

Rose CLIPPINGS

Spring 2018

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The Village of La Grange Park

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President's Corner

Spring is just around the corner and for the Village that means it is budget season. Each year as Village staff and the Village Board prepare the budget, we strive to align the budget with the Village's priorities and the core services we provide. For the past several years, the Village's number one priority has been the paving of streets. As a result of the successful 2016 road referendum, the Village was able to complete nearly \$6 million in paving over the past two years. This year's paving program has been split into two phases and paving will begin in May. For the list of streets to be paved this year, please see page 5.

Each year, the Village is required to complete an audit of all its revenues and expenses for the prior fiscal year. This year, I am particularly proud to report that the Village was awarded the Certificate of



Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). The Village received this prestigious award as a result of our 2017 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. This is a great accomplishment by the Village and a reflection of the professionalism and integrity of the organization. I greatly appreciate the work and dedication of all who were involved in the process.

The long-term sustainability of the Village's budget has been a key focus area of the Village Board and staff for the last several years. The Village Board recognizes that the Village needs to continue to diversify its revenue streams and consequently, has taken a renewed focus on economic development. Last year, the Village established two Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Districts and four Business Development District to encourage and support redevelopment in our commercial areas. These tools are already working for the Village and are being used to support the opening of a new restaurant in our community – Posto 31 (located at 1015/1017 E. 31st Street). Posto 31 will be a full-service restaurant featuring farm-to-table cuisine. The restaurant is anticipated to open this month and I encourage you all to stop by and check it out.

Springtime brings showers and with those, many residents face flooding concerns. The Village takes storm water management very seriously and has a variety of programs to assist residents in managing water on their property. As a reminder, all single-family homeowners are required to disconnect their downspouts by January 2019. The Downspout Disconnect Program, which is available to provide funding to residents through a State grant, is coming to a close and the Village encourages residents to apply for funding before the October deadline. For more information, please see page 6.

Please take a few moments to read through this spring's edition of the Rose Clippings. You'll find useful information on upcoming road construction, refuse rates, Village events and yard waste and brush collection. Please contact Village staff if you have any questions or concerns. As always, I invite you to attend our regular Village Board meetings, held the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 7:30 p.m. in Village Hall to learn more about Village happenings, voice your opinion and get involved. Feel free to contact me at any time. Have a great spring everyone!

President James F. Discipio



New Refuse Pricing Effective April 1, 2018

Under the Village's contract with Republic Services, the minimum monthly refuse charge that appears on homeowners water bills will increase to \$5.81 (from \$5.63). The cost for refuse and yard waste stickers will increase to \$3.30 per sticker (from \$3.20). Both changes will be effective on April 1, 2018.

For those residents that participate in the twin toter program, the increases will be as follows:

- 65G refuse toter will increase to \$13.27 (from \$12.85)
- 95G refuse toter will increase to \$15.54 (from \$15.06)
- 65G Yard Waste Toter will increase to \$23.10 (from \$22.50)
- 95G Yard Waste Toter will increase to \$25.25 (from \$24.95)

Stickers may be purchased at Village Hall and local grocery and hardware stores.

To get started with the Twin Toter program, contact Republic Services directly at 708-345-7050.



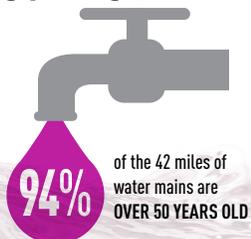
Drug Take Back

On Saturday, April 28th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. the La Grange Park Police Department in coordination with the DEA will host a National Drug Take Back Day. This program offers a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of unwanted or expired medications (please note, only drugs in pill form will be accepted – no liquids). Please empty all drugs from their original containers, bottles, or blister packs and place in a sealed baggie for drop off. Can't make it April 28th? A permanent drop box is located in the Village Hall Lobby with drop off access during regular business hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Water & Sewer Rate Study

Last year the Village worked with a municipal consulting firm to complete an analysis of the Village's water and sewer rates and of the systems' capital needs. The purpose of the study was to provide the Village with alternatives for setting water and sewer rates. The Village Board evaluated four rate alternatives and preferred the option which maintains current water and sewer infrastructure on a "pay as you go" basis. This option was preferred because it avoids increasing the Village's debt while maintaining a consistent water and sewer main replacement schedule. The Finance Committee reviewed the proposed water and sewer rates during budget meetings held in March and the Village Board will consider the recommended rates in April. More information, including the complete rate study, is available on the Village's website at www.lagrangepark.org.

The cost for the Village to purchase water has increased **51%** in the last 5 years



94% of the 42 miles of water mains are OVER 50 YEARS OLD

Declining water usage means less funding available for main repair and replacement

Arbor Day Nominations

National Arbor Day is Friday, April 27th. 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. 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.

To submit a nomination, please send your nomination no later than April 13, 2018 to:

Arbor Day Tree Planting
La Grange Park Village Hall
447 N. Catherine Avenue
La Grange Park, IL 60526
sbakalich@lagrangepark.org

Please explain 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. 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. Questions regarding the Arbor Day celebration may be directed to Village Hall at (708) 354-0225.

Retirement of Officer Chester Lauth

On March 7, 2018 the Village said farewell to Officer Lauth. He retired after 29 years of quality service to the La Grange Park Community. He started his career in 1989 as a patrol officer. During his tenure with the Village he touched many lives. We offer him our sincere thanks for his many years of dedicated service and wish him well in his retirement.

New Police Officer Tim Bury, Jr.

Officer Bury is a graduate of Western IL University with a Bachelor Degree in Criminal Justice. He attended the Cook County Sheriff's Police Academy at Triton College. He also has completed his FTO Training and is presently assigned as a swing shift (fill-in) until May 2018 when he will be assigned to the midnight shift.

Village to Host 3rd Police Citizen Academy

The 3rd Police Citizen Academy (PCA) will be conducted on Thursdays from April 12th – May 10th. The program will educate participants on the role of a La Grange Park Police Officer, and expand their knowledge of local regulations and procedures. Some of the topics to be covered include: Mental Health Awareness, Special Event Programming, Personal & Public Safety, Patrol Operations, Investigations, etc. The Goal of the PCA is to provide for a safer community awareness by utilizing education in order to enhance transparency & trust for a positive partnership between the citizens and the Police Department.

Please contact academy coordinator – Officer Chris Dempsey at (708) 352-7711 ext. 270 or cdempsey@lagrangepark.org for questions regarding the PCA.



Fire Department Takes Delivery of New Ladder Truck

In March, the Village took delivery of our new Quint Aerial Ladder Truck. The purchase was made possible by resident support with the passing of a referendum in 2016, and the truck replaces a 28 year old ladder truck. The vehicle will be officially placed in-service as soon as firefighters complete mounting equipment on it, and complete extensive training on its use. Last August, the Village also took delivery of a new ambulance, replacing a 16 year old ambulance. This was also made possible by the support of residents.



Become A La Grange Park Paid-on-Call Firefighter/EMT

The Fire Department is asking residents to consider becoming a state certified Paid-on-Call Firefighter and Emergency Medical Technician. Applications are now available at the La Grange Park Village Hall or on the Village website. For over 120 years, the La Grange Park Fire Department has relied on the residents of La Grange Park to serve as firefighters and emergency medical technicians. The time commitment is challenging, but serving the community and helping your neighbors is very rewarding. Applicants shall complete the application, and bring the completed application, along with a photo ID, to a mandatory orientation session, which will be held on Wednesday, April 11, 2018, at 7pm in the La Grange Park Village Hall Community Room (lower level). No applicant will be accepted to the orientation session without a completed application or valid ID. We look forward to seeing you there.

Consolidated Dispatch Center Update

The Lyons Township Area Communication Center (LTACC) celebrated its one year anniversary of operation on March 20th, 2018. This enhanced, centrally located dispatch center offers residents of La Grange, La Grange Park, and Western Springs quality services for Police, Fire, and Medical Dispatching on a 24 hour/ 7 days a week basis. Residents may still visit the Police window during normal business hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for assistance with clerical matters. A red call box is also located inside the main doors of Village Hall for 24 hour assistance for police inquiries or for 911 emergencies.



2018 Yard Waste & Brush Collection Program

Spring is here! It's time for baseball, golf, backyard barbecues and of course, yard work! Just as a reminder, the Village has two programs to help you keep your yards looking beautiful:

Yard Waste Program

This program is available through our waste hauler, Republic Services. Republic Services will accept yard waste with a yard waste sticker from April through early December. All containers and bundles should be at the curb by 6:00 a.m. on Thursday. A yard waste sticker must be affixed to each bag or bundle. If you use a can, please loop the sticker around one of its handles. Yard waste is collected either in heavy-duty paper bags or smaller garbage cans. To be used for yard waste, garbage cans must have two handles, be no larger than 35 gallons, and be marked for yard waste. The "Yard Waste" marking must be visible from the street. "Yard Waste" decals are available at Village Hall. Cans or bags should weigh no more than fifty pounds. Oversize cans are the largest cause of injury to garbage truck drivers. When you purchase a garbage can, please verify its size. Oversized cans will not be emptied.

Republic Services collects bundled brush along with other yard waste. Brush and branches must be securely bundled 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 the Village of La Grange Park at 354-0225 or Allied Waste Customer Service at 708-345-7050 if you have any questions.

Brush Collection Program

The Village offers a curbside brush collection program six times per year. Through the program, Village Public Works crews pick up tree branches and brush debris that are stacked in neat piles on the parkway. Brush must be at the curb by 7:00 A.M. Monday during the following weeks:

May 7th • June 4th • July 2nd • August 6th • September 3rd • October 1st

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.

If you miss putting your brush out by the first Monday of the month, the yard waste can be packaged for the Village's waste hauler, Republic Services, to pick up. Brush and branches must be securely bundled 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.

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 may charge the resident for removal of the tree/brush debris.

Community Volunteer Day

The Village is pleased to announce that it has scheduled the annual Community Volunteer Day for Saturday, May 5th from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. During the event, community volunteers provide assistance to seniors in the community who need help with basic lawn care and "spring clean-up" chores. Village residents who are interested in volunteering are encouraged to get involved with this worthwhile project. Residents in need of assistance are encouraged to contact the Village. To volunteer or to request assistance, call the Village Hall at 354-0225 or email sbakalich@lagrangepark.org.

Community Park District Update

Upcoming Events

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

Little Mermaid Jr. – April 27-29

Fair Oaks Farm Trip – June 14

Cantigny Park Trip – June 19

White Sox Game – July 11

Atwater's Restaurant in Geneva Trip – July 24

Cubs Game – August 2

Two Brothers Brewing Company & Tap House Trip – August 14

Summer Brochure mailed out week of March 25

Enjoy the Newly Improved Memorial Park

It's been a long time coming, but the Memorial Park Improvements project is finally complete. Join the Park District for a dedication ceremony on June 20th starting at 5:30 p.m. At 6 p.m. free hot dogs and ice cream will be served to attendees. In addition, there will be fun activities for the children. Then stay for the first concert of our concert series, which begins at 7 p.m. You are invited to come out to the park at any time to walk the new trails, use the new outdoor exercise equipment, play a game of bocce or bags, play on the new playground equipment, enjoy the new picnic shelter and pavilion and starting this summer play in the new splash pad. There is something for everyone to enjoy. The splash pad will be open Memorial Day through Labor Day, weather dependent. Hours of the splash pad will be from 9 a.m.-6 pm. The Community Park District looks forward to seeing you out at the newly improved Memorial Park!

CONCERT IN THE PARK SCHEDULE

Date	Band	Genre
6/20	Final Say	Cover Band
6/27	West Suburban Band	Concert Band
7/11	Pirates Over 40	Caribbean & Island Band
7/18	Flat Cats	Jazz & Blues
7/25	Second Hand Soul	Mowtown, Funk and Soul
8/1	The Millennials	Classic Rock Cover Band
8/8	Rosie & The Rivets	Oldies - 50's & 60's
8/15	Wild Daisy	Country



Upcoming Road Paving Projects

The Village will be completing nearly three and one half million dollars in paving projects this year. The Village has awarded a contract to K-Five Construction to complete fourteen street segments listed below. They will be splitting these into two groups. The first group being north of 31st Street (except for the 1000 block of Raymond). Those streets will start in early May. The second group will start after school lets out for the Summer. Both sections will be paved prior to school starting. Landscape restoration will follow paving and will be scheduled based on weather. Sod may be delayed to avoid extreme heat.

Through a cost sharing agreement with the Village, IDOT has awarded a contract to Arrow Road Construction for resurfacing Harding from Brainard to Kemman. At the time of printing the Rose Clippings, a start date has not been established. IDOT will also be awarding a contract for resurfacing Sherwood from La Grange Road down to Harding later this Summer. Work is expected to be completed in the early fall.

While it is exciting to have such a significant amount of road construction underway, it may also pose some challenges to residents while traveling through town. We ask that residents be extra cautious when driving through and around construction areas; be mindful of workers and equipment; and exercise patience when you experience delays or re-routing.

PHASE 1

STREET	LIMITS
1 Blanchan	1100 thru 1500
2 26th Street TOTAL	Beach to Kemman
3 Barnsdale	1100 thru 1500
4 Homestead	1100 thru 1400
5 Robinhood	1600
6 Huntington	Entire block
7 Timber Lane	Entire block

PHASE 2

STREET	LIMITS
8 Robinhood	600
9 Homestead	700 and 800
10 Woodlawn	Adjacent to Village Mkt
11 Kensington	300
12 Robinhood	700
13 Homestead	1000
14 Raymond	1100

Village Board Highlights

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

- Approved an Ordinance Approving a Rooftop Lease for 937 Barnsdale Road between New Line Networks, LLC and the Village of La Grange Park
- Approved payment of \$46,428.96 to Winkler's Tree Service for the trimming of 981 trees in the 2017-2018 Tree Trimming Program
- Approved payment of \$10,235.68 to Superior Road Striping
- Approved a Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code for the expenditure of \$261,000 in MFT funds
- Approved a Resolution to Induce the Redevelopment of Certain Property within the 31st/Barnsdale Tax Increment Redevelopment Project Area and Business District
- Approved an Ordinance Adopting a Policy Prohibiting Sexual Harassment for the Village of La Grange Park, Cook County, Illinois
- Approved payment to A.B. Materials Testing LLC in the amount of \$12,241.00
- Approved the Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation and the MFT Resolution and Authorizing the Execution of Said Documents for Harding Avenue Resurfacing
- Approved and Ordinance Designating Village Depository and Financial Institutions and Authorized Signers
- Approved a Resolution of Lodge, Association, or Other Similar Organization for MB Financial Bank
- Approved and Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of La Grange Park, Illinois and the Forest Preserve District of Cook County
- Authorized Staff to Purchase a 2018 GMC 3500 Chassis from Coffman Truck Sales, Inc. in an Amount \$27,073.00 and Authorized Sauber Mfg. Co. to Fabricate and Install the Service Body for a Price not to Exceed \$42,848.50
- Authorized Staff to Purchase a 2018 GMC 3500 Chassis from Coffman Truck Sales, Inc. in an Amount of \$38,606.00
- Adopted an Ordinance of the Village of La Grange Park, Illinois Creating a Planning and Zoning Commission
- Adopted an Ordinance of the Village of La Grange Park, Cook County, Illinois, Authorizing the Adoption of an Amended and Codified Zoning Code
- Approved an Ordinance Granting a Special Use Permit for Outdoor Dining and Certain Variations for 1015 and 1017 E. 31st Street – JGK 31st Street Properties (Case) #2017-03
- Approved the costs for design changes made at print approval in the purchase of the new Pierce Manufacturing Ascendant 107' Quint Aerial Ladder, for a cost of \$7,299.37
- Approved a Resolution of Continued Support of and Participation in the West Cook County Solid Waste Agency's Regional Disposal Project

- Authorized the purchase of a one ton dump body package from Bonnell Industries in an amount not to exceed \$47,526
- Authorized payment to Chicagoland Paving in the total amount of \$85,327.34 for the 2017 Patching Program
- Awarded a Contract to K-Five Corporation in the amount of \$2,092,215.50 plus a five percent contingency for unforeseen conditions for the 2018 Paving Program
- Accepted the proposal of Suburban General Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$73,210.00, plus five percent contingency should field conditions vary, to be expensed to the Fiscal Year 2017/18 Sewer Fund
- Authorized the Village President to Execute the Contract Documents
- Approved a Resolution to Allow the Village Manager to Execute a Certain Agreement with Paramedic Services of Illinois, Inc. to provide paramedic personnel from April 1, 2018 to April 30, 2020

Correction: Please note that in the Winter Edition of the Rose Clippings we incorrectly noted that the Village Board approved an ordinance authorizing the Village President to sign on to the We Are Still in Declaration (Paris Accord). This ordinance was not approved. We apologize for the error.

Make A Splash! Read!

Join the library from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. on June 1st to kick off the summer read program. There will be lots of splashy fun planned to keep you cool this summer. All ages are encouraged to register beginning June 1st so you can dive into some good books all summer long!



Downspout Disconnection

Time is Running out to disconnect your downspouts!

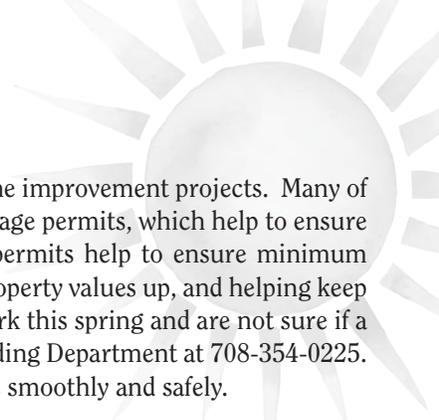
The deadline to disconnect your gutter downspouts, and also to receive reimbursement from the Village for doing so is fast approaching. Downspouts must be disconnected from the Village's combined sewer system by January of 2019, and our reimbursement program ends this October, in 2018. As such, it is important to act now. If you are not familiar with the program or need more information, please check the Village's website at www.lagrangepark.org, under the Downspout Disconnection Program tab. Or, you can contact the Village's Special Projects Coordinator, Forrest Tucker, by phone at 708-354-0225, x208, or by email at forrest@lagrangepark.org.





Spring Projects

With the weather getting warmer, many residents will begin home improvement projects. Many of these projects, such as installing patios and fences, require Village permits, which help to ensure the projects meet Village codes. In-turn, these Village codes and permits help to ensure minimum construction and other standards are met, overall helping to keep property values up, and helping keep our Village a beautiful and safe place to live. If you plan on doing work this spring and are not sure if a permit is required, please contact the Village of La Grange Park Building Department at 708-354-0225. We would be happy to work with you to make sure your project goes smoothly and safely.



We're Looking for Good Neighbors!

The Good Neighbor Corner is a regular newsletter feature highlighting the good news in our community. In order to praise the efforts of local residents, organizations and businesses, we need your help! We're looking for those friendly folks, good deeds, and special neighborly touches that make living in La Grange Park special.

If you know a Good Neighbor, fill out the form below and send it to Village Hall, 447 N. Catherine. Help us share the efforts of good neighbors with the entire community.

Nominating: *Jim Graff, Ann & Bob Olson, and Keir Wilson – all from the 600 block of N. Catherine*

Despite the bitter cold weather, neighbors and friends, Jim Graff, Ann & Bob Olson, and Keir Wilson have kindly pitched in to clear snow from my long driveway and the public sidewalk. Sometimes, even after dark, Keir Wilson has shoveled snow from the apron to the street (which is the hardest) and up the driveway to the porch. Ann & Bob Olson and Jim Graf have expended their energy on the snowiest of days, removing the white stuff from the walkway and driveway using their snow blowers.

I greatly appreciate the caring and thoughtfulness of these wonderful neighbors and friends who have taken their time and energy to perform good deeds to help me. I can't thank them enough! -*Mary Russell, 628 N. Catherine*

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? _____



Good Neighbor Corner



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Lottery Free Mulch

For the past few years, the demand for mulch has far exceeded the mulch available. A lottery drawing will be held on May 1st, at which time names will be randomly drawn. After the drawing, the Public Works Department will be contacting residents to schedule mulch deliveries (with the first deliveries being made on Friday, May 4th).

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

Option #1: Email mulch@lagrangepark.org and provide your address, telephone number (or email address) and whether you would like to receive a ½ truck or full truck load*

Option #2: Complete the form below, and mail or drop it off at the Village Hall (447 N. Catherine Avenue).

Option #3: Go to www.lagrangepark.org and click on the "Residents" tab and complete the "Mulch Lottery Form"

* ½ truck load equals approximately 1.5 cubic yards

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

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____

or if you would prefer to be contacted via Email _____

Circle amount requesting: ½ Truck Full Truck

RETURN by May 1st to: VILLAGE HALL, 447 N. Catherine Avenue ONLY ONE (1) REQUEST PER HOUSEHOLD
Please be sure to get your form in to the Village hall no later than 8:30am on May 1st in order to be part of the drawing.

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:

Monday, May 28 - Memorial Day

Wednesday, July 4 - Independence Day