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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 2018.

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 last year, over three million dollars of roadwork was completed this summer. The roadwork was completed by two separate contractors and the Village is pleased to announce that the work was completed well in advance of the November deadline. An additional 26 blocks are planned for repaving in 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.



Many of you know the Village is celebrating its 125th Anniversary this year. Throughout the year, the Village, along with our partners the Library and Community Park District, have hosted a number of celebratory events. Residents and businesses have turned out in record numbers to celebrate with us and it has been a pleasure to meet and talk with so many of you. Last month, we buried a time capsule in front of Village Hall. The time capsule included a variety of community information, memorabilia and photos and is slated to

be opened in 50 years – year 2067. A plaque marks its location. The 125th Anniversary celebration continues as we plan for the unveiling of the community art project in Village Hall on November 17th. For more information on the event, and how you can participate in the project, see page 3.

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 of each of the Village's Department Heads and the Community Park District and Library District. Don't miss the opportunity to hear about what the Village and our community partners have 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.

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 options to 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. 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 F. Discipio



Springfield Logjam Breaks with Budget

After 2 ½ years of gridlock in Springfield, the summer months saw the enactment of major legislation, including a full-year budget, a new system to fund education and increased money for 9-1-1 services.

In July, the General Assembly passed a FY 2018 (July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018) budget (Senate Bill 9/Public Act 100-0022), which appropriates \$36.1 billion for state government, the first 12-month, comprehensive spending plan in three years. The budget was accompanied by a \$5 billion income tax increase, raising the personal rate from 3.75% to 4.95% and from 5.25% to 7% on corporations (Senate Bill 6/Public Act 100-0021). The budget and tax legislation were enacted over Governor Bruce Rauner’s veto on July 6.

The impact of the budget package on municipalities and their residents includes changes to the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF), the municipal share of the state income tax. La Grange Park received approximately \$1.28 million from LGDF in FY 2017, funding vital services such as police and fire protection.

LGDF was enacted in 1969 with the intention that local municipalities – and local taxpayers – should receive a 10% share of the newly established state income tax. However, LGDF distributions have dropped to approximately 8% in recent years.

The budget package included a provision (Senate Bill 42/Public Act 100-0023) mandating that the LGDF be paid out on an accelerated basis. Funds will now be deposited directly into municipal accounts, rather than being distributed through the current “check and voucher” system, which created a two-month lag in payments. The LGDF direct deposit has been long sought-after by La Grange Park and other communities and should result in municipalities receiving their payments in a timelier manner going forward. However, there will also be a temporary 10 percent cut in the LGDF for FY 2018, with the funds expected to be restored in FY 2019. “Village officials have consistently advocated for full funding of LGDF, and we will continue to lobby our legislators and the Governor to ensure La Grange Park receives its fair share,” said Village President Jim Discipio. “This revenue belongs to our community and to our residents, not the State of Illinois.”

In June, President Discipio wrote to Governor Rauner and the four legislative leaders – House Speaker Michael Madigan, Senate President John Cullerton, House Republican Leader Jim Durkin and then Senate Republican Leader Christine Radogno - urging that a budget package include no cuts to LGDF or other important local funding sources.

The Village has also continued to advocate for House Bill 278, which would bring LGDF distributions back to the full 10%. HB 278 was approved by the House of Representatives last spring, supported by La Grange Park’s three state Representatives Emmanuel “Chris” Welch (7th), LaShawn Ford (8th) and Mike Zalewski (23rd). The bill is now before the State Senate.

The budget package also appropriates local government pass-through funds the Village relies on, such as the Use Tax, 9-1-1 (more below), and the Motor Fuel Tax (MFT), designated for local road improvements, at the same levels as FY 2017.

Adequate 9-1-1 Funding

The General Assembly increased funding for 9-1-1 services throughout the state, including the Lyons Township Area Communications Center (LTACC), which provides emergency dispatch services for La Grange Park, La Grange and Western Springs (House Bill 1811/Public Act 100-0020). The 9-1-1 funding legislation, which passed the General Assembly July 7, will increase the per phone line charge from 87 cents to \$1.50 for emergency dispatch services throughout Illinois. Village officials worked with Rep. Welch on this issue, and lobbied other legislators urging them to adequately fund LTACC.

Education Bill

Illinois has a new system to fund public education (Senate Bill 1847/Public Act 100-0465). The education reform bill, signed by Governor Rauner on August 31, creates an “evidence-based” school funding system, designed to provide a more equitable distribution of \$7 billion in state aid to school districts across the state. The bill includes a provision to “hold harmless” every school district in Illinois, ensuring no district will receive less state aid in future years than it is currently getting. The package also included a five-year private school scholarship fund pilot program. Taxpayers would receive a 75 percent tax credit for each dollar donated to the scholarship fund, up to \$75 million per year statewide.

For more information on legislation affecting La Grange Park, visit Illinois’ General Assembly website, www.ilga.gov

Upcoming La Grange Park Chamber Events

Annually Haunted Trolley

October 27th

4:00 pm. – 6:30 p.m.

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 fifth annual Haunted Trolley Trick or Treat. Due to its popularity, there will be a fifth trolley this year. Trolleys will transport children and parents along 31st Street, the Village Market and Park District offering free trick-or-treating.

Holiday in the Park

December 9th

11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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 we get closer to the event.

La Grange Park Public Library

La Grange Park residents can now check out one of the five new Wi-Fi hot spots. They circulate for two weeks, with no renewals or holds. Stop by the reference desk on the second floor to see if there are any available or to be put on a waitlist.

Halloween Haunted House

All Ages, under 8 with a caregiver

Monday, October 30, 4-6 p.m.

Come by the creepy Community Room and take a stroll through the spooky haunted house while trick-or-treating at the library! All ages...if you dare...

TRICK-OR-TREAT HOURS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31ST 3:00 - 8:00 P.M.

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.



Memorialize Your Family as Part of La Grange Park

As the year winds down and we prepare for family gatherings, we remember the importance of family. So why not honor yours and make a lasting tribute to the Village? There is no better way to memorialize your family as a part of La Grange Park history – and our future – than by including a picture or drawing as part of the mosaic. The project is intended to capture La Grange Park's past, present and future and will be made up of a variety of tiles installed on a wall at Village Hall. It will include mosaics from each of local schools and feature pictures of local families on the individual tiles. Whether it is a black and white photograph of your grandparents or a picture of a recent family outing or a drawing your child made of you; we want it. Once you submit your image it will then be transposed onto a ceramic tile which will be set in mortar on a wall in the Village Hall, surrounded by mosaic pieces that the local schools have design. The full mosaic will be unveiled November 17th. The cost to participate is minimal: tiles range from \$12.50 to \$22.50. Visit the Anniversary page on the Village website for more information about ordering or contact dcurelo@lagrangepark.org. Time is running out, submit your pictures by October 25th.



Water & Sewer Rate Study Completed

Baxter and Woodman recently completed a water and sewer rate study for the Village. The purpose of the study was to review the long term operation and infrastructure requirements of the Village's water and sewer systems and provide rate options that will provide the necessary funding. Baxter and Woodman presented the study results to the Village Board at the July 25th meeting and the Board discussed the rate alternatives at the August 8th Work Session. The Village Board will have further discussions regarding water and sewer rates over the next year.

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 requesting the guest password from a staff member.



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!

Center: All streets from La Grange Road east to the IHB railroad tracks

East: All streets east of the IHB railroad tracks.

West: All streets west of La Grange Road

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

CENTER	EAST	WEST
October 9th	October 16th	October 23rd
October 30th	November 6th	November 13th
Weather Permitting we will continue removing leaves as follows:		
November 20th	November 27th	December 4th



E-Waste Recycling Options

A permanent electronics recycling center has been established at the Burr Ridge Public Works Building located at 451 Commerce Street in Burr Ridge. It is open Monday thru Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The collection is sponsored by Eworks ESI. There is a charge for televisions, computer monitors and similar equipment. The fee for screens under 21 inches is \$25.00 and screens over 21 inches are \$35.00. Proceeds from this endeavor benefit the developmentally disabled. They accept cash and credit cards but not checks. Please check their website www.eworksesi.org or call (630) 407-6700 for items accepted or excluded and with any questions.

The Village of La Grange Park will not be hosting a drop off event this year. A special drop off event will occur on Saturday, October 7th from 8:00 a.m. to noon at the Burr Ridge Public Works Facility. Charges for televisions and computer screens will apply.



New Website Coming Soon!

The Village recently solicited proposals from firms to assist us in updating and modernizing our Village website. The firm, CivicPlus, a leader in the field of municipal websites, has been selected to lead the project and work is already underway. Questions or comments regarding the current Village website may be directed to Emily Rodman at erodman@lagrangepark.org.

Community Clean Up Day October 19th

Mark your calendars for the Village's Annual Community Clean-Up Day, which will take place on October 19th. 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 may be purchased at Village Hall for \$3.20 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.

Smashing Pumpkins

November 4th

Retire your Jack-o-Lantern and other live pumpkin decor in an environmentally friendly way by dropping them off at La Grange Park's Pumpkin Recycling Event. Sponsored by the La Grange Park Sustainability Commission, this event will collect live pumpkins and then transport them to an area farm for composting.

Saturday, November 4th
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Public Works Facility
937 Barnsdale Road, La Grange Park

Why compost pumpkins? By composting we don't waste the nutrients and water in our retired Jack-O-Lanterns. Instead they are returned to the soil where they will nourish new plant life. In landfills decaying pumpkins produce methane gas, which is not good for the atmosphere.

2017 State of the Village

November 3rd

Please join us for the 2017 State of the Village Address, which will be held on Friday, November 3rd at 1:00 p.m. at Plymouth Place. 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).

Welcome New Businesses

Cork, Keg & Spirits

The Village is pleased to announce Cork, Keg & Spirits is now open at 1000 E. 31st Street, across from Ace Hardware. Cork, Keg and Spirits offers a wide variety of wines, spirits and craft beers. More information may be found at their website: www.corkkegsprits.com



The Wheel Thing

The Village would like to welcome The Wheel Thing to the Village Market at 417 N. La Grange Road. The Wheel Thing is a local bike shop working to help you with all your cycling needs. The shop was previously located in La Grange and is currently owned by Kevin and Ginger Stephens. For hours of service and product information, visit their website at: www.thewheelthing.net.

Crown Trophy

The Village will soon welcome Crown Trophy to 19 E. 31st Street, next to Mattone Restaurant. Crown Trophy is currently located in Westchester, but will soon open their doors in La Grange Park. They offer a wide variety of promotional items from medals, plaques and trophies, to signage, t-shirts and more. For product selection and information, visit their website: www.crowntrophy.com/store-50.



Coffee with the Police Department

November 15th

The next Coffee with the Police Department is scheduled to be held November 15, 2017, from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the Education Room at Plymouth Place, located at 315 North La Grange Road in La Grange Park. Please join Police Chief Ed Rompa and his staff as they share information on current Police Department efforts and address questions and concerns of local residents.

Recycle Your Used Cooking Oil

November 25th

Recycle used, liquid cooking oil into bio-fuel this Thanksgiving! On Saturday, November 25th from 10:00 am to noon. Bring used liquid cooking oil in a milk jug, bucket, or container to the following location:

La Grange Park Fire Station #1
447 N. Catherine Avenue, La Grange Park, IL 60526

Residents will take home their containers. Absolutely NO motor oil. Cooking oil sticks to sewer pipes, causing clogs and breaks that are costly for homeowners and cities to fix. Also, grease can interfere with water treatment at our sanitary facilities.

Tree Lighting Ceremony

December 1st

The Village invites you to kick off the holiday season by participating in the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at Memorial Park on Friday, December 1st led Village President, Dr. Jim Discipio. Boy Scouts will present the colors and the crowd will sing Christmas carols. Hot chocolate will also be provided. Come out for some holiday cheer and celebration! The ceremony begins promptly at 6:00 pm.



Village Board Highlights

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

- Approved travel expenses in the amount of \$845.26 for attending the 2017 WCMC Legislative Conference in Springfield, Illinois.
- Approved an Ordinance Amending the Municipal Code of La Grange Park, as amended to create a new chapter relative to conflicts with certain home rule county ordinances.
- Granted 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 amplified music to remain operational at the Village of La Grange Park 125th Anniversary Party until 12:00 a.m. on Sunday, July 16th.
- Accepted the proposal from rjngroup to provide smoke testing and manhole inspections in an amount not to exceed \$14,975.
- Authorized purchase of one ten inch meter from HD Waterworks at a cost of \$16,950.00.
- Authorized the installation of the ten inch meter by Unique Plumbing at a cost of \$12,755.00.
- Approved Payment of \$20,954.00 to Suburban Tree Consortium.
- Approved the First Amendment to Rooftop Lease for 937 Barnsdale Road between China Cat Productions, LLC and the Village of La Grange Park, incorporating a five one-year renewal option OR To approve the First Amendment to Rooftop Lease for 937 Barnsdale Road between China Cat Productions, LLC and the Village of La Grange Park, incorporating a ten one-year renewal option.
- Authorized a policy that would rebate 100% of building permit fees for the installation residential solar systems
- Authorized a policy that would rebate 50% of building permit fees for non-residential energy systems.
- Extended the 2015-16 Tree Trimming Contract with Winkler's Tree Service for an additional year for \$39,336.96.
- Accepted the lowest bid from CHICAGOLAND PAVING in the amount of \$59,985.00 plus a twenty percent contingency, for completion of asphalt overlay patching.
- Authorized the Village President to execute the amendment to Employment Agreement.
- Extended the 2015-16 Tree Trimming Contract with Winkler's Tree Service for an additional year for \$39,336.96.
- Appointed Mr. Clark Anderson & Ms. Evie Anagnos to the Village of La Grange Park Youth Commission for terms to expire on September 1, 2018.
- Approved an Ordinance Approving Final Subdivision Plat for 341 & 345 Waiola, La Grange Park.
- Approved an Ordinance Approving a Second Amendment to Rooftop Lease for 937 Barnsdale Road between China Cat Productions, LLC and the Village of La Grange Park, subject to Village Attorney review.
- Approved an Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Property Owned by the Village of La Grange Park, Illinois, and authorized the Village Manager or designee to trade-in such vehicle to Foster Coach Sales, Inc., for a value of \$6,500.00.
- Directed staff to proceed with preparation work (requisite permits, preparation of detailed cost estimates, design work and bid preparation), towards constructing a new water and sewer main in the alley north of 31st Street, from Newberry to Beach where the Newberry to 1015 E. 31st Street portion of the extension will be included as part of a future TIF/BDD redevelopment agreement with Mr. Korinek.

Community Park District

What You Won't See at Memorial Park *Executive Director Report*

If you have been by Memorial Park, you have noticed a lot of dirt being moved around and it might seem that nothing is being built. In addition to the improvements to the playground area and the construction of a bocce ball and bag area, there is a lot of underground work being accomplished. The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District's (MWRD) and the Village of La Grange Park's regulations require a storm water management plan. This requirement helps to prevent water from going into the sewer during a heavy rainstorm and instead keeps the water on site for it to be absorbed into the ground. A retention pond was built in the northeast corner of the park. During heavy rain events, this area will fill up with water instead of heading straight into the sewer. This pond will also collect the water from the gutters on the new picnic shelter, the drainage system under the playground and the new splash pad. All of these "invisible" improvements will assist in keeping water out of residents' basements during heavy rainfalls.

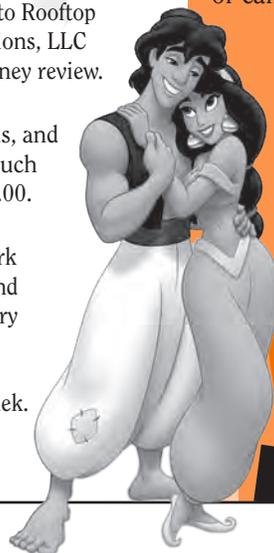
Underground electrical improvements is another expenditure that you won't really see. The electrical service to the tennis court lights was directly buried and was damaged during demolition. The standard practice now is to use conduit and pull the wire through that so repairs can be made easier. We installed new conduit and wiring to the tennis court lights. Additionally, above the amphitheater, new conduit and wiring was pulled throughout the area. This will result in easier access and less cost in the event that repairs or improvements are called for in the future. Four new outlets were installed to be used for the Village Holiday tree lighting and for future special events. The new shelter on the northwest corner of the Park will also be lit and have outlets. We are improving Memorial Park with the future in mind.

The Park District looks forward to the opening of the revamped park. As you enjoy all of the improvements above the ground, remember there are also improvements you won't see. All of the efforts in the renovation are designed to provide Village residents with a park that everyone can enjoy.

Upcoming Events

Please contact the Community Park District for more information on these events at www.communityparkdistrict.org or call (708) 354-4580.

- Fireside Stories** – October 6
- Aladdin Jr. Auditions** – October 7-9
- Starved Rock Trip** – October 14
- Halloween Costume Party for Kids** – October 27
- Trivia Night** – November 10
- White Fence Farm Holiday Show** – December 7
- Santa Visits** – December 19
- Phone Calls from Santa** – December 20



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PLAN 2 WAYS OUT!™



FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

OCTOBER 8-14, 2017

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Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!

In a fire, seconds count. Seconds may mean the difference between residents of our community escaping safely from a fire or having their lives end in tragedy.

- Draw a map of your home by with all members of your household, marking two exits from each room and a path to the outside from each exit.
- Practice your home fire drill twice a year. Conduct one at night and one during the day with everyone in your home, and practice using different ways out.
- Teach children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them.
- Make sure the number of your home is clearly marked and easy for the fire department to find.
- Close doors behind you as you leave – this may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire.
- Once you get outside, stay outside. Never go back inside a burning building.



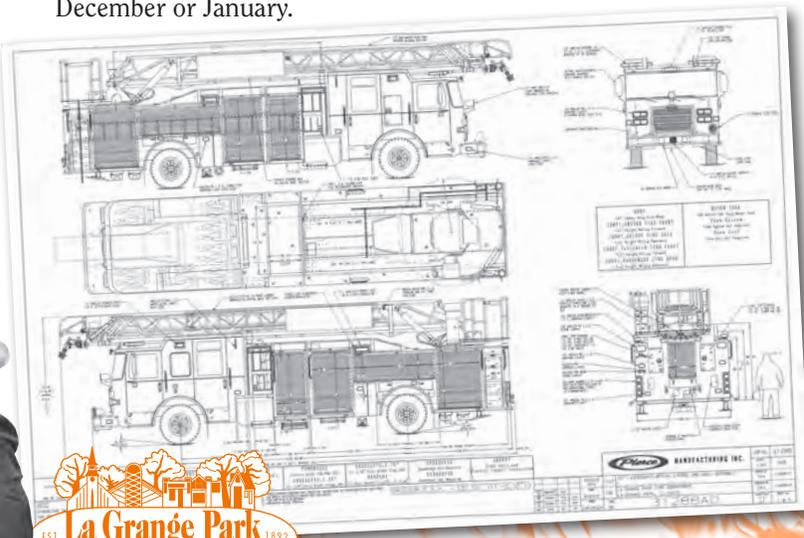
New Ambulance is Now in Service

Our new ambulance was delivered this past August, and in September, Fire Department staff completed the installation and mounting of emergency medical equipment. Following inspections by both the Loyola EMS System, and the Illinois Department of Public Health, the ambulance has now been placed in service, and is ready to serve you, (although we hope you never need it!).



Quint Ladder Truck Purchase Update

The final engineering plans were approved earlier this year, and our new truck is currently being manufactured. The Village and Fire Department hope to take delivery of the new truck in December or January.



Fire Department Open House Saturday, October 14th

The La Grange Park Fire Department will be hosting an Open House to promote Fire Prevention Week. It will take place on Saturday, October 14th, from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., 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!





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DON'T FORGET TO FALL BACK

Central Standard Time officially begins at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 5, 2017.
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!"

VillageHall

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

LOST & FOUND

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

VillageHolidays

The Village offices will be closed for the following holidays:

- Friday, November 10 - Veteran's Day
- Thursday & Friday, November 23 & 24 - Thanksgiving
- Friday & Monday, December 22 & 25 - Christmas
- Monday, January 1 - New Year's Day