

Rose CLIPPINGS

Fall 2016

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The Village of La Grange Park

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President's Corner

As the weather grows cooler and residents begin to gear up for the holiday season, it is time for the Village to begin planning for 2017. The Village has several large initiatives planned for the upcoming year and I'm excited to provide you a brief preview of what next year will bring.

Road construction has been on the mind of the Village and our residents for a number of years and thanks to the successful referendum passed earlier this year, construction began in early July on 24 blocks of roadway. GA Paving was selected as the acceptable low bidder and has been busy working their way from west to east across town. Over fifty percent of the paving work slated for 2016 has been completed so far and the rest will be completed by Thanksgiving. An additional 56 blocks are planned for repaving in 2017, 2018 and 2019. The Village has already determined the scope of the road work and



the order in which blocks will be completed will be finalized over the winter months. Construction will begin on those blocks in the spring. As excited as the Village is to have all of this activity underway, we understand that the road construction has been an inconvenience to residents living and traveling through town. We appreciate your patience during this busy time and advise you to continue to be cautious when driving through construction areas. Questions or concerns regarding road construction may be directed to the Public Works Department at (708) 352-2922, ext. 100.

For the past year, I've been providing quarterly updates in the Rose Clippings on the Village's efforts to sustain and

diversify our tax base through the use of economic development tools such as Tax Increment Financing (TIF). As the Village continues to move toward TIF implementation, we understand that residents may have questions about how TIF's work and what they mean for the future of the community. Included in this edition of the Rose Clippings is a special insert dedicated to the TIF process. We hope it answers many of the questions you may have and encourage you to visit the Village website or contact Village Hall if you have additional questions.

I invite you to join me and the Board of Trustees on November 3rd for the annual State of the Village Address. This year I'll have the pleasure of presenting the address alongside each of the Village's Department Heads, the Community Park District and Library District. Don't miss the opportunity to hear about what the Village has accomplished over the past year and what is on the horizon. Following the State of the Village Address, Village staff will be available to answer any questions you may have.

Next year will mark the Village's 125th Anniversary. To celebrate this momentous occasion, the Village and our community partners have been busy planning a variety of events throughout 2017, including a Village-wide birthday party. More details on the celebratory events will be released in the Winter Rose Clippings, so stay tuned.

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 celebrate the season. Take advantage of the annual Community Clean-Up Day and E-Waste Recycling event that help you get your home in order and ready for guests. Get extra use out of those Halloween costumes by participating in the La Grange Park Chamber Haunted Trolley Trick-or-Treat event and the Halloween Costume Party at the Community Park District Recreation Center. This December, join us for some hot chocolate and holiday caroling at the Village Tree Lighting ceremony or bring the entire family along to see Santa and enjoy holiday music and activities at the annual Holiday in the Park event. See inside for more details on each of these free, family-friendly 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



Quint Ladder Truck Purchase Update

Throughout the past several months, Fire Department staff has been evaluating multiple types of ladder trucks from various manufactures. Several demonstrations have taken place on vehicle capabilities and features in order to help make a sound purchasing decision on a new vehicle.



Improvements Being Made at Village Fire Stations

This past spring and summer, two projects were completed at Village Fire Stations. At Fire Station No. 1, the walls and ceilings of the fire apparatus storage garage were pressure-washed, removing years of built up soot and diesel exhaust. The ceiling was also re-painted, for the first time in decades. At Fire Station No. 2, firefighters remodeled the Fire Prevention office and adjacent restroom, with new fixtures, paint and carpeting. More long overdue improvements are planned for the upcoming year including repairing broken concrete floors in the fire apparatus garages, and then resurfacing them with non-slip finishes.



Fire Department Open House - Saturday, October 15th

The La Grange Park Fire Department will be hosting an Open House to promote Fire Prevention Week. It will take place on Saturday, October 15th, from 10:00 am - 1:00 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, fire sprinklers, practicing fire escape planning, and fire truck rides. All are invited to attend, gain or brush up on some valuable safety skills and knowledge, while having fun!

Fire Prevention Week - October 9th - 15th

Don't Wait – Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years

- Half of home fire deaths result from fires reported between 11 pm and 7 am when most people are asleep. Only one in five home fires were reported during these hours.
- Three out of five home fire deaths happen from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.
- Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half.
- Test alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button.
- When the smoke alarm sounds, get outside and stay outside. Go to your outside meeting place.

Smoke Alarms should be replaced every 10 years. Make sure you know how old all the smoke alarms are in your home. To find out how old a smoke alarm is, look at the date of manufacture on the back of the alarm; again, the alarm should be replaced 10 years from that date.

Don't Wait
CHECK the date!

REPLACE SMOKE ALARMS EVERY 10 YEARS

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK
OCTOBER 9-15, 2016

firepreventionweek.org

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Village of Peace

Lyons Township Area Communication Center (LTACC) Update

The LTACC renovation project is well under way at the La Grange Police Department. The three participating Villages, La Grange Park, La Grange and Western Springs, submitted the application for the new consolidated dispatch center to the Illinois State Police and a hearing on the application was held in August. The Administrative Law Judge has approved the application and will be making a recommendation to the Illinois State Police Advisory Board. The LTACC Operations Board (consisting of the Police and Fire Chiefs from the three communities) continues to meet on a bi-weekly basis. Minutes from the meetings may be found on the Village of La Grange website at www.villageoflagrange.com.

As a reminder, the state-of-the-art center will be staffed by certified dispatchers who are presently employed at La Grange Park, Western Springs and La Grange, who are already handling the police, fire and ambulance calls for service. If you have any additional questions or concerns on the project, please feel free to reach out to Executive Director, Kim Knutsen at kknutsen@ltacc.org or (708) 352-1232.

Did you know that your Police Department offers the following programs and services?

- **Walk & Talk:** Weather permitting, April through October, officers engage in foot patrol throughout the community.
- **Door Hanger:** Officers will leave a yellow door hanger on residences and businesses if they notice something (unlocked door, open window, etc.) that should be brought to the attention of the owner.
- **Vacation or Leave Notices:** Fill out a form at the police dispatch window for the time period you will be away and Village officers will keep an extra watch while you are away.
- **ID Theft Packets:** If you become a victim of an ID theft, the Police Department strongly encourages you to file a police report and pick up one of the Village's ID Theft Packets.
- **Adopt-A-Cop:** All grades K-8 Adopt-A-Cop classes will start in October and the primary focus will be on Halloween awareness.
- **Shop with a Cop:** This program is in its second year and is an extension of Adopt-A-Cop and will be reaching out to needy families in the area this holiday season. Select students will be chosen to have an opportunity to Christmas shop with an officer.



Save the Date - November 9th

Coffee with the Police Department
La Grange Park Public Library at 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Please join Police Chief Ed Rompa and staff as they share information on current Police Department efforts and takes questions and concerns from residents in attendance.



Police Citizen Academy

New in 2017

The La Grange Park Police Department in conjunction with the La Grange Park Chamber of Commerce, will offer a five-week program geared for residents or business owners that are 21 years of age and older. The Academy will meet weekly to discuss topics such as: police patrol, community policing, arrest procedures, investigations, specialty task forces, and more. More information on this exciting new program will be available soon.



Fall Leaf Removal Schedule

Residents are advised that the schedule below is only a guideline. *Leaves must be raked into the street gutter by 6:00 a.m. Monday of the collection week.* 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:

CENTER	EAST	WEST
October 10th	October 17th	October 24th
October 31st	November 7th	November 14th
Weather Permitting we will continue removing leaves as follows:		
November 21st	November 28th	December 5th



E-Waste Recycling Day October 15th

As you prepare for Clean-Up Day, don't forget that old computer and electronic equipment! Get rid of it for free! This year, we will also be collecting clothing, books and shoes for recycling. Bring your items to the Village's Public Work's Facility, located at 937 Barnsdale Road, on Saturday, October 15th from 9 am to 1 pm. For more information on items that will be accepted, please visit the Village website at www.lagrangepark.org or call the Village at (708) 354-0225.



2016 State of the Village November 3rd

Please join us for the 2016 State of the Village Address, which will be held on Thursday, November 3rd at 7:00 pm. Village President Dr. Jim Discipio and the directors of each of the Village Departments, along with representatives from the La Grange Park Public Library and La Grange Park Community Park District will provide residents with an update on the Village budget, achievements over the past year and upcoming infrastructure and economic development projects. The State of the Village Address will also be televised live on the Village's Cable Channels – Channel 6 (Comcast customers) and Channel 99 (AT&T U-Verse customers).

Tree Lighting Ceremony December 2nd

The Village invites you to kick off the holiday season by participating in the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at Memorial Park on Friday, December 2nd led by Village President, Dr. Jim Discipio. Boy Scout Pack 66 will present the colors and the Park Jr. High Forte singers will perform Christmas Carols. Hot chocolate will also be provided. Come on out for some holiday cheer and celebration! The ceremony begins promptly at 6:00 pm.

Free Mulch Will Not Be Available in 2017

Mulch is generated from the brush that Public Works crews pick up from May through October of the previous year. Unfortunately the brush pile experienced a significant fire in September. As a result, there is not enough material left to grind for mulch.

Community Clean Up Day October 20th

Mark your calendars for the Village's Annual Community Clean-Up Day, which will take place on October 20th. 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 ensure 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 am. 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 may be purchased at Village Hall for \$3.10 each.

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 - Any Type of Fluid

Construction and Demolition Debris

Ammunition - Scrap Wood and Lumber

Hazardous or Medical Waste - Paint

Radioactive Materials

Concrete, Asphalt, Rocks, Bricks

Car Parts, Tires - Fencing

Batteries - Railroad Ties

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 Republic Services at (708) 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.



HALLOWEEN

=Reminders=

THE VILLAGE ENCOURAGES RESIDENTS TO EXERCISE EXTRA CAUTION ON HALLOWEEN EVENING WHILE HAVING FUN. YOUNG CHILDREN SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT OR AN OLDER, RESPONSIBLE CHILD. ALL CHILDREN SHOULD WALK, NOT RUN FROM HOUSE TO HOUSE AND USE THE SIDEWALK WHEN AVAILABLE. CHILDREN SHOULD BE CAUTIONED AGAINST RUNNING OUT FROM BETWEEN PARKED CARS, OR ACROSS LAWNS WHERE ORNAMENTS OR FURNITURE PRESENT DANGERS. DRIVERS ARE REMINDED TO USE EXTRA CAUTION WHEN TRAVELING THROUGH THE NEIGHBORHOODS.

Trick-or-Treat Hours

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31ST
3:00 P.M. — 8:00 P.M.



Stay Informed with E-Briefs

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 receive 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. 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.

Wi-Fi Available at Village Hall

Free Wi-Fi is available at Village Hall during regular business hours. Residents and community groups visiting Village Hall have the ability to access the free Wi-Fi by simply requesting the guest password from a staff member.



La Grange Park Chamber Events

Annual Haunted Trolley Trick or Treat October 28th

4:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Village Market, 31st Street, CPD Recreation Center

Celebrate Halloween with a safe and fun way to trick-or-treat and support your local businesses. Join hundreds of children and families for the fifth annual Haunted Trolley Trick or Treat. Due to its popularity, there will be a fourth trolley this year. Trolleys will transport children and parents along 31st Street, the Village Market, and the Park District, all offering free trick-or-treating.

Holiday in the Park December 10th

11:00 am – 3:00 pm

CPD Recreation Center

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 they get closer to the event.



Village Board Highlights

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

- Authorized the Village Manager to execute the Professional Engineering Services Agreement for the 2016 Road Paving Program, in an amount not to exceed \$339,000.
- Rejected the lowest bid from A. Lamp based upon the Board's concerns about A. Lamp's improper payroll practices and problems with company management, and awarded a contract to GA Paving, the next lowest bidder in the amount \$2,123,425 plus a five percent contingency.
- Authorized the rental of a Vector from Standard Equipment for a period of 30 days in the amount of \$12,850.
- Authorized payment to Suburban General, inclusive of additional work performed, in the total amount of \$52,370.00.
- Approved an ordinance authorizing the sale of surplus property owned by the Village of La Grange Park.
- Adopted an ordinance amending the "La Grange Park Municipal Code" As Amended, regarding Section 50.28 Disconnection of Downspouts from Sanitary Sewage System, to extend the mandatory disconnection date from January 1, 2017 to January 1, 2019.
- Accepted a proposal from Code Consultant for the provision of Code Enforcement/Property Maintenance and Commercial/Residential Building Inspections and Plan Review, as needed, not to exceed \$85,000.00 per fiscal year.
- Appointed Matthew Huffman to the Traffic, Safety, and Engineering Committee for a term to expire May 1, 2018.
- Approved a Letter of Engagement with Kathleen Field Orr & Associates for legal services related to Tax Increment Financing and Business Districts.
- Appointed Jeff Nee to the Sustainability Committee for a term to expire May 1, 2019.
- Adopted An Ordinance Ascertainning Prevailing Wage Rates for Construction Work in Cook County.
- Adopted an Ordinance Granting a Certain Variation for 218 E. 31st Street, La Grange Park, IL (Public Hearing No. 2016-02).
- Approved an Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Property Owned by the Village of La Grange Park.
- Authorized the purchase of one 2017 Ford Utility Police Interceptor AWD vehicle through the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative Program from Joe Rizza Ford in a not to exceed amount of \$34,000, to be expensed to the FY2017 Capital Projects Fund.
- Approved the acceptance of the proposal for Fire Station No. 1 painting from Gary's Painting & Decorating for the total cost of \$12,600.00; (\$10,300.00 for labor, and \$2,300.00 for paint).
- Authorized expenditures for the upgrade to existing 9-1-1 telephone Call Processing (CPE) Equipment for the Lyons Township Area Communications Center (LTACC), serving the Villages of La Grange Park, La Grange, and Western Springs, at a cost not to exceed \$52,549 and authorize the Village Manager to execute any necessary and related agreements.
- Authorized expenditures for construction of a renovated dispatch center for the Lyons Township Area Communications Center (LTACC), serving the Villages of La Grange Park, La Grange and Western Springs, at a cost not to exceed \$114,354 and authorize the Village Manager to execute any necessary and related agreements, subject to final legal review.
- Approved expenditure for purchase of 2 street lights (complete set: pole, arms and lamp fixture), and 2 extra arms and lamp fixtures from Gexpro in the amount of \$14,208.50.
- Accepted bid proposal from the lowest responsible bidder, Globe Construction; authorized spending in an amount not to exceed \$19,500.
- Approved a "Resolution Amending Pay Plan and Schedule of Authorized Positions for FY2016-2017".
- Approved updated applications and agreements with PMA Financial Network, Inc. and PMA Securities, Inc. and authorize the Finance Director to sign the documents.
- Authorized the purchase of seven mobile data terminals and related mounting equipment from Bright Computers in the amount of \$19,008.12.
- Increased the authorized amount for sidewalk replacement with Globe Construction by \$25,000 to a total not to exceed amount of \$44,500.

Community Park District

The State "unfreezes" OSRAD grants!

The Community Park District has received word that the Illinois Department of Natural Resource's Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development grants have been released by the State of Illinois! The District received two of these grants that were "frozen" in February 2015. With this news, they have started working on moving forward with the Memorial Park improvements and planning for Beach Oak Park improvements. More detailed information will be distributed as it becomes available.

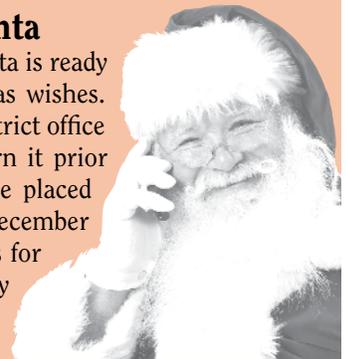
Halloween Costume Party

Friday, October 28

Calling all ghosts and goblins! Put on your costumes and enjoy a night of eerie fun at the Recreation Center. Carnival games will start the night out from 4:30 to 5:30 pm, followed by an enjoyable show. At 6:00 pm, mount your brooms and head for home. Juice and cookies will be served. The La Grange Park Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a Haunted Trolley from 4:00 – 6:30pm that will make stops at local businesses in La Grange Park. Keep in mind the Park District event runs from 4:30 to 6:00 pm only. This event is held at the Recreation Center and is a FREE event for anyone eight years and under. All participants must be accompanied by an adult. HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!

Phone Calls from Santa

'Tis the season to be jolly!! Santa is ready to hear your child's Christmas wishes. Pick up a form at the Park District office after November 28, and return it prior to December 13. Calls will be placed starting at 5:00 pm on December 14th. This event is free and is for La Grange Park residents only (children ages 3-8 years old).



Beauty and the Beast

A musical with performers aged 7 through 17 years old! The 8th production from "The Footlight Players" tells the classic story of Belle, a young woman in a provincial town, and the Beast, who is really a young prince trapped under the spell of an enchantress. If the Beast can learn to love and be loved, the curse will end and he will be transformed to his former self. But time is running out. If the Beast does not learn his lesson soon, he and his household will be doomed for all eternity. Performance Dates: Friday, December 9 at 7:30 pm; Saturday, December 10 at 2:00 pm and 7:30 pm; Sunday, December 11 at 2:00 pm.

All performances will be located at Park Junior High School.



La Grange Park Public Library

Calling all volunteers! Beginning in early 2017, self-checkout units will be installed in the library. Visitors will soon be able to choose whether to check out their items on their own or have a staff member check them out at the circulation desk.

To get the new system up and running, the library will need help putting security tags in all library items. Volunteers are needed on a temporary basis during open hours to help complete this project. All volunteers will be trained and need not have any prior experience or special knowledge. Anyone 16 years of age and older who is interested in helping out should contact Roberta Richter at: roberta@lplibrary.org or (708) 352-0100 ext 142.

Flavors of the Fall

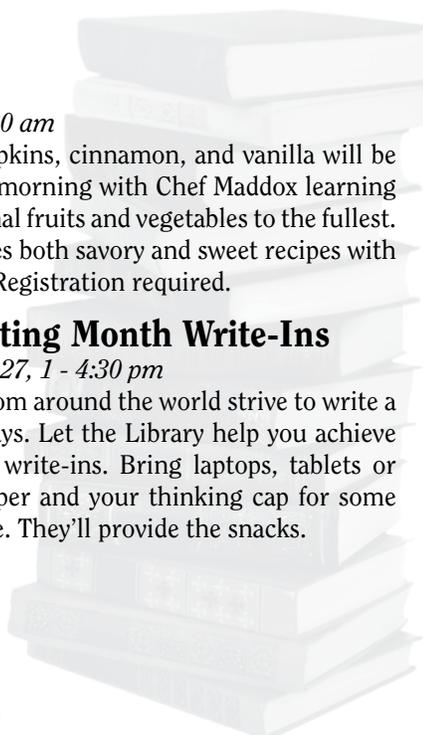
Saturday, October 22, 10:30 am

The aroma of apples, pumpkins, cinnamon, and vanilla will be in the air as we spend the morning with Chef Maddox learning new recipes that use seasonal fruits and vegetables to the fullest. The demonstration includes both savory and sweet recipes with samples for the audience! Registration required.

National Novel Writing Month Write-Ins

Sundays, November 6 and 27, 1 - 4:30 pm

Every November, people from around the world strive to write a 50,000-word book in 30 days. Let the Library help you achieve your goal with these two write-ins. Bring laptops, tablets or even good old pen and paper and your thinking cap for some uninterrupted writing time. They'll provide the snacks.



GOOD NEIGHBOR CORNER

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.

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? _____



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DON'T FORGET TO FALL BACK

Central Standard Time officially begins at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 6, 2016.
Remember to change your smoke detector batteries when you move your clocks back one hour.

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

The Village offices will be closed for the following holidays:

- Friday, November 11 - Veteran's Day**
- Thursday & Friday, November 24 & 25 - Thanksgiving**
- Friday & Monday, December 23 & 26 - Christmas**
- Monday, January 2 - New Year's Day**

The Police and Fire Department will remain open