be determined). The festival will be held outdoors, providing a perfect autumn backdrop for a day full of fun, food, and festivities.

We are now accepting applications for participants. Whether you're a vendor, performer, or volunteer, we welcome your involvement in making this event a success. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to be a part of our community celebration.

For more information, stay tuned to our Facebook page and visit our website regularly for updates. If you have any questions or need additional details, feel free to reach out to Peggy LeClair at peggy4lincoln@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you there!

