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Spring 2014

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The Village of La Grange Park



President's Corner

While it's been a long time coming, spring is just around the corner and like many of our residents, the Village has been hard at work preparing for the spring and summer projects ahead.

This year, the Village has over \$1 million in street and infrastructure projects planned. This includes completing Phase IV of the Beach Avenue Project, which runs between 26th Street and 29th Street. The scope of work includes new curb and gutter, rebuilding of sewer manholes, pavement base repair and a new asphalt overlay. This summer the Village will also be repaving the entire length of Edgewood Avenue, from Ogden Avenue at the south end to Harding Avenue to the north. This past winter

was extremely hard on our streets and maintaining and repairing our streets remains a top priority for the Village. While the Village cannot afford to repave as many streets as we would like this year, we will be undertaking crack sealing and pavement patching throughout the community to prolong the life of our existing roadways.

Last year, the Village successfully replaced the water main running along La Grange Road between Brewster to Woodlawn, with the assistance of a large grant from the Army Corp of Engineers. This year, the Village plans to continue

the replacement of this over 50 year old main by replacing the portion of the main that is located between 31st Street and 29th Street. As a result, water flows will be improved and the frequency and cost of repairs to the main will be greatly reduced.

Spring is also budget season for the Village and because of the tough decisions made in years past, the Village is positioned well to take on some of the critical infrastructure, equipment and facility improvements that are needed. In January, the Village Board held a Strategic Planning Workshop to identify and prioritize the long-term objectives and needs of the Village. The Board's direction will serve to guide the Village's budgetary decisions over the next several years to ensure that we properly plan and allocate funding for critical capital investments. The draft budget is currently under review and I encourage residents to visit the Village's website to view the draft budget and see what is being considered.

Each spring, I ask residents to think about those in our community who have made a difference. The Village's Arbor Day Tree Planting Program is our way of commemorating those whose contributions have helped shape our Village. To nominate someone deserving of this award, see page 5.

Finally, this spring our Village said farewell to our long-time Finance Director, Pierre Garesché. Mr. Garesché served the Village for over 28 years and his expertise and dedication will be missed. Please take a few moments to read through this spring's edition of the Rose Clippings. You'll find useful information on the new refuse contract, the water rate, upcoming Village events and new businesses in the community. Please feel free to contact Village staff if you have any questions or concerns and as always, feel free to contact me at any time.



President James F. Discipio



Village Approves New Refuse Agreement – Effective April 1, 2014

The Village's previous residential waste hauler contract with Allied Waste Services expired on March 31, 2014. In anticipation of entering into a new contract, the Village conducted a survey of residents in October 2013 to gather feedback on resident's refuse and recycling habits. The Village released a Request for Proposals (RFP) in December 2013 to solicit pricing and program alternatives for a new waste hauler contract. Over the course of February and March, the Village Board evaluated the RFP responses and solicited input from residents on two program alternatives. These alternatives included maintaining the current hybrid program or switching to an all-toter program. Based upon their evaluation and feedback received from residents, the Village Board opted to continue with the current program and approved a new 5-year contract with Allied Waste Services. The new contract will continue to offer the residents the flexibility to choose the disposal option that best meets the needs of their households, offer competitive pricing and maintain the reliable service that Allied Waste provides while keeping the entire Village on the same garbage day (Thursday).



New Contract Pricing

	PREVIOUS	April 1, 2014	April 1, 2015	April 1, 2016	April 1, 2017	April 1, 2018
Minimum Monthly Charge	\$5.35	\$5.10	\$5.23	\$5.41	\$5.63	\$5.81
Individual Sticker Cost	\$2.90	\$2.90	\$3.00	\$3.10	\$3.20	\$3.30
65G Refuse Toter	\$15.15	\$11.65	\$11.94	\$12.36	\$12.85	\$13.27
95G Refuse Toter	\$18.65	\$13.65	\$13.99	\$14.48	\$15.06	\$15.54

Sticker Program Guidelines

- All refuse and recycling must be placed at the curb no later than 6:00 a.m. on pick-up day
- Residents may place individual garbage bags or cans at the curb
- Each bag or can must have one refuse sticker
- Garbage cans may not exceed 35 gallons or weigh more than 50 lbs
- Bulk items require two refuse stickers each
- Co-mingled recyclables must be placed in approved blue bins for pick-up
- Residents will be charged a monthly fee on their water and sewer bill to cover the fixed costs of refuse/recycling pick-up
- Back-door service is available at an extra charge (for refuse only)
- Oversized and overweight containers are dangerous for workers and will not be picked up



Twin-Toter Program Guidelines

- All toters must be placed at the curb no later than 6:00 a.m. on pick-up day
- Residents may rent 65 gallon or 95 gallon refuse toter directly from Allied
- All residents receive a 65 gallon recycling toter with their refuse toter
- All toters have wheels and lids for convenience
- Bulk items require two refuse stickers each
- Any excess garbage that does not fit within the toter must have one refuse sticker
- Residents will be charged a monthly fee on their water and sewer bill to cover the fixed costs of refuse/recycling pick-up
- Back-door service is available at an extra charge (for refuse only)



Which Program is Right for Me?

The table below will help you choose the most cost-effective solution for refuse & recycling for your household, based on usage:

IF YOU THROW OUT...	THEN SELECT...
Less than one bag or can of garbage per week	Sticker program
One bag or can of garbage per week	65 Gallon Twin Toters
More than one bag or can of garbage per week	95 Gallon Twin Toters

Stickers may be purchased at Village Hall and local grocery and hardware stores. To get started with the Twin Toter program, contact Allied Waste directly at 708-345-7050.



Village Approves New Yard Waste Collection Option for Residents

As part of the new residential waste hauler contract, Allied Waste Services will now offer the option for residents to rent a landscape waste toter for the removal of yard waste in lieu of using yard waste stickers. This option allows residents to rent a 65 gallon or 95 gallon toter for a standard monthly fee instead of using their own 35 gallon container or kraft paper bags and affixing yard waste stickers. Residents pay a standard fee (see pricing below) for the months of April – November; the months in which landscape waste collection is provided by Allied Waste. During the remaining 4 months of the year, residents are charged an administrative fee of \$2.00 per month for the rental of the toter. These fees are in addition to all other refuse fees. Landscape waste toters will be available for rental beginning May 1st of this year. To rent a landscape waste toter contact Allied Waste directly at 708-345-7050.

	April 1, 2014	April 1, 2015	April 1, 2016	April 1, 2017	April 1, 2018
65G Landscape Waste Toter	\$20.85	\$21.40	\$21.95	\$22.50	\$23.10
95G Landscape Waste Toter	\$22.85	\$23.45	\$24.00	\$24.75	\$25.25

Yard Waste Collection By Allied Waste Begins April 3rd

The Yard Waste Program is available through our waste hauler, Allied Waste. Allied Waste will accept yard waste with an Allied Waste service sticker from April through November. The program guidelines are outlined below:

- All containers and bundles should be at the curb by 6:00 a.m. on pick-up day.
- Yard waste may be placed in kraft paper bags or 35 gallon cans
- A yard waste sticker must be affixed to each bag, can or bundle
- All cans must be marked for yard waste and must be visible from the street
- “Yard Waste” decals are available at Village Hall
- Cans or bags cannot exceed 50 lbs in weight
- Oversized and overweight cans will not be emptied
- Bundled brush must be secured 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

Please call Allied Waste Customer Service at 708-345-7050 if you have any questions.



Village Alternative for Brush Collection

Residents in the Village have two options for having brush removed from their property. The Village will collect brush at no cost to residents during the first full week of each month May through October.

Collection will occur during the weeks of:

- May 5th • June 2nd • July 7th • August 4th • September 2nd • October 6th
(last pickup for the year)

Please note that the Village will no longer be scheduling specific sections for pickup. Instead, multiple crews will be working concurrently across the Village during the collection week.

For those residents that have brush that needs to be picked up outside of those weeks, Allied Waste will collect brush under the Yard Waste program, if a yard waste sticker is affixed to each bundle. Please see the article entitled “Yard Waste Collection Begins” for more information on brush collection through Allied Waste.

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 removal of the tree/brush debris.

Celebrate Arbor Day

La Grange Park has been designated a "Tree City USA" for the past 26 years by the National Arbor Day Foundation. In keeping with our status as a "Tree City," the Village has planned a special event for this year's Arbor Day Celebration.

Honorary Tree Planting

For the eleventh consecutive year, the Village will plant a tree in memory or in honor of a special person. In the same manner that many people plant trees to celebrate the birth of a child, a marriage or to memorialize someone who has passed away, the Village will publicly honor a La Grange Park resident or group with the planting of a tree. Planting a tree can be a terrific tribute to someone; trees grow tall and strong, provide shade for cooling in summer, release moisture into the air, help reduce flooding and erosion and are a source of beauty from season to season over a lifetime.

Arbor Day this year is Friday, April 25th. To mark this Arbor Day, the Village is accepting nominations to plant a tree in honor or in memory of a person or group that has made a positive contribution to the community or whose achievements deserve special recognition. Previous year's honorees included a tree planted at the Library in honor of Mary Lou Hurley who has served as President of the Library Board for many years, as well as Paul Matlas for his untiring involvement with the Village Church of La Grange Park.

To submit your own nomination, please use the form below or create your own and send it to Tree Planting, La Grange Park Village Hall, 447 N. Catherine Avenue, La Grange Park, IL 60526 or via email to abagley@lagrangepark.org no later than April 21st, 2014. Be sure to tell why the person or group you are nominating deserves to be recognized and indicate what kind of tree you feel would most appropriately honor their achievements and community spirit. After reviewing all the nominations, the Village will select one from among all nominations received to honor with a public tree planting. The tree will be planted in a public space (in a park, parkway, etc.) during a public ceremony in late April or early May and a small plaque mentioning the honoree will be installed at the base of the tree.

I nominate _____ to be honored with the planting of a _____ tree because: _____

Nominated By: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Spring Maintenance Tips

With spring around the corner, we all turn our thoughts to the outdoors. This year's brutal winter has taken a toll on all buildings as well as driveways, patios, walkways and even trees. The Village has a property maintenance code in place that contains provisions for maintenance of all exterior areas both residential and commercial properties. Please look around your property and identify any issues that need attention. Also please be aware that certain projects require a building permit, so before starting that major task you have in mind, contact the Building Department regarding any requirements. By ensuring all properties are maintained, the Village can continue to thrive on the high standards on which the community was founded.

Free Mulch

Mulch will be available beginning May 1st. Public Works crews will deliver mulch to residents on Fridays, depending on availability. When requesting a delivery please email mulch@lagrangepark.org or call Public Works at 352-2922, and provide the following:

- address
- phone number
- 1/2 truck load or full truck load*

**1/2 truck load equals approximately 1.5 cubic yards, and a full truck load equals approximately 3 cubic yards (generally, one cubic yard will cover a 6-foot x 9-foot area)*



Village Personnel Changes



On April 3rd, the Village welcomed Larry Noller as our new Finance Director. Larry has over nine years of experience in municipal finance and comes to the Village from the City of Wheaton, where he served as the Assistant Director of Finance. Larry has a Master's in Public Administration from Northern Illinois University and also a Master of Science in Environmental Science from Indiana University. Please join the Village in welcoming Larry to the La Grange Park community.



In December, the Village welcomed Probationary Police Officer Chris Dempsey. Chris was previously with Cicero Public Schools as a Physical Education instructor and has a Master's degree in School Leadership. He arrived at the Village having already attended the 400 hour Part-Time Basic Law Enforcement Academy. Chris will receive full certification upon completing the two week transition program offered by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board.

La Grange Park Welcomes New Businesses to 31st Street!

Passed to Present, LLC opened at 1013 E. 31st Street in February. The business specializes in mid-century and studio furniture and furnishings, antiques, toys, collectibles and one-of-a-kind items. Passed to Present also buys, sells and trades. Stop by to check out their unique offerings!

Premier Tile opened at 1016 E. 31st Street in February. Owned and operated by the owner of Premier Design and Cabinetry across the street, Premier Tile offers a wide range of both contemporary and traditional styles of tile to suit all lifestyles and budgets. Please stop by the new showroom to discover how Premier Tile can help make your remodeling dreams come true.



Park Plans: Memorial, Beach-Oak, Robinhood



The last two years of the Community Park District's five-year master plan will commence this spring. The Park District will undertake a \$35,000 facelift in the northeast quarter of Robinhood Park. The plan includes redesigned landscaping in the northeast corner of the park and light restoration of the existing shelter.

A second, more aggressive park improvement will take place at Memorial Park. The Park District hopes to secure a matching grant from the Open Space Land and Development (OSLAD) to support the renovation. A grant application for the project was submitted last July to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR). Award winners have not yet been announced but if the Community Park District is among them, a \$400,000 grant would pay for almost half of the project cost. Featured improvements include a full sized family shelter with environmentally sensitive restrooms, a new water and sand playground addition and extensive landscape restoration.

The third master plan project is at Beach-Oak Park. A grant application for 2014 funding through OSLAD is due July 1st and is now being prepared. If awarded, the work will allow a complete makeover at Beach-Oak that takes advantage of a recent park expansion project.



Community Park District's Veterans Memorial Fund

At the end of February, fund-raising for a new, more fitting memorial to all veterans had raised over \$114,000. This wonderful show of support now enables the addition of a base relief brick sculpture to be built into a portion of the memorial wall. When the Veterans Memorial Committee needed ideas for the sculpture, it turned to all local high school and junior high school art students as well as local artists and the general public for help. A contest was administered and Daniel D'Onofrio, a sophomore at Nazareth Academy, submitted the winning entry.

Construction on the Memorial will commence early this spring and will progress through mid-summer. A dedication ceremony has been re-scheduled for Saturday, September 13th. Look for more publicity on this exciting event this coming spring and summer.



Village Board Highlights

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

- Authorized the payment of \$10,206 to United General Concrete, Inc. for the 2013 removal and replacement of curbs and aprons
- Approved the change of name of the Cool Village Commission to the Sustainability Commission; and motion to allow the Sustainability Commission to create and manage a Facebook page for the commission
- Authorized Village President to execute the Village Manager's Amendment to Employee Agreement
- Approved the purchase of eight (8) sets of new protective gear (pants & coats), at the cost of \$1,504.00 per set, or a total of \$12,032.00, from Paul Conway Shields (Fire Dept.)
- Authorized the change order to the contract with Trine Construction of the amount of \$2,199.64; and authorize the Village Manager to execute the change order dated January 7, 2014
- Approved a Resolution Appointing Emily Rodman as the Village's IMRF Authorized Agent
- Approved a Resolution Authorizing the Village of La Grange Park to continue participation in the Illinois Local Debt Recovery Program in accordance with the revisions to the Intergovernmental agreement and to authorize the Village President to sign the Intergovernmental agreement on behalf of the Village of La Grange Park
- Approved a Resolution accepting the proposal of A&B Landscaping and Tree Service in the amount of \$36,480 (or \$25,000), and authorize the Village President to execute the necessary documents
- Approved the draft Agreement and authorize the Village Attorney to finalize the agreement for signature by the Village President for the LaGrange Road Water Main Contract Closeout
- Approved the Brainard Avenue Project evaluation timeline
- Authorized the purchase of an asphalt hot patch trailer from Galva Road Equipment at the pricing established in the joint purchasing contract, with an amount not to exceed \$25,000
- Approved the proposal from Robert Kinnucan Tree Experts and Landscaping Company dated January 22, 2014 in the amount of \$7,160.40
- Approved the proposals from Landscape Concepts Management in the amount of \$4,360 for lawn mowing various areas throughout the Village, \$1,840 for lawn mowing at the water plant, and \$2,520 for flower bed maintenance
- Adopted a Resolution approving the Audit Services Agreement dated January 8, 2014 (Selden Fox)
- Approved Resolution authorizing execution of an Illinois Green Infrastructure Grant Financial Agreement in the amount of \$416,000 with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for the Downspout Disconnection Assistance Program

Water Rate Increase

Effective May 1st

March 25th, the Village Board approved an increase of 8.0% to the Village's water rate that will become effective May 1, 2014. This increase is largely a pass-through of rate increases from the Village's water supplier, the Brookfield North Riverside Water Commission (BNRWC), who purchases its water from the City of Chicago. The City of Chicago raised its water rates by 15% effective January 1st of this year.

New Village rate:	\$6.47 per 100 cu. ft.
Previous Village rate:	\$5.99 per 100 cu. ft.

The Village has been paying this new rate to the BNRWC since January 1st. Because residents are billed quarterly for their water, residents will not see the full impact of the rate increase on their water bill until August, September or October.

If you have questions on the new rate or how it impacts your water bill, please contact Village Hall at (708) 354-0225.

Notice to Monitor Water Usage



The Village of La Grange Park Finance Department has noted a few incidents of unusually high water bill amounts. This can be attributed to dripping faucets, running toilets or leaky pipes. In fact, a running toilet can waste up to 1,000 gallons of water a day and dripping faucets can also cause large increases in water usage. As a result, the Village reminds you to frequently check your pipes, faucets and toilets for leaking or running water. Also, many water meters have a "low flow indicator", a small dial on the meter face that turns when water is moving through the meter. This dial should not be moving if water is not being used in your residence. Be proactive – monitor your water usage frequently to save yourself time and money in the future!

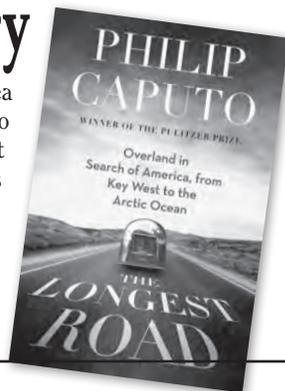
Echoes of Earth: Finding Ourselves in the Origins of the Planet

Saturday, April 19, 2:00 p.m.

Join writer-photographer L. Sue Baugh as she explores the breathtaking beauty and power of the world's oldest rock and mineral sites, including the Grand Canyon and locations in Australia, Greenland and Northwest Canada. Sponsored by the La Grange Park Friends of the Library.

at La Grange Park Public Library

The Big Read is a collaborative effort among nine area libraries that pick one book for their communities to read and plan programs centered on that title. The Longest Road, by Philip Caputo, chronicles his true life adventures on a 16,000 mile trip from Key West, FL to Deadhorse, Alaska. The final program at La Grange Park Library is on April 19.



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.

For a copy of the Good Neighbor nomination form, visit the village website at www.lagrangepark.org

Good Neighbor Excerpts:

Nominating: Ron and Anna Catelli, George and Arlena Faks

We have lived here for 17 years. A couple of years after we had moved in there was a terrible snow storm. The snow was very deep and the wind blew it down our driveway and it drifted against our back door. As a result, we were unable to get out of the house. Our son stopped on his way to work to call us and tell us he was looking to find someone to clear the snow away from the door. After a while we heard snow being shoveled and it was Ron and Anna. They did not stop until all of the snow was cleared. Our next door neighbors George and Arlena are also very helpful. Whether we are knee deep in snow or leaves, we have wonderful people here with shovels or rakes to help us. **-Jim and Arlene Sima**

Nominating: Sandy and Brian Anderson

I am happy to say that I am surrounded by good neighbors across the street that offered to help when my husband was ill (3 families). Behind us, they keep an eye out on the backyard, especially Sandy and Brian who go the extra mile. During all of the snow, they kept the long driveway and sidewalks clear even during the arctic cold blast. Miraculously, the papers that the delivery person leaves in the driveway appeared on my porch. Also, every week the trash can walks from the curb to the shed in the back. I know who my angels are and appreciate my south side neighbors Yulanda and Michael for their friendship and willingness to lend a helping hand. **-Mary Ann Stocking**

Nominating: Bill and Erin O'Brien

Bill and Erin organized our first block party in September. Because of their invitations and planning, we had a great turnout. We met several of our neighbors. There was music, food and drink. There were several games for children to play. We appreciate their time and effort and everyone hopes that with their lead, the block parties will continue. **-John Harris and Robyn Heuer**

Nominating: Bonny Cronin

There are neighbors you merely share a property line with and then there are neighbors that become part of your family. Our neighbor, Bonny Cronin, is like family to us—we all love her. Since the moment we moved in 10 years ago, we have felt blessed to be on the other end of her constant warmth and kindness. Whether running over a delicious meal for us, weeding our garden, watching our kids, or throwing the ball for our dog, Bonny's helpful, good-natured attitude touches our hearts.

Bonny Cronin is a positive influence for our kids because she quietly proves that being kind matters; she consistently demonstrates that in order to earn respect, you have to give it to everyone. Our family (ranging from 8 to 45 years old) collectively agrees that Bonny is the nicest person we have ever known. She has taught me so much about motherhood and even now when I watch her interact with her three adult children, I learn from her. This is because she leads with her big, beautiful heart and her selfless acts inspire me in ways that she may never know. Well, she might know now!

Thank you mostly for your friendship, Bonny. You make living in La Grange Park better for ALL of your neighbors! **-The Armstrong Family**

Nominating: Carl Bass

We've read about so many La Grange Park residents portrayed as "good neighbors" that we realize it's our turn to identify and talk about our neighbor, Carl Bass, of 1033 Community Drive

Carl has helped these two senior ladies for as long as we can remember. He was the person to come to our aid in the early summer 2013 rains. Our basement flooded for the first time in our 40 years of residency.

He helped move items during the cleaning process and even loaned us his dehumidifier to dry and freshen up the area.

When we garden or just pick up miscellaneous brush and leaves, his sons C. J. and Dougie drive their little John Deere truck over to us and pick up the debris taking it to our garbage/recycle bins. We hear these joyful voices yelling, "We'll do it, we'll do it!"

More importantly is Carl's availability and assistance in winter months. He responds to each snowfall. This is not an easy task because we live on the South East corner of Community Drive and 31st Street. Heavy snowfall and drifting impact our accessibility to the walk and drive. His help has been even more meaningful this year as Diane had left hip replacement surgery in November. Carl sprung into excellent action when he saw her returning home in the Medi-car.

Our entire walk/driveway areas are plowed so we can get to medical appointments. Because of severe weather, Diane continues home health care; Carl ensures that the nurse and physical therapist are able to access both the drive and back walk to our home. On those warmer days when we were asked to make sure sewers on our property were open, Kathy went out to check. Carl sees her and says, "Don't worry, I already did it."

Need we repeat...Carl Bass is our year round "good neighbor", also known to us as "our knight in shining armor." Thank you, thank you Carl! **-Diane and Kathy Wenzel**

Nominating: Caring neighbors & friends from the 600 block of North Catherine Ave.

I wanted to nominate this group of neighbors and friends who kindly clear snow from my driveway and walkways and even chop away at the ice accumulation on the apron to the street. Terri Rearick purchased a snow blower and she encourages Jim Graff (her next door neighbor) to use it to help others along the street. Besides Jim Graff, Ann and Bob Olson, Steve Klein, Joe Culligan and Chuck Schwerba are out in the bitter cold operating their snow blowers to clear snow away for me. Keir Wilson has been faithfully shoveling snow from the apron to the street (which is the hardest) and up the driveway to my porch, often before he even leaves for work. Lori Wilson, Armando Solis, Jim Fran, Terri Rearick, Edie Emmenegger, Derek Barnett and Mary Ann Scherwka have all aided me in shoveling snow. I greatly appreciate their thoughtfulness and taking the time and energy to perform good deeds to help me. **-Mary Russell**

Nominating: Bob Andonka

I live on a block with wonderful neighbors. Many have offered me help when I needed it. For over 60 years, I have lived in my house which was built by my husband's father and grandfather. Ever since my husband Ken died 6 years ago, Bob has cleaned my sidewalk and driveway every time it snows. Another couple, Jeff and Julie Jeter are the first ones to come out and shovel for anyone that needs it. The Tepema family of 5 are always ready to help at all times. Since I live alone and am in my 80's, I feel truly blessed. **-Char Nading**

Nominating: Matt Wood

Matt is the snow angel of the 600 block of Barnsdale (east side). No matter how much snow or if it's below zero, Matt is snow blowing from the home to the end of the block and around the corner. Whether it be early morning or late at night or the snow is really heavy, he will do it twice sometimes in those instances. Thank you Matt! **-RoseAnn Caliguiri**



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RESIDENT FEEDBACK

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, May 26 – Memorial Day
Friday, July 4 – Independence Day
The Police & Fire Department will remain open