

The Rose CLIPPINGS

Summer 2019

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The Village of La Grange Park

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President's Corner

Summer is finally here and as in past years, it promises to be an eventful one. At the forefront of our priorities is implementation of the final phase of the road paving program and a continued focus on economic development and financial sustainability.

Phase four of the road paving program began in April and is expected to last through November. Included in this year's program is the construction of a new on-street public parking area along Beach Avenue, north of 31st Street. For more information on all the work to be completed this year, please see page 2.

Lately, it seems that with each quarterly edition of the Rose Clippings, I've been fortunate to announce a new public/private partnership the Village has entered into through the use of our Tax Increment Financing and Business Development District programs. This edition is no exception. The Village most recently entered into an agreement with the owner of the 7-Eleven strip mall on 31st Street to provide a financial incentive for the property owner to install a fire suppression system in the building. The addition of fire sprinklers in the tenant spaces will allow the spaces to be rented to a greater variety of businesses, including restaurants. The property owner has informed the Village that he has entered into leases with both Rosati's (a pizza franchise) and Ino's (a Mexican restaurant). The property owner is also investing



a significant amount of money in updating the building façade and making other building and site improvements. Please be sure to stop by the center to see all the new activity.

The Village is also pleased to welcome Bangs Beauty Bar to the community (1016 E. 31st Street) which recently opened. With each new business that locates in La Grange Park, our community becomes stronger and our financial sustainability improves. Please continue to support our community by shopping locally whenever you can.

One of my favorite parts about living in La Grange Park are the many ways in which our community comes together. Many blocks host annual block parties as a way to come together with neighbors and enjoy the season. If your block has never held a block party, the Village encourages you to consider it this year. Block parties are a great way to build community. The Village's block party packet (available on our website) has all the information you need to know to get started.

I encourage all residents to join our Police Department on Tuesday, August 6th at Memorial Park as we host our annual National Night Out event. This free, family friendly event offers great eats, entertainment, and a free raffle – all while promoting the importance of crime prevention and law enforcement in our community. This year's event promises to be bigger and better than ever!

We at the Village are continually striving to improve our community and to ensure that it remains a great place to live, work and play. I invite you to join us in our efforts. Have a great summer and I hope to see you and your family on August 6th. As always, feel free to contact me anytime.

President James F. Discipio



Brush Collection Program

Village brush collection pick-up begins on Monday of the first full week of each month (May-October). Brush must be at the curb by 7:00 a.m. A first sweep is conducted through the entire Village, picking up the smaller piles of brush. Larger piles will be left for the end loader and dump truck to pick-up.

August 5th • September 2nd • October 7th

If you miss putting your brush out, the yard waste can be packaged for the Village’s waste hauler (Lakeshore Recycling) to pick up. Brush and branches must be securely bundled with bio-degradable twine or rope. Each bundle must be no more than four feet in length, two feet in diameter and weigh no more than fifty pounds. Individual branches must be no larger than three inches in diameter. A yard waste sticker must be affixed to each bundle. Visit the www.LRSrecycles.com/LaGrangePark for more information.

Village Welcomes New Trustee

On May 14th, Amanda Seidel was sworn in as Village Trustee. Prior to serving as a trustee, she served as the Village Clerk for eight years. Ms. Seidel has worked as a political consultant for a variety of legislators and campaigns, and has also volunteered for a wide variety of non-profit organizations. The Village is excited to work with Ms. Seidel in this new capacity.



2018 Road Paving Program

As a result of the \$10 million bond referenda passed in March of 2016, the Village has entered into its fourth phase of road resurfacing. Road work will be broken into three sub-phases. Construction began in early June and is anticipated to be concluded in November. Most of the work will be completed by the end of August, except for sod replacement which will be finished in the fall. The final phase consists of full reconstruction of two alleyways and creating additional parking stalls along Beach Avenue.

PHASE 1 - UNDERWAY	
Spring	Harding to Monroe
Waiola	Harding to Jackson
Brewster	La Grange Road to Spring
Jackson	La Grange Road to Barnsdale
PHASE 2 – JULY START	
Ashland	Oak to Dead End
Oak	Ashland to Barnsdale
Beach	Oak to Southern Limits
PHASE 3 – EARLY FALL	
North of 31st Alleyways	Raymond to Alima Terrace.
Beach Parking Stalls - North of 31 st	Between 31 st and Alley - Westside

Property Maintenance and Code Enforcement

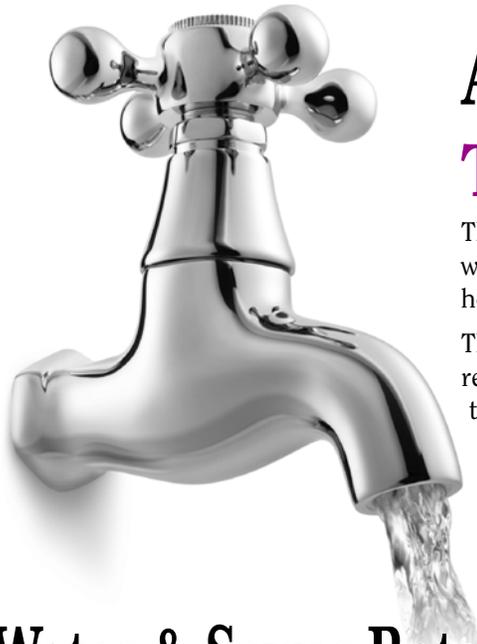
Residents of La Grange Park live here for a variety of reasons. One of those reasons is the appearance of the Village. There are a number of Village ordinances related to keeping up the appearance of La Grange Park, many that apply to private property.

The Village employs a small staff who follow-up on complaints and survey the Village for compliance with property maintenance issues. Such issues include things like damaged structures, severely peeling paint, tall grass, “abandoned” vehicles, etc.

When an issue is identified that reaches the level of violating a specific village ordinance, staff attempts to contact the property owner, but if that is initially unsuccessful, they may leave a door hanger on the front door. This is done as a friendly reminder to the property owner to set aside some time to address the maintenance of their property. This door hanger is not a ticket and there is no fine associated with receiving one. Contact information is provided on the door hanger should the property owner desire to follow-up with Village staff.

Although Village staff is here to help address property maintenance concerns, not all issues identified may be actual code violations, or can be resolved quickly. In addition, Village staff alone cannot correct all conditions immediately. If you have a concern with a neighboring property, we ask that you initially work with your neighbor to try to resolve it.

Together, we can maintain the Village of La Grange Park as a beautiful place to live.



Annual Water Quality Report

The Village of La Grange Park's 2019 Consumer Confidence Report (Water Quality Report for Calendar Year 2018) is now available on-line at: www.lagrangepark.org/CCR2019.

This report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water. Please call (708) 352-2922 if you would like a paper copy of the report mailed to your home, or email waiakens@lagrangepark.org to request it electronically.

The Village does test for lead and copper, and all samples have passed those tests. Based on recent lead issues in the news, some residents have expressed a desire to have the water in their home tested independently from the Village's mandated sampling. The Village uses Suburban Laboratories in Oak Brook, Illinois for sampling, and they offer water testing services to homeowners for a fee. Please visit their website www.drinkingwaterlabs.com for more information.

Water & Sewer Rate Increase

The Village Board recently approved an increase to the water rate from \$10.00 to \$11.50 per 100 cubic feet and the sewer rate from \$2.75 to \$2.95 per 100 cubic feet as recommended in the 2017 rate study. The minimum quarterly water and sewer bill based on 600 cubic feet will increase from \$76.50 to \$86.70. The new rates were effective June 1st. Most residential customers are billed quarterly and will not see the full impact of the rate increase on their bill until September, October or November depending on their billing cycle. Please visit the Village's website for more information and to read the full 2017 rate study.

Raymond Water Main Replacement Program

On June 24, 2019, the Village began replacement of the water main along Raymond Avenue from 31st Street to 26th Street. The new 8" ductile iron water main will be installed under the east sidewalk. Included in this project is the installation of new fire hydrants, isolation valves, new copper water services and valves. The construction will last most of the summer with substantial completion before school starts. If you have any questions, please contact the Public Works Department at (708) 352-2922.

Village Awarded Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the Village of La Grange Park for its comprehensive annual financial report for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2018. This was the second year that the Village has achieved this prestigious award. In order to be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, a government must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized comprehensive annual financial report. The full report is available on the Village's website.

Candidates Graduate from Fire Academies

Over the last several months, five additional Fire Department Candidates attended and graduated from Basic Operations Firefighter academies, which is where their initial firefighter training occurs. They are then prepared to challenge the state certification test.

The following Probationary Firefighters each recently graduated. Marissa McDermott and Charlie Porter graduated from the College of DuPage Fire Academy, Probationary Firefighter Benjamin Latham graduated from the Romeoville Fire Academy, and Probationary Firefighters Matthew Kerry and Patrick Reichel graduated from the Western Springs Fire Academy. They all did very well and we look forward to them continuing their training and serving our Village.



Fire Department Hosts Hazardous Materials Training

The Village of La Grange Park Fire Department, in conjunction with the M.A.B.A.S. Division 10 Hazardous Materials Incident Response Team, conducted training this past May. A semi-annual incident drill was conducted in the 1200 block of Barnsdale Road, which simulated a response to a chemical emergency.

The La Grange Park Fire Department greatly appreciates the patience of nearby residents and businesses, as this type of training helps to improve the skills of our own firefighters, and members of our specialty response team. We also thank the businesses on Barnsdale Road who allowed us to utilize their property for the training. We especially thank Deslauriers, Inc., who allowed us to use the interior of their facility.

Music Under the Stars Concert Series Schedule

June 19 – Sushi Band (cover band) – sponsored by AYSO

June 26 – Rhythm Rockets (rhythm and blues) – sponsored by Kee Constructions, LLC/Planning Resources, Inc.

July 3 – West Suburban Concert Band (concert band) – sponsored by Plymouth Place Senior Living

July 10 – Rockin Fendershirts (oldies) – sponsored by First National Bank of Brookfield and Hitzeman Funeral Home & Cremation Services

July 17 – Ethan bell band (country) – sponsored by LaGrange Park Chamber of Commerce

July 24 – Johnny Russler & The Beach Bum Band – sponsored by Hancock Engineering

July 31 – The Millennials (class rock cover band) – sponsored by Builders Land, Inc and Jeremy Vitell and Larissa Magajne of Baird & Warner

August 7 – The Prissilas (cover band) – sponsored by La Grange Park Little League and First National bank of Brookfield





POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Tuesday, August 6, 2019

6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Memorial Park

Contact Sergeant Matt Fellers at
708-352-7711 ext. 218 for further details

The La Grange Park Police Department will host the 2019 National Night Out evening on Tuesday, August 6th at Memorial Park. Festivities will begin at 6:00 p.m. This free, family friendly event includes entertainment, inflatables, food and refreshments, free raffle prizes and a special light show attraction that is a must see.

National Night Out is a nationwide annual campaign that has been held since 1984 and is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch in the United States and Canada. The purpose of the event is to increase awareness about various police programs offered by communities, such as drug prevention, town watch, neighborhood watch and other anti-crime efforts. Residents are asked to show their support for crime prevention by turning on their porch lights from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. the evening of the event.

Session II

Police Citizen Academy

Thursdays, Sept. 19 – Oct. 17

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Village Hall – Boardroom

Limit of 20 Participants per session

(must be at least 18 years of age)

Contact Officer Chris Dempsey at

708-352-7711 ext. 270 for further details

Coffee with the Chief & Staff

Wednesday, August 21, 2019

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Plymouth Place – Grand Ballroom

Staffing Changes in the Police Department

New Chief of Police

On Friday, June 7th Commander Tim Contois became the Village's new Police Chief. Chief Contois joined the La Grange Park Police Department in 2002, and served at the ranks of Patrol Officer, Officer in Charge, Detective, Sergeant, and Commander prior to assuming the role of Chief. Chief Contois is a graduate of Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command Program. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Governors State University and is a State-Certified firearms and tactical driving instructor for North East Multi-Regional Training (NEMRT), a Mobile Team Unit of the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board.



New Commander

Sergeant Fran Marrocco was recently appointed to serve as the Village's Commander. Commander Marrocco joined the La Grange Park Police Department in 2006 and has served as a Patrol Officer, Detective and Officer-in-Charge. Commander Marrocco also currently serves as the Village's Adopt-A-Cop.



New Patrol Officer

Antonio Garcia has been hired as a full-time Police Officer. Officer Garcia began his employment with the Village in May of 2019 as a probationary police officer who is presently attending the Cook County Sheriff's Police Training Academy held at Triton College.



New Secretary to the Chief of Police

Braunty Baum has been hired as a full-time Secretary to the Chief of Police and began her employment with the Village in May of 2019. Braunty comes from the Western Springs Police Department where she worked closely with administrators and has vast knowledge of the programs that are utilized by the Police Department. Please join us in welcoming her to the Village.



Village Board Highlights

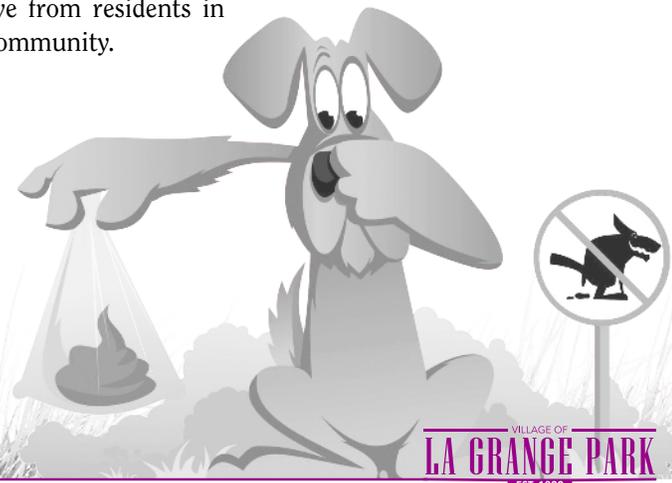
The Board of Trustees conducted the following business during the months of: March, April, & May:

- Authorized Staff to Purchase the 4:1 Bucket for the 544H WD Loader with the Municipal Pricing from JRB and with the Purchasing and Installation from Westside Tractor and Sales for \$15,826.60
- Approved a Resolution Designating \$100,000 as the Local Contribution Toward Resurfacing 26th Street (Kemman to Maple), as Part of the Invest in Cook Grant Application
- Awarded a Contract to J. Nardulli for the 2019 Paving Program for \$1,675,855.50
- Approved a Temporary Use Permit for Jewel-Osco, located at 507 E. Woodlawn, to Allow for the Construction of a 1,560 Square Foot Temporary Structure for Seasonal Retail Sales; to be Occupied on or after March 26, 2019 and to be Removed No Later than July 15, 2019
- Authorized to Repair and Repaint the Box Portion of Ambulance 1215 Body, and Re-Stripe/Letter Vehicle, for a Cost of \$13,158.00; (\$9,793.00 for TRS in Hodgkins, and \$3,365.00 for Widaman Sign in Berwyn)
- Authorized The Village Manager to Execute an Agreement between the Village of La Grange Park and Edwin Hancock Engineering for Engineering Services, in an amount not to exceed, as follows (1) \$103,000 for the Design Engineering for Raymond avenue Water Main Replacement from 31st Street to 26th Street (2) \$90,000 for the Construction Engineering for Raymond Avenue Water Main Replacement from 31st Street to 26th Street
- Approved a Resolution as Part of the Grant Application Submittal
- Approved a Resolution of the Village of La Grange Park, Cook County, Illinois, to Induce the Redevelopment of Certain Property within a Business District
- Approved a Temporary Use Permit for Plymouth Place located at 315 N. La Grange Road, to Allow for the Construction of a Temporary Structure 200 Square Feet in Size from May 15, 2019 through September 30, 2019
- Approved the Purchase of Two (2) Bullard QXT Thermal Imagers, with Five Year Warranties, From Dinges Fire Company in Amboy, IL, for a Total Cost of \$12,688.00
- Accepted the Bid Proposal From Unique Plumbing Company, Inc. in the Amount of \$218,594.00, to be Expensed in the Fiscal Year 2019/20 Sewer Fund; and Authorized the Village President to Execute the Contract Documents
- Authorized the Village Manager to Execute an Agreement Between the Village of La Grange Park and Edwin Hancock Engineering for Engineering Services, in an Amount Not to Exceed, as follows: (1) \$16,000 for the Design Engineering for 2019 Sewer Repair Program (2) \$18,000 for Construction Engineering for 2019 Sewer Repair Program
- Authorized the Village Manager to Execute the Contract Documents with True North Consultants in the Amount of \$11,880.00 for Soil Boring Testing and Reporting
- Approved a "Resolution Approving Pay Plan & Schedule of Authorized Positions for Fiscal Year 2019/20"
- Approved a Contribution Not to Exceed \$30,000 to the Police Pension Fund for Fiscal Year 2019
- Approved a Temporary Use Permit for Plymouth Place located at 315 N. La Grange Road, to Allow for the Keeping of Up to 1,500 Bees and One Flow Hive from April 15, 2019 through November 15, 2019
- Approved A Resolution Approving FY 2019-2020 Operating Budget
- Approved the Five Year Plan FY2019/20 – 2023/24

- Approved a Resolution Amending the Fiscal Year 2018/19 Budget
- Approved an Ordinance Amending the Village of La Grange Park Municipal Code Establishing Water & Sewer Rates
- Issued a Proclamation for Arbor Day 2019
- Issued a Proclamation for Aging Well Month – May 2019
- Issued a Proclamation for Building Safety Month – May 2019
- Issued a Proclamation for EMS Week – May 19th through May 25, 2019
- Issued a Proclamation for Municipal Clerks Week – May 5th through May 11th, 2019
- Approved the Purchase of One (1) Stryker Power-PRO XT Powered Ambulance Cot for a Total Cost of \$21,701.42, from Stryker, in Kalamazoo, Michigan
- Accepted the Lowest Bid From Suburban General Construction in the Amount of \$846,345.00, and Authorized the Village President to Execute the Necessary Contract Documents
- Approved to include Oak Avenue From Ashland to La Grange Road to the 2019 Road Paving Program not to exceed \$38,000
- Accepted the Price From Core & Main in the Amount of \$19,326.00 to Purchase a Replacement Meter For Plymouth Place and Authorized the Village Manager to Execute the Necessary Documents
- Appointed Timothy D. Contois as Chief of the La Grange Park Police Department, Effective on Friday, June 7, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.
- Approved travel expenses in the amount of \$757.12 for attending the WCMC 2019 Legislative Conference in Springfield, Illinois
- Approved an Ordinance Authorizing the Declaration of Surplus Property Owned by the Village of La Grange Park
- Approved An Ordinance Approving a Redevelopment Agreement for the Redevelopment of 704-722 East 31st Street, La Grange Park, Cook County, Illinois
- Approved A Resolution To Celebrate The 100th Anniversary Of Illinois Being The First State To Ratify The 19th Amendment.
- Approved Committee and Commission Appointments and Reappointments

Pick Up After Your Dog

Summertime means more people are out walking their dogs. The Village would like to remind residents that while the Village Code allows residents' pets to use the parkway, residents are required to pick up after their pets. It is unlawful to leave dog droppings on public or private property. Anyone caught doing so may be fined up to \$500. The Village is providing this friendly reminder due to the large number of seasonal complaints we receive from residents in the community.



Library News

In early May, the La Grange Park Public Library District received a \$50,000 grant from the Office of the Secretary of State which was supported by State Representative La Shawn Ford (D-8th District). This is the library's second legislative grant attained through the advocacy of Representative Ford.



With this most recent funding opportunity, the library identified the need to create co-working spaces for users that require space to conduct business, study, and socialize. The money will fund the purchase of collaborative furniture that groups can use as well as the renovation of the library's sole study room to accommodate the needs of modern library users.

As a Reminder....

Summer Reading's not just for kids! Teens and adults can participate by picking up a reading log at the library. Reporting goes through July 22 for teens and July 31 for adults. Fill up your log and be entered to win a prize!



We're Looking for Good Neighbors!

The Good Neighbor Corner is a regular newsletter feature highlighting the good news in our community. In order to praise the efforts of local residents, organizations and businesses, we need your help! We're looking for those friendly folks, good deeds, and special neighborly touches that make living in La Grange Park special.

If you know a Good Neighbor, fill out the form below and send it to Village Hall, 447 N. Catherine. Help us share the efforts of good neighbors with the entire community.

Nominating: *Bratley, Jerry, Raven, George, Nora, and Adon of the 1500 block of Homestead*

They are wonderful neighbors to my (elderly, aging) parents (Denny and Dee Dahlgren). They are friendly, respectful, and oh so willing to help – shovel snow, trim bushes, bring in newspapers, trash cans/ recycling, “handyman” type chores such as plumbing, rodding the sewer, electrical and so much more!! Most importantly, they are “watchful” for me since I can't be there as much as I'd like/need to be! THANK YOU for being neighbors and friends – for caring as you do! I worry a little less knowing you're there!! *-Dawn Dahlgren (Palos Hills)*

Good Neighbor Nomination Form

Your Name: _____

Your Address: _____

Please provide the name and address of the person/group you are nominating:

Why are they a Good Neighbor to you? _____

GoodNeighborCorner



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Vehicle Stickers & Dog Licenses due July 31st.

Vehicle Stickers Due July 31st

La Grange Park vehicle stickers must be purchased and displayed prior to midnight on July 31, 2019. Renewal postcards were mailed in early June. Please correct any pre-printed information on your renewal postcard and return it with payment to Village Hall for processing. We encourage you to mail your renewal information and payment as soon as possible to the Village of La Grange Park, 447 N. Catherine Avenue, La Grange Park, IL 60526.

Vehicle stickers are \$35.00. If you are purchasing a new sticker or have not received a renewal postcard, blank applications are available online at www.lagrangepark.org or at Village Hall. Vehicle stickers may be purchased at Village Hall Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Village Hall will be opened for additional hours on Saturday, July 27th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to sell stickers. Stickers may also be purchased online.

Seniors who are 65 years of age prior to July 1, 2019 may purchase one sticker at \$15.00. Seniors are limited to one senior rate sticker per household. Please note that senior rate stickers are not available online.

Stickers purchased after midnight July 31, 2019 will include delinquent penalties. Vehicles not properly licensed are in violation of Village Code and may be ticketed by police. Fines are \$50.00 per offense. The fee for the replacement of a lost or damaged sticker is \$5.00.

Dog Licenses Due July 31st

Dog Licenses are \$10.00. A 50% late fee applies after August 15th.



Due July 31st

VillageHall

Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

LOST & FOUND

From time to time the Village of La Grange Park maintains a gathering of lost and found items. To reclaim any items left behind at Village Hall, call (708) 354-0225, ext. 102.

VillageHolidays

The Village offices will be closed for the following holidays:
Monday, September 2 - Labor Day