

The *Rose* CLIPPINGS

Village of Roses

Fall 2013

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The Village of La Grange Park



President's Corner

As autumn arrives and the days grow shorter and cooler, we are reminded that another year will soon be coming to a close. It is a time to reflect upon the year's progress and take stock of achievements as we begin to plan for the year to come. It's also a time to think critically about the challenges ahead and how we best position ourselves to face them in the coming year.

Over the spring and summer, the Village completed a major water infrastructure improvement project. The first Phase of the La Grange Road Water Main replacement project was completed. Phase One of the project resulted in the construction of a new water main underneath the sidewalk along La Grange Road between Brewster and Woodlawn. The second phase of the project, which will extend the line from Woodlawn to Oak, is expected to begin sometime in October. The Village also completed the re-lining of nearly 4,000 lineal feet of sewer pipe, and cleaned and televised another 16,500 lineal feet. This work was completed as part of the Village's maintenance program to ensure the system functions properly and to maintain the longevity of the system.



The Village also completed the long awaited renovation of the Public Works facility at 937 Barnsdale Road. This \$1 million project, which was 60% grant funded, is an investment in the future of the community and will allow the Public Works Department to more efficiently and effectively serve the residents and businesses of this community for years to come. The completion of this much anticipated project is truly a cause for celebration and we invite you

to join us for the ribbon-cutting event on October 14th. Please see page 2 for more details.

One of the Village's top priorities is our Local Pavement Program. While the Village is still evaluating how we can expand the program to pave more roads sooner, the Village did complete the repaving of three blocks of roadway this summer. Beach Avenue from 31st to 29th Street was completed this summer and due to some additional monies becoming available, the Village Board elected to accelerate our paving program and pave the 1100 block of Newberry as well. The Village certainly recognizes the importance of maintaining the integrity of our roads and the Village Board as well as Village staff are working diligently to identify funding opportunities that would allow us to expand our pavement program. Paving roads is a costly endeavor and the Village appreciates residents' patience and understanding as we work together to balance our needs for road work with other needs of the Village.

Work continues on the Village's newest subdivision, Heatherdale Subdivision, located off Finsbury Lane. McNaughton Development, LLC is constructing an 8 lot subdivision with six homes currently under construction. Home prices are anticipated to be upward of \$650,000 with the first homes being completed sometime this winter.

As you spend time this fall reflecting on all that you are thankful for and preparing for gatherings with family and friends, don't forget about the many community events that help us prepare for and celebrate the season. Take advantage of the annual Community Clean-Up Day and the E-Waste Recycling event to help get your homes in order and ready for guests. Get extra use out of those Halloween costumes by participating in the free La Grange Park Chamber Halloween Trick-or-Treat event and join us for some hot chocolate and holiday caroling at the Village Tree Lighting ceremony or Holiday in the Park. See inside for more details on each of these events.

I hope to see you all out and about at various events this fall. Have a prosperous and joyous holiday season and as always, please feel free to contact me at any time.

President James J. Discipio



Village Personnel Changes



GARY MOORE

Promoted to Water Operator

The Village is pleased to announce that Maintenance Worker II Gary Moore has been selected from a very competitive pool of applicants for the position of Water Operator. Gary is well qualified for this promotion as he has been a maintenance operator since 2004 and previously served the Village of Melvin as their Water Operator.



ED TEELUCKSINGH

New Administrative Intern

Ed Teelucksingh joined the Village as our new Administrative Intern in late August. Ed has a Master's degree in Public Administration from The University of South Carolina and a BA in English from The University of Illinois.

Public Works Garage Renovation Completed

This summer the Public Works Garage underwent a major renovation. The project was completed on time and on budget. The scope of work included hazardous waste abatement for lead and asbestos, major masonry repairs, roof replacement and new windows and air conditioning. A new locker room and ADA compliant bathrooms were constructed on the first floor. A sprinkler system was installed throughout the facility. This was the first major renovation since the oldest part of the building was constructed sixty years ago. The total cost for the renovation was \$1,053,938 of which \$600,000 came from grants. The remainder, \$453,938, was funded from reserves which the Village had saved over multiple years.

Over the years, the Village has considered several options in addressing the structural deficiencies of the older 1953 portion of the facility. The Village considered a Conceptual Plan that included the removal of the oldest portion of the building (the 1953 portion) and the building of a small facility that would have effectively housed the following functions: administration, support, and vehicle storage. The Conceptual Design included approximately 4,000 square feet of garage bays and 2,300 square feet of office and support space. The Village evaluated the conceptual design through the schematic design process and determined the projected cost was too high for the space created and beyond the amount budgeted for the project. In the end, it was determined that investing in the current building was the most cost-effective solution. For "before" and "after" pictures of the renovation, visit the Village website.

La Grange Park Public Works Facility Ribbon Cutting - October 14th



Join Village President Dr. James Discipio, Village Trustees and officials of the Department of Public Works at 2pm to celebrate the completion of this public facility improvement project. The newly renovated facility is an investment in the future of the community and will allow the Department to more effectively and efficiently serve the needs of La Grange Park. To RSVP, or for more information, contact (708) 354-0225 or abagley@lagarngepark.org.

Water Main Replacement Project

Phase One of the La Grange Road Water Main Replacement Project began in June and was completed in mid-August. The new main was constructed under the sidewalk. The old main, located under the street pavement, was abandoned. The work zone from Phase One began at Brewster Avenue and extended to Woodlawn Avenue on the north. Phase One of the project was overseen by the Army Corps of Engineers and constructed by Trine Construction.

The second phase of the project is already underway and will extend the water line from Woodlawn to Oak. As a result, residents in the area will benefit from improved water flows available for fire protection and the reduced risk of water main breaks due to aging infrastructure. This \$900,000 project is over 50% funded by a grant received from the Army Corps of Engineers. We anticipate Phase 2 of the project will be completed by the end of November.



Veterans Memorial Fund Reaches 40% Funding

At the end of August, the Community Park District has received \$35,500 in pledges and engraved brick sales, which represents about 40% of the needed \$85,000. The goal is to raise 100% in donations before December 31st so that construction is completed in time for a dedication service and the first Memorial Day Ceremony the following May. With about four months remaining in the fund raising campaign, the Veterans Memorial Committee needs another \$50,000 before it will commit to construction.

To that end, a donation form has been inserted in this Rose Clippings. With donor consent, donations of all amounts will be recognized in the Park District's summer 2014 recreation brochure. Donations of \$100 will

also be recognized in the Park District website and will be entitled to a 4"x8" brick that can accommodate up to three lines of script with up to twenty spaces per line. \$200 donations are similarly recognized and will be entitled to a larger 8"x8" brick that can accommodate up to six lines of script with up to twenty spaces per line. Donors who contribute between \$500 and \$5,000 are entitled to engraved paving bricks of their choosing and are invited to be recognized on a "Donor's Wall" that will be built on the memorial site near the memorial wall.

The Community Park District Board of Commissioners and the Veterans Memorial Committee thank the many individuals who have already contributed to this worthy project. Those with questions are encouraged to contact Roy Cripe at the Community Park District office.

Community Clean Up-Day - October 17th

Mark your calendars for the Village's annual Community Clean Up Day, which will take place on October 17th. Single-family residences in La Grange Park will receive a one-time clean up service on the regularly scheduled collection day. Clean-Up Day cannot be rescheduled so don't miss out! (Four stickers in total will insure that all of the acceptable items placed on the curb will be picked up). If you choose not to participate, your trash will be handled as a regular pick up. Acceptable items must be placed next to your regular refuse on the curb by 6:00 a.m. Items other than furniture, large bulk items and appliances must be placed in bags, cans and/or boxes, not larger than 35 gallons or heavier than 50 pounds each. Stickers can be purchased at Village Hall for \$2.90 each.

Yard Waste is not included in the Clean-Up, but will be collected if properly prepared, stickered and set out on your regular collection day. If you would like to dispose of construction or demolition material, please contact Allied Waste at 345-7050 for a quote. For information on options for the disposal of Household Hazardous Waste, please contact the West Cook County Solid Waste Agency at (708) 453-9100. Unacceptable items will not be collected.

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Appliances

Bulk Items (Bicycles, Fans)

Carpet (must be cut down to 4 feet in length, securely bundled, and less than 30 lbs. in weight.)

All Furniture

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Yard Waste

Construction & demolition debris

Scrap wood and lumber

Paint

Concrete, asphalt, rocks, bricks

Car parts, tires

Batteries

Any type of fluid

Ammunition

Hazardous or medical waste

Radioactive materials

Fencing

FALL LEAF REMOVAL SCHEDULE

Residents are advised that the schedule below is only a guideline. The Public Work's Department will do its best to adhere to this schedule, however in the event of an emergency, leaf pickup may be delayed. Should the schedule be delayed, every attempt will be made to get back on schedule as quickly as possible. During those times when the schedule is delayed, your patience and understanding are appreciated!

West - all streets west of La Grange Road

Center - all streets from La Grange Road east to the IHB railroad tracks

East - all streets east of the IHB railroad tracks.

Leaves for each section will be collected on the following weeks:

East	West	Center
October 14 th – 18 th	October 21 th – October 25 th	October 28 th – November 1 st
November 4 th – 8 th	November 11 th – 15 th	November 18 th – November 22 nd
Weather Permitting we will continue removing leaves.		
November 25 th – November 29 th	December 2 nd – December 6 th	December 9 th – December 13 th

E-Waste Recycling Day - October 19th

As you prepare for Clean-Up Day, don't forget that old computer and electronic equipment! Get rid of it for free! Bring it down to the Village's Public Work's Facility, located at 937 Barnsdale Road, on Saturday, October 19th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Representatives from Vintage Tech Recyclers, Village staff and community volunteers will be on hand to accept electronic items that as

of January 1, 2012, are banned from Illinois landfills. Items that will be accepted include: tvs, computers, monitors, printers, computer peripherals, scanners, fax machines, VCRs/DVD players, gaming systems, MP3 players and cameras. Vintage Tech utilizes hard-drive wiping and destruction that has been approved and validated in compliance to the R2 (Responsible Recycler) certification. For more information, please call the Village at 708-354-0225.



Haunted Halloween Trick or Treat

October 25th

The La Grange Park Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring its second annual Haunted Trolley Trick-or-Treat event on Friday October 25th. Three trollies will transport children and parents along 31st Street, the Village Market and the Park District offering free trick-or-treating between 4:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Tree Lighting Ceremony

December 6th

The Village invites you to kick off the holiday season by watching the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony in Memorial Park, led by Village President, Jim Discipio. Boy Scout Pack 66 will present the colors and hot chocolate will be provided. Come on out for some holiday cheer and celebration! The ceremony begins promptly at 6:30 pm.

Holiday in the Park

December 14th

Mark your calendars for the 2013 La Grange Park Chamber of Commerce's Holiday in the Park on Saturday, December 14 from 1:00 – 4:00 pm at the Community Park District located at 1501 Barnsdale Road. Don't miss this local favorite where kids get to visit with Santa, make holiday crafts, decorate cookies, and play games. There will be lots of entertainment for grownups too – including music and refreshments. More details will be announced as we get closer to the event.



Fire Prevention Week: October 6th - 12th

The La Grange Park Fire Department Urges Residents to “Prevent Kitchen Fires” During Fire Prevention Week, October 6-12, 2013!

GET COOKING WITH FIRE SAFETY!

During this year's fire safety campaign, firefighters and safety advocates will be spreading the word about the dangers of kitchen fires—most of which result from unattended cooking—and teaching local residents how to prevent kitchen fires from starting in the first place. Many cooking fires have occurred over the past several years within the Village of La Grange Park.

The La Grange Park Fire Department recommends the following tips for Preventing Kitchen Fires:

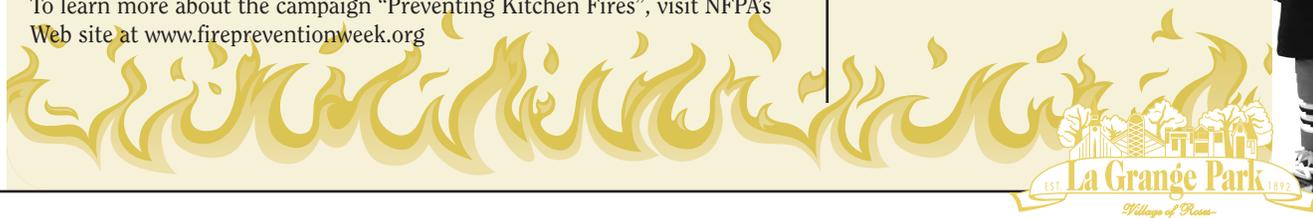
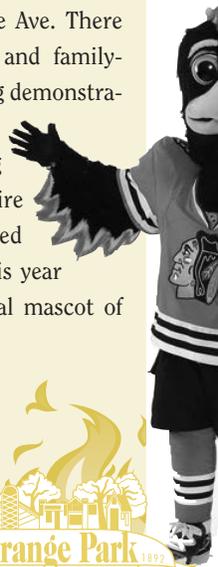
- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, broiling, or boiling food.
- If you must leave the room, even for a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- When you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly, stay in the home, and use a timer to remind you.
- If you have young children, use the stove's back burners whenever possible. Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the stove.
- When you cook, wear clothing with tight-fitting sleeves.
- Keep potholders, oven mitts, wooden utensils, paper and plastic bags, towels, and anything else that can burn, away from your stovetop.
- Clean up food and grease from burners and stovetops.

To learn more about the campaign “Preventing Kitchen Fires”, visit NFPA's Web site at www.firepreventionweek.org



Open House

The La Grange Park Fire Department will be hosting an Open House at the end of Fire Prevention Week to promote “Prevent Kitchen Fires”. It will take place on October 13th, from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm, at Fire Station No. 1, located at 447 N. Catherine Ave. There will be many educational and family-oriented activities, including demonstrations on cooking fires and fire sprinklers, practicing fire escape planning, and fire truck rides. Also scheduled again for an appearance this year is Tommy Hawk, the official mascot of the Chicago Blackhawks.



La Grange Park Electric Aggregation Savings Program: A First Year Update

Residents in the Village of La Grange Park electric aggregation savings program have been enjoying significant savings on their ComEd bills for nearly one year. The Village's program began in September 2012. Resident and small businesses that enrolled received the low supply rate of 4.93 cents per kilo-watt hour for a period of two years with FirstEnergy Solutions – a significant savings. In fact, from October 2012 - May 2013, participants in the program saved a total of \$682,000!

How can you confirm who your electric supplier is? View your ComEd bill, look about one-third of the way down the page for the bold header: "Electricity Supply Services." If you are in the Village's aggregation program, your bill will state "FirstEnergy Solutions" and the rate of 0.04930. If your bill does not include that supplier name and rate, you are either enrolled with another supplier, or if no supplier name is listed, you are receiving your energy from ComEd.

Some attrition occurs when residents move away or make changes to their ComEd Account. Residents ought to be aware that if they make a change to their ComEd account, they may no longer be in the program. For example, if a resident moves within the Village, a new ComEd account number is generated for their new home and they are no longer enrolled in the program. If residents change their account from one spouse or roommate's name to another spouse or roommate's name, this will also cause the account to fall out of the savings program and the account reverts to the ComEd rate. Also, any new accounts that are opened are not automatically enrolled. To enroll in the program, call FirstEnergy Solutions directly at 888-651-5200 and ask to enroll in the La Grange Park program. Questions? Contact the Village at 708-354-0225 for more information.

The Beach-Oak Park Addition Project Takes A Leap Forward

The Community Park District of LaGrange Park anticipates soon the closing on a property located at 534 Beach Avenue. Acquiring the property will expand Beach-Oak Park by roughly one third. The \$297,000 addition is made possible with a matching grant from the federally funded Land and Water Conservation. The Community Park District Board of Commissioners expects to award a demolition contract in October so that the property can be rough graded and seeded before the end of the year. During 2014 the property will provide an additional open grass play area. Then in July 2014, the Park District will apply for a park improvement grant that would enable a complete renovation of the expanded park in 2015. Among the desired additions to the park are a small splash pad, an educational garden, and additional playground equipment. The existing train theme for the park will be retained due its close proximity to the Indiana Belt Harbor Railroad.

Prescription Drop Box Program

The LaGrange Park Police Department, in cooperation with the United States Department of Justice, has installed a Prescription Drug Disposal Box in the lobby of the Police Department. Unwanted pharmaceuticals may be safely disposed of by depositing them in the collection box. Needles or sharps cannot be accepted and must be disposed of as required by law. The disposal box was acquired after several successful drug collection events conducted in cooperation with the Cool Village Commission of La Grange Park. Because of the success achieved during those events, the Village decided to pursue a permanent disposal site. There is no charge for disposing of unwanted pharmaceuticals and the service is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.



Don't Forget to Fall Back Stay Informed with E-Briefs

Central Standard Time officially begins at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 3, 2013. Remember to change your smoke detector batteries when you move your clocks back one hour.

Want to be kept informed with the most up-to-date information on what is happening in the community? Want to be the first to get vital information in times of emergency? Sign up for the Village's weekly electronic newsletter, the E-Briefs. The E-Briefs is a once weekly newsletter that contains important Village information and links to activities going on in and around the community. Recently, the Village switched to a mobile-friendly E-Briefs format so that you stay informed on the go. To sign up, visit the Village's website (www.lagrangepark.org) and click on the "Sign Up" box on the left-hand side of the page.



Village Board Highlights

The Board of Trustees conducted the following business during the months of June, July and August:

- Authorized Village Manager to Expend Funds in the Amount not to Exceed \$28,000 for the Purchase & Installation of a Checkmate Valve (Tideflex) on the Morgan Avenue Storm Sewer
- Accept the Proposal of National Power Rodding Corp. in the amount of \$29,139.25 for the 2013 Sewer Cleaning & Televising Program; Authorize Additional Spending not to Exceed the Total Budget of \$40,000 for this Project Should Additional Locations for Cleaning/Televising become Identified this Fiscal Year; and Authorize the Village President to Execute the Contract Documents
- Accept the Proposal of Hoerr Construction in the amount of \$159,005 for the 2013 Sewer Lining Project; Authorize Additional Spending not to Exceed the Total Budget of \$225,000 for this Project Should Additional Locations for Lining become Identified this Fiscal Year; and Authorize the Village President to Execute the Contract Documents
- Commission Appointments and Re-Appointments
- Approve an Ordinance Ascertaining Prevailing Wage Rates for Construction Work in Cook County
- Moved to Grant an Exception to the Nuisance Regulations Contained in Section 93.04.C.5 (as amended) of the Village Municipal Code, for the purpose of allowing Carnival Rides and Amplified Music to Remain Operational at the St. Louise de Marillac Carnival/Summerfest
- Authorized Staff to Prepare a Contract and Authorize the Village President to Execute Said Contract w/Trine Construction to Complete Concrete Removal and Replacement Work and to Complete Parkway Restoration Work
- Appointment of Joshua Samos, Jill Madison and Ann Wiegand-Kamal to the Ad Hoc Cool Village Commission
- Approve the Purchase of One 2014 Chevrolet Tahoe from Currie Motors in Frankfort, IL in the Amount of \$24,583 for the Police Dept.
- Authorize the Participation in the Suburban Joint Purchasing Cooperative Contract with Superior Road Striping in an Amount Not to Exceed \$10,000
- Approve a 20% Discount to the Water Rate for Water Supplied to a New Interactive Spray Pad at Memorial Park, Limited to a Period of Four Years at which Time the Discount Policy shall be Reviewed for Continuation and to Approve \$3,300 in Financial Support to the Community Park District of La Grange Park in the Form of a Reimbursement for the General Purpose of Public Improvements Planned for the Memorial Park Improvement Project
- Authorize the Change Order to the Contract w/Schroeder Asphalt for the Amount of \$154,344.79, and authorize the Village Manager to Execute the Change Order dated August 5, 2013
- Move to Advise and Consent to the Reappointment of Christopher O'Hea to the Police Pension Board
- Approve a Special Use Permit for a Kennel/Dog Day Care Service with Accessory Grooming for the Property Located at 23 E. 31st St.
- Accept the Bid from Unique Plumbing Co. in the Amount of \$63,135 and authorize the Village President to Execute the Necessary Contract Documents
- Approve a Resolution Authorizing the Destruction of Certain Verbatim Records
- Appointment of Michael Rons, James Ryan and Anthony Griffin to the Plan Commission
- Proclamation for National Assisted Living Week September 8 - 14, 2013

What You May Not Know About Your Library

If you think the La Grange Park Library is all about books, take another look! The Library provides a wide variety of services for our community. Check its website at lplibrary.org to learn more about what is available to you. Here are just a few services you may not know about:

- The Gregor Music Room on the 2nd floor has a Clavinova piano to play. The room is often used as a quiet study space or to practice other musical instruments. It can be reserved for use from the Library's website, or patrons can drop in and ask at the Reference Desk if it is available.
- Library cardholders can check out free or discount passes to museums and other cultural institutions.
- Register to vote at the Library at any time. There are voter registrars on staff.
- Reserve one of four meeting rooms for your group, work or study needs.
- Residents who are temporarily or permanently confined to their homes can call the Circulation Desk to arrange for Homebound Delivery of Library materials. Call 708-352-0100.
- Stop by for free notary service.



Go Back to School with Tutor.com Free with your Library card

Stuck on a tough math problem? Need help with an essay? The Library offers free online tutoring in math, science, English, social studies and writing through Tutor.com, the award-winning national online tutoring service. Help is available for students in grades K-12 from 3-10 p.m., seven days a week. Log in through the Library's website, www.lplibrary.org

Welcome New Businesses on 31st Street

The Village is proud to announce the opening of a new business on 31st Street: Amusement Bark. It is currently scheduled to open in early December 2013. Amusement Bark will be a combined doggy day care/boarding facility and will also provide dog grooming and small group training classes. It will be located at 23 E. 31st Street. Amusement Bark will operate 24 hours a day year-round, and will be open to the public from 7:00am-6:00pm Monday through Friday and 9:00am-4:00pm on Saturdays. All dogs will be boarded inside of the building, with cage-free indoor and outdoor recreation areas provided.

Check out their website: www.amusement-bark.com for further information.

Introducing Premier Tile from Premier Design and Cabinetry

Premier Design and Cabinetry located at 1101 E. 31st Street will soon be expanding their offerings through the opening of Premier Tile in mid-October. Premier Tile will offer new designs in Italian tile as well as basic tile. The new store will be located at 1016 E. 31st Street, across the street from Premier Design and Cabinetry.





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Please use this section to give us your comments, suggestions, questions, problems or compliments. If you have something on your mind . . . let us know! Just jot it down and send it to us.

Please mail to: Village Manager, Village of La Grange Park, 447 North Catherine, La Grange Park, IL 60526. Email address: jcedillo@lagrangepark.org. If you would like a response, please include your name, mailing address, email address or daytime phone number.

Stay connected with Village news and community happenings, subscribe to E-Briefs, the Village's weekly electronic newsletter. Send an email to jcedillo@lagrangepark.org and type "sign me up!"

VILLAGE HALL

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.

VILLAGE HOLIDAYS

Just a reminder that Village offices will be closed for the following holidays:

- Monday, November 11 – Veteran's Day**
- Thursday & Friday, November 28 & 29 – Thanksgiving**
- Tuesday & Wednesday, December 24 & 25 – Christmas**
- Wednesday, January 1 – New Years Day**