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President's Corner

To say much has changed in the last few weeks is an understatement. As Americans across the country are working together to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus in an effort to protect us all; it is my hope that this newsletter finds all of you healthy as we continue to follow the Governor's Stay at Home (Safer at Home) Order.

Village Hall offices are currently closed to walk-in traffic. We've modified some of the ways services are being provided, and continue to monitor and adjust as necessary. While we miss seeing residents walking through our front doors every day, staff wants you to know that we are still here for you. Some services have changed, yes, but much of what the Village does day-to-day continues. Staffing levels in the Police, Fire and EMS areas have not changed and our personnel continue to respond to calls as needed. The Public Works facility and water plant continue to be staffed and the department remains focused on maintaining our core infrastructure and managing our potable water system.

The Building Department is still reviewing and issuing building permits and has modified the inspection process to keep construction projects moving forward. The Administration and Finance Departments are finalizing the upcoming fiscal year's budget, providing daily communications to the community, conducting outreach to businesses and vulnerable residents, and moving forward with implementation of our new enterprise software system. So while from the outside it may seem like not much is happening, I want to reassure residents that the Village is moving forward.



When things start to return to normal, we will be ready.

We are all doing things a little differently these days and our ability to adapt during these challenging times not only strengthens us as individuals, but as families, and as a community. Let us continue to care for one another, check in on each other and share our resources. While physical distancing will keep us healthy, now more than ever, it is important to maintain our connections with those we love. Together, we will get through this.

I urge any resident with a question or concern to please reach out to the Village. You can reach us by phone (708) 354-0225, by email info@lagrangepark.org, or via the Village website www.lagrangepark.org. Staff is here for you, as am I. As always, feel free to reach out to me at any time.

Events surrounding the outbreak of COVID-19 are continuously changing. The Village is working to keep residents informed of what is happening in our community. Please understand the situation is fluid and policies and procedures may change with little notice.

President James J. Discipio

MEETING/PROGRAM CANCELLATIONS

- ✓ April Youth Commission Meeting (April 13)
- ✓ Arbor Day Recognition postponed
- ✓ Citizen's Police Academy (April 18 - May 30)
- ✓ Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting (April 21)
- ✓ National Drug Take-Back Day (April 25)
- ✓ Community Clean-Up Day (May 1)



Refuse Collection - A Note from



LAKE SHORE
Recycling Systems

LRS is taking every step possible to mitigate the unique challenges that COVID-19 has presented to the industry. Our Leadership and Management teams are in constant communication with local, state and federal officials, to make sure that we are operating with as much real-time knowledge as possible. You should expect your normal service schedule, however, in the interest of our drivers' safety, some modifications to services will be made. Effective immediately, LRS is suspending the collection of bulk items, white goods and e-waste. No collection of loose material, bulk items (mattresses, furniture, etc.), appliances, electronic waste or other large items at the curb due to driver safety.

New Refuse Pricing Effective April 1, 2020

Per the Village's contract with Lakeshore Recycling Systems, monthly refuse fees are planned to increase on April 1, 2020. The fees will be as follows:

- 35 Gallon Refuse – senior rate will increase to \$9.01 (from \$8.75)
- 35 Gallon Refuse – non senior rate will increase to \$13.65 (from \$13.25)
- 65 Gallon Refuse rate will increase to \$15.71 (from \$15.25)
- 95 Gallon Refuse rate will increase to \$17.00 (from \$16.50)
- 95 Gallon Landscape/Food Waste rate will increase to \$20.60 (from \$20.00)
- Sticker rates will increase to \$3.09 (from \$3.00)

Refuse stickers may be purchased at Jewel/Osco in La Grange Park or in Westchester. Stickers will also be available at Village Hall once doors are re-opened to walk-in traffic.



EMS and Fire Department Operations

Village Firefighters, Paramedics and EMT's obviously continue to work throughout the pandemic. Since the start, the Fire Department has been continuously monitoring the situation, and is regularly updated by IDPH, the Loyola Emergency Medical System, the Cook County Department of Emergency Management and Regional Security, and other agencies. In response to the rapidly changing situation, and in an effort to protect both those needing emergency medical care and 1st responders, the Fire Department made various operational changes. As such, personnel wear additional required Personal Protective Equipment, and limit the number of EMS personnel who come into contact with patients. Specific guidelines have also been put in place to clean and disinfect ambulances, medical equipment, fire apparatus and fire stations. This is in addition to the ever-important social distancing and need to wash hands regularly. The Fire Department has also postponed much of their training in order to keep larger groups of employees separated from one another except for emergency response. Staff has also been working with our long-term care facilities and retirement communities in communicating any needs or to address any matters that arise related to EMS response to these facilities. The Fire Department has maintained a good supply of PPE for 1st responders so far, and is continually looking for resources to maintain a good inventory. Personnel greatly appreciate the donations we have received of PPE, and are also very thankful to those heeding the advice of health officials in calling your doctor first for any health concerns that don't appear to be an emergency. Please, if you believe you have an actual emergency, such as chest pain, having substantial difficulty breathing, or the like, call 911.



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More Important Than Ever, Now!

By now you should have received your invitation in the mail to complete the 2020 Census. Please use this time to complete the Census online or by phone as directed. For most residents, it will take less than ten minutes. The Census will continue as planned, but certain deadlines for response and follow-up have been extended. Please do your part and respond by April 13. Now more than ever, it's important that La Grange Park count every resident so we are able to secure the State and Federal funding needed for our community. For more information, visit www.census.gov.

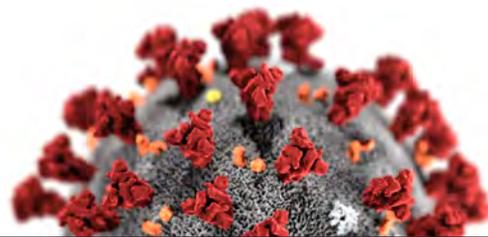
You Are Probably At Home, But Can We Find You?

The Village understands that this is a difficult time for everyone. Some of you staying at home may actually be looking for something to do. If you are looking for an important, yet rather simple and inexpensive home project, we urge you to make sure that your address is prominently displayed on the front of your home. Posting your address on your home can be critical to Village fire and police personnel if we need to find you in an emergency. Ideally, it should be at least 4" tall, in contrasting color to the background, and be plainly visible from the street. Again, now might be a good time to make sure we can find you!



NEW - Emergency Notification System Rave Alert/Smart 911

The Village of La Grange Park in conjunction with the Lyons Township Area Communications Center (LTACC) is migrating from Code Red to the Rave Alert / Smart 911 emergency notification system. This migration will take place effective May 1, 2020. The program greatly improves the efficiency and effectiveness of the emergency alert system. One sign up includes both programs and there is no cost to residents, businesses or business employees. Sign up and create your Safety Profile at www.smart911.com



COVID-19 RESOURCES

COVID-19 Resource Links

- Illinois Department of Public Health: www.dph.illinois.gov
- IDPH Hotline: 1-800-889-3931
- IDPH Email for Questions about COVID-19: dph.sick@illinois.gov
- IDPH Email for Info on State COVID Response: Gov.COVID19stakeholder@illinois.gov
- Cook County Department of Public Health: www.cookcounty.publichealth.org
- Cook County Hotline: 708-633-3319
email: COVID19@cookcountyhhs.org
- Cook County Alerts: Text "alertcook" to 888-777

Access To Village Services

1. Village Hall, Police, Fire and Public Works are closed to walk-in traffic with drop boxes available in the foyer of Village Hall 24 hours a day.
2. We are here are for you. While the doors may be closed, staff is in the office and available to answer questions via phone or email. Please call us at (708) 354-0225 or email info@tlagrangepark.org.
3. The red call box in the Village Hall foyer remains accessible and will dial directly to the police and fire non-emergency line.
4. Certain Village services have been suspended in order to protect both residents and employees. Visit lagrangepark.org to view the full list.

Want to Help or Need Assistance? Community Outreach Links

These resources are not a complete compilation and services may change. All are committed to serving their communities as best they can during this difficult time. Many are in need of both volunteers and donations.

- **Interfaith Community Partners** 708.354.9328:
interfaithcommunitypartners.org
Contact for assistance with grocery shopping/necessary medical transportation (not sick visits)
- **Aging Care Connections** 708.354.1323: agingcareconnections.org
Congregate Meals Program is continuing as a pick up for boxed meals.
- **Share Food/Share Love Food Pantry** 630.347.5390:
www.sharefoodsharelove.com
- **Westchester Food Pantry** 708.927.4826
www.westchesterfoodpantry.org
- **St. Barbara Food Pantry** 708.295.7336

Retirements & Promotions

Please join us in thanking and congratulating the following employees:

Susanne Bluhm retired from the Village of La Grange Park's Finance Department on February 28, 2020 after serving the Village of La Grange Park for nearly 40 years. Sue is looking forward to spending time with her family, cooking, gardening, and volunteering. Sue and her vast experience and knowledge will be greatly missed. We wish you well, Sue!



Officer Ray Drexler, badge #314 retired on March 23, 2020 after serving the Village of La Grange Park for 20 years reaching the rank of Officer in Charge. Officer Drexler served as an Adopt-A-Cop and as a member of the Park Patrol and Bike Patrol Programs. We are excited that Officer Drexler won't be far from us as he is taking a position with the Community Park District of La Grange Park. Thank you Officer Drexler for your years of service!

Allison Chorley has worked for the Village for over 36 years in many capacities and for almost every department. We will continue to benefit from Allison's experience while she serves in her new role as Building/Fire Specialist. Thank you and congratulations to Allison!

Ana Slejza has worked for the Village for 15 years as a Fiscal Assistant in our Finance Department, many of you will recognize her as the "face of the Village" or the friendly voice on the other end of the phone when you call Village Hall. Ana will be continuing to serve the Village in her new role as our Accounting Specialist. Congratulations, Ana!

Building Permits & Inspections

Although Village offices are no longer open to the public, Building Department staff continue to work reviewing plans, issuing permits, and conducting limited inspections. Interior inspections, inside occupied homes, are not being conducted unless warranted by an emergency. Modifications have been made to allow for additional information and services to be obtained through the Village website. Permit applications can be emailed to building@lagrangepark.org. For materials that are not conducive to email, they can be left in the drop box in the Village Hall foyer, or mailed to the Building Department at the Village Hall. Should you have any questions or concerns, please see the Village's website. Also, you can reach out to the Building Department at the Village's main phone number 708-354-0225, or by email at building@lagrangepark.org. We are happy to help you.



2020 Pavement Projects

During 2019, the Village repaved nearly 1.6 million dollars of streets throughout the community. Two alleyways and additional Beach Avenue parking were also slated for 2019 reconstruction provided Road Bond funds were available at the completion of street repaving. The additional parking spaces along Beach Avenue, just north of 31st Street will help with parking congestion along the 31st street business corridor. In mid-December it was determined sufficient Road Bond funds remained for finalization of both projects. Construction is scheduled to begin in early May and last about two months.

PHASE 1

	STREET	LIMITS
1	Alley – North of 31st Street	Ostrander to Raymond
2	Alley – North of 31st Street	Ostrander to Alima Terrace
3	Off-Street Parking – North of 31st	Northwest Corner of 31st and Beach
	Pending Meadowcrest	900-1000 Blocks
	Pending Garfield Road	La Grange Road to Community Drive

Brush Schedule 2020



The Village will no longer be scheduling specific sections for pick-up. Instead, multiple crews will be working concurrently across the Village during the collection week.

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

The Village will conduct a pickup during the first full week of each month as follows:

**May 4th • June 1st • July 6th • August 3rd • September 7th
October 5th (last pick up for the year)**

Guidelines for the Brush Collection Program

- Brush must be stacked neatly on the parkway, piled no more than 4-feet high, with the butt end facing the curb. Please be sure that brush is not piled in such a way that interferes with motorist or pedestrian visibility.
- In narrow parkways, if brush extends onto the sidewalk, the brush may be piled parallel to the curb.
- Brush must be no longer than 6-feet in length and 4-inches in diameter.
- Logs must be cut into small, manageable pieces, and should be kept separate from brush.
- Stumps and root balls will not be picked up. They should be removed from trees or bushes.

Brush pickup is strictly for residents who have performed tree or brush work on their own property. If no evidence exists that work has been performed on the property, the Village reserves the right to charge the resident for this service. The brush will not be picked up until a check for payment of services is received, and our work schedule permits.

Contractors working for homeowners are NOT allowed to use this service, since we are not able to handle the quantity of brush that they produce. If evidence exists or contractors are seen by our Village workers placing tree or brush debris at the curb, the Village will charge the resident for the removal.

Lottery for Free Mulch

For the past few years, the demand for mulch has far exceeded availability. In an effort to be fair to all residents, the Village will again hold a lottery for mulch.

A lottery drawing will be held on May 1st, at which time all addresses (1 entry per address) will be randomly drawn and ordered. Notification will begin via email on Friday, May 8th and once email is confirmed deliveries will be scheduled through May and June until mulch runs out. We will be unable to answer lottery and delivery inquiries prior to May 8th.

In order to be part of the lottery, please complete ONE of the following options prior to the drawing date of May 1st (phone calls will not be accepted):

Option #1: Go to www.lagrangepark.org and click on the "Residents" tab and complete the "Mulch Lottery Form"

Option #2: Email mulch@lagrangepark.org and provide your address, telephone number, email address, and whether you would like to receive a ½ truck or full truck load*

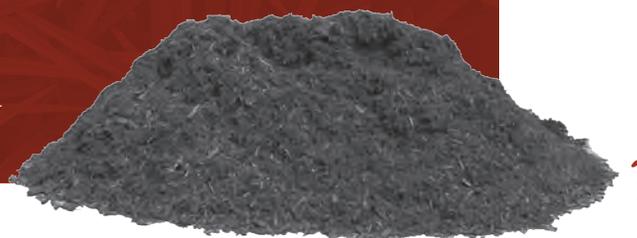
Option #3: Complete the form below, and mail or drop it off at the Village Hall (447 N. Catherine Avenue).

* ½ truck load equals approximately 1.5 cubic yards

1 full truck load equals approximately 3 cubic yards

(generally, one cubic yard will cover a 6-foot x 9-foot area)

See Back Page for MULCH LOTTERY FORM



Village Board Highlights

The Board of Trustees conducted the following business during the months of: December, January and February:

- Approved the Purchase and Installation of a New Sound System and Display Screen for the Village Board Room from All Information Services (AIS) in an Amount Not To Exceed \$41,000.00
- Approved a Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement By and Between the Village of Brookfield, Illinois, the Village of La Grange Park, Illinois, The Village of Lyons, Illinois, The Village of Riverside, Illinois and the Cook County Forest Preserve District for the Des Plaines River South Extension
- Authorized the Village Manager to Approve Payment to Globe Construction for Concrete Utility Repairs in the Amount of \$9,806.25
- Authorized Staff to Purchase a New 2020 Chevrolet Tahoe Police SSV (Special Service Vehicle) for a Cost of \$36,794.69, from Currie Motors Fleet, in Forest Park, IL, Through the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative Contract #185 and Increase the Overall Expenditure Amount to Not Exceed \$40,0000 to Cover the Equipment and Up-Fitting
- Authorized the Purchase of 47 Parkway Trees for \$12,228.00 From St. Aubin Nursery and Landscape
- Approved and 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 \$32,000 for Design and Construction Engineering for the 2020 Sewer Lining Project
- Accepted the Bid Proposal from Triggs Construction Company, in the Amount of \$219,862.75 and Authorized the Village President to Execute the Contract Documents
- Approved an Ordinance Amending Chapter 112 of Title XI of the La Grange Park Municipal Code
- Approved Certain Amendments to the Village's Personnel Manual
- Approved a "Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Collective Bargaining Agreement between the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 150 Public Employee Division and the Village of La Grange Park
- Approved An Ordinance Amending Chapter 118 of the La Grange Park Municipal Code Regulating Tobacco, E-Cigarettes and Related Products
- Approved An Ordinance Amending Chapter 132.02 of the La Grange Park Municipal Code Regulating Possession of Cannabis, Controlled Substances and Drug Paraphernalia
- Approved A Resolution to Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the League of Women Voters
- Approved the Purchase of a New 2020 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Work Truck, for a Cost of \$28,107.00, from Currie Motors Chevrolet, in Forest Park, IL, Through the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative Contract #186
- Approved the Purchase of Six Sets of New Protective Gear (Pants and Coats), at the Cost of \$2,296.00 per Set, or a Total of \$13,776.00, From Air One Equipment, Inc.
- Approved and Authorized the Village Manager to Execute Agreements Between the Village of La Grange Park and Edwin Hancock Engineering for Engineering Services in an Amount Not to Exceed \$7,500 for Design and Construction Engineering for the 2020 Sewer Cleaning and Televising Program
- Approved the Purchase of Two (2) Lucas Chest Compression Devices From the Stryker Medical Corporation as Quoted for \$28,725.00
- Approved a Resolution Approving the 2020 Community Development Block Grant Application
- Approved a Resolution Designating Local Contribution Amount, as Part of the Invest in Cook Grant Application Submission
- Approved the Payment of \$27,000.00 to the Romeoville Fire Academy for Nine Personnel to Attend the Basic Operations Fire Academy

Responsible Pet Owner Reminder

It's likely our furry family members are enjoying more walks than usual, perhaps with changing walking buddies. We'd like to remind everyone to please be a good neighbor and clean up after your dog.

Water & Sewer Bills

Due to the coronavirus emergency, the Village will not charge water and sewer bill late fees and will suspend water disconnections through June 30, 2020. Bills may be paid online at www.lagrangepark.org, mailed or placed in the drop box located in the Village Hall entrance.

National Night Out

Based on the popularity and growth of last year's event, this year's National Night Out event will take place over a two-day period. A fest will take place in Memorial Park on Sunday August 2nd from 1:00 to 9:00 p.m. with live entertainment, food, giveaways, a laser light show and numerous events for the kids. In conjunction with Sunday's event, a parade will take place on Tuesday August 4th at 6:00 p.m. We encourage everyone to walk with us in the parade. The parade will start and end in Memorial Park. After the parade, refreshments and a snack will be available to all participants.



Library

Summer Reading Kick-Off Party

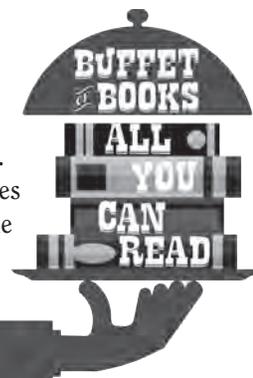
All ages with a caregiver

Friday, June 5, 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Join us to kick off our Summer Reading Program Buffet of Books: All You Can Read with a bounce house, games, face painting, balloon animals, snow cones, popcorn and more! No registration required.

Buffet of Books: All You Can Read

Visit the Children's Services Department to register for our Summer Reading Program Buffet of Books: All You Can Read. Registration will begin on June 8 for babies through 6th graders. June 15 - July 26, come to the library to report your progress and get cool prizes. There will also be weekly contests, raffle prizes and plenty of other fun!



Community Park District Update

NEW! Summer Camp Options (Registration is open NOW!)

The Community Park District of La Grange Park is offering expanded summer camp programming, including a new full day recreational camp for children in grades K-5.

Families can register for the Summer Day Camp (grades K-5) and Summer Fun Camp (ages 3-5) Options will also be available before and after camp if you need to extend your camper's day. Registration for our summer camp programming is open now!

Resident registration for general summer programming opens April 9. For more information or to register online, visit www.communityparkdistrict.org today.

6th Annual Veteran's Memorial Service Saturday, May 23 at 1:00 p.m. – All are welcome!

Location: Veteran's Memorial Plaza (corner of Oak and Sherwood)

Memorial Park Splash Pad Hours

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

7 days per week beginning Memorial Day Weekend

Save the Date! Music Under the Stars begins June 24!



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: Susan & Dave 1400 Block of Forest Road

After being in our new home for one year, Susan and Dave invited us over for Christmas desserts and making dog ornaments. That made me feel very happy and welcomed. Our cousin is coming from Colombia to learn English and Susan offered to teach her English. Susan and Dave are such nice neighbors we are so blessed to have them.
–Adriana C. (8 years old)

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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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, May 25 - Memorial Day
Saturday, July 4 - Independence Day

MULCH LOTTERY FORM - PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____ Email (Important) _____

Circle amount requesting: $\frac{1}{2}$ Truck Full Truck

RETURN by May 1st to: VILLAGE HALL, 447 N. Catherine Avenue
ONLY ONE (1) REQUEST PER HOUSEHOLD

Please be sure to get your form in to the Village hall no later than 8:30a.m. on May 1st in order to be part of the drawing.