



VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, August 25, 2015 – 7:30pm

AMENDED AGENDA

1. **Call meeting to order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call**
4. **Public Participation (Agenda Related Items Only)**
5. **Consent Agenda (Roll Call Vote)**

No discussion. Trustees wishing to discuss any of the items below MUST request that item be removed from the Consent Agenda prior to motion to approve.

A. Approval of Minutes

- (i) Village Board Meeting – July 28, 2015
- (ii) Work Session Meeting – August 11, 2015
- (iii) Work Session Executive Session – August 11, 2015

B. Action – 2015 – 2016 Tree Trimming Program – *Motion: (1) To extend the 2014-15 Tree Trimming Contract with Winkler Tree Service for an additional year; and (2) to authorize the Village President to execute the necessary contract documents*

C. Action – *Motion to Authorize the President and Chairperson of the Finance Committee to sign the register for bills, and authorize the Treasurer and Village Clerk to sign checks in payment of operating bills and salaries as itemized in the Check Registers*

D. Action – *Motion to Authorize the Village Treasurer and Village Clerk to sign checks in the payment of payroll and other bills that become due between this date and September 22, 2015 with subsequent approval of the Payroll Register and Voucher Register by the Board of Trustees at its regular meeting to be held on September 22, 2015*

6. **Village Manager's Report**

7. **Administration Committee** – Robert Lautner, Chairman

A. Monthly Report

8. **Building & Zoning Committee** – Jamie Zaura, Chairman

A. Monthly Report

B. Discussion & Action – Community Park District – Temporary Shed at Robinhood Park Extension – *Motion: To approve a Temporary Use Permit for the Community Park District of La Grange Park to allow an existing temporary shed at Robinhood Park to remain through September 1, 2016*

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9. **Engineering & Capital Projects Committee** – James Kucera, Chairman
 - A. Monthly Report
10. **Public Safety Committee** – Scott Mesick, Chairman
 - A. Monthly Report – Police Department
 - B. Monthly Report – Fire Department
 - C. Discussion & Action - Temporary Removal of Residential Permit Parking Signs (1000 Block of Newberry) – *Motion: To approve the temporary removal of the "Residential Permit Parking Only" signs located along the 1000 block of Newberry (alley south of 31st to Garfield Avenue), and authorizing a 12 month parking/traffic study to evaluate the impact of the removal of the signs*
11. **Public Works Committee** – Michael Sheehan, Chairman
 - A. Monthly Report – Public Works Department
12. **Finance Committee** – Patricia Rocco, Chairman
 - A. Monthly Report
13. **Other Reports**
 - A. Village Clerk
 - B. Village Treasurer
 - C. Village Engineer
 - D. Village Attorney
 - E. Committee and Collectors Report
Action – Motion to Approve Committee and Collectors Report as Presented
14. **Village President**
 - A. Action - Appointment and Reappointments to Youth Commission – *Motion for the appointment of new member Amaria Clarke, and for the re-appointments of seniors Nicholas Fuentes, Alex Scotty, and Laura McAllister for one year terms to expire on September 1, 2016.*
15. **Public Participation (Non-Agenda Related Items Only)**
16. **New Business**
17. **Executive Session**
 - A. *To discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body according to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1).*
18. **Adjourn**

Items of Interest

Village Board Work Session Meeting: September 8, 2015

Village Board Meeting: September 22, 2015



RULES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Village Board Work Session Meetings Village Board Meetings

1. Please step up to the microphone before speaking, and announce your name and address before beginning your comments.
2. After announcing your name and address for the record, you will be allowed to speak for three (3) minutes.
3. You may not use profane or obscene language and you may not threaten any person with bodily harm, or engage in conduct which amounts to a threat of physical harm.
4. (a) Agenda-related comments: The Village President reserves the right to disallow comments that are repetitive of comments previously made during the meeting, or comments that do not relate to agenda items.

(b) Non-agenda-related comments: The Village President reserves the right to disallow comments that are repetitive of comments previously made during the meeting, or comments that do not relate to Village business, Village services or Village governance.
5. The Village of La Grange Park complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you require accommodations in order to observe or participate in the meeting, please contact Ms. Deanne Curelo at (708) 354-0225 between 9:00 and 5:00 before the meeting so that the Village can make reasonable accommodations for you.

Consent Agenda Items

VILLAGE BOARD AGENDA MEMO

Date: 7/28/15

To: Village President and Board of Trustees

From: Brendan McLaughlin, Director of Public Works *BJM*
Julia Cedillo, Village Manager *JC*

Re: 2015 - 2016 Tree Trimming Program

GENERAL BACKGROUND

The Village has been approached by Vince Winkler, owner of Winkler Tree Service, to see if the Village wanted to extend his tree trimming contract from last year to this year's tree program. Winkler did an excellent job of trimming trees in the area north of 31st Street from La Grange Road to the IHB Railroad. He would like to lock La Grange Park in at the current rate now, so he can plan his Winter tree trimming bids accordingly.

Last year, Winkler was the lowest responsible bidder. He even lowered his original price of \$42,014.32 to our budget amount of \$40,000.00. The Village Board had directed that we eliminate a proportionate amount of trees to meet the dollars available in the budget. Rather than eliminating any tree, Winkler went ahead and trimmed all the trees in the section for the \$40,000 budgeted.

The area recommended for trimming this year is the West Side, starting at Edgewood and going to Stone. This area was last trimmed in January 2009. This will be eight years, which is two years longer than recommended.

\$40,000 is budgeted in the Public Works Budget – Trimming & Removal (#01-44-3-322).

MOTION ACTION REQUESTED

A motion: (1) to extend the 2014-15 Tree Trimming Contract with Winkler Tree Service for an additional year; and (2) to authorize the Village President to execute the necessary contract documents.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommendation the tree trimming contract be awarded to Winkler Tree Service in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.



Winkler's Tree Service, Inc.

P.O.Box 1154 • LaGrange Park, Illinois 60526

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e-mail: info@winklerstreeservice.com

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Illinois's First Nationally Accredited Tree Care Company

June 8, 2015

Village of LaGrange Park
Brendan McLaughlin
447 N Catherine Ave
LaGrange Park IL 60526

Dear Brendan,

Winkler's Tree Service will hold the prices for 2016 the same as 2015 prices on an extension of services.

Feel free to call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


Vince Winkler



Fully Insured • Certified Arborist • State Licensed Pesticide Applicator



Building & Zoning Committee

Jamie Zaura, Chairman

Scott Mesick

James Kucera

Village Board Agenda Memo

Date: August 25, 2015
To: President and Board of Trustees
From: Emily Rodman, Assistant Village Manager *ER*
Julia Cedillo, Village Manager *JC*
Re: Community Park District – Temporary Shed at Robinhood Park Extension

GENERAL BACKGROUND

On March 24, 2015, the Village Board granted a Temporary Use Permit to the Community Park District of La Grange Park to install a temporary storage shed at Robinhood Park. The purpose of the shed was to house equipment used for youth summer camps, as the shelter at Memorial Park that typically houses the equipment was being demolished as part of the planned Memorial Park improvements. The approved Temporary Use Permit allowed the shed to remain in place from May 1, 2015 through September 1, 2015.

Since the Temporary Use Permit was granted, the Park District has demolished the shelter at Memorial Park and installed the temporary shed at Robinhood Park. However, funding for the Memorial Park improvements, which is primarily being provided through a State of Illinois OSLAD grant, has been frozen by the Governor. As a result, the Park District was unable to complete the improvements planned this year. As such, the Park District has submitted a new Temporary Use Permit application requesting permission to leave the temporary shed in place for another year. The Park District is requesting the shed remain through September 1, 2016, in anticipation that the OSLAD funding will be released and they will be able to complete the improvements to Memorial Park in 2016.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the approval for of the Temporary Use Permit for the Community Park District for installation of a shed at Robinhood Park.

MOTION/ACTION REQUESTED

This item is for both discussion and action.

Motion to approve a Temporary Use Permit for the Community Park District of La Grange Park to allow an existing temporary shed at Robinhood Park to remain through September 1, 2016.

DOCUMENTATION

- Community Park District Temporary Use Permit Application with Attachments
- Village Board Agenda Memo – March 24, 2015 (w/out attachments)



APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT VILLAGE OF LA GRANGE PARK, ILLINOIS

DATE 8/17/2015

Applicant Name, Address & Phone Number
Community Park District of La Grange Park
Aleks Briedis, Executive Director
1501 Barnsdale Road, La Grange Park, IL 60526
(708) 384-4580

**Property Owner Name, Address & Phone Number
(where temporary use is to be located)**
1120 E 31st
La Grange Park, IL 60526

Address of Subject Property
1120 E 31st
La Grange Park, IL 60526

Zoning District
Open Space District
Current Use of Property
Park

Temporary Uses Permitted by Zoning Code Requiring Temporary Use Permit (Zoning Administrator Approval)
Please check applicable temporary use:

Carnival/Circus Arts and Crafts Show, Plant Show (Indoor or Outdoor) Temporary Contractor Trailer, Real Estate Model Unit
 Christmas Tree Sales Lot or Pumpkin Patch Sidewalk Sales Tent (Non-Residential District)
 Farmers Market Temporary Retail Stand (Only in C-1, C-2, M-1 and OS Districts)

Temporary uses not specifically listed above require the specific approval of the Village Board. Such uses may be allowed in any zoning district, provided that such temporary use is consistent with the purpose and intent of the Zoning Code and the zoning district in which it is located.

Description of Proposed Temporary Use
(Attach sheet if additional space is necessary)

We previously received a TUP through 9/1/15 for this shed to use for storage of camp supplies due to the camp being moved from Memorial Park because of anticipated construction. Due to the grant being frozen, construction did not happen and therefore we will need the shed again next summer. We are requesting approval of temporarily leaving the 10x10 shed at this location through 9/1/16.

I (We) hereby affirm that all of the above statements and the statements contained in any papers or plans submitted herewith are true to the best of my (our) knowledge and belief.

I (We) hereby acknowledge my (our) obligation to reimburse the Village of La Grange Park for all necessary and reasonable expenses incurred by the Village in the review and certification of any documents submitted in conjunction with this application.



Applicant Signature



Property Owner Signature

Applicant Mailing Address
1501 Barnsdale Rd.
La Grange Park, IL 60526





Public Safety Committee

Scott Mesick, Chairman

Patricia Rocco

Robert Lautner

Village Board Agenda Memo

Date: August 20, 2015

To: President and Board of Trustees

From: Ed Rompa, Chief of Police 
Julia Cedillo, Village Manager 

RE: TEMPORARY REMOVAL OF RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING SIGNS
(1000 Block of Newberry)

PURPOSE: Based on the recommendation of the Traffic, Safety & Engineering Committee which held a meeting on June 10, 2015, Staff is seeking the Board's approval for the temporary removal of the "Residential Permit Parking Only" signs located along the 1000 block of Newberry (alley south of 31st to Garfield Avenue).

GENERAL BACKGROUND:

On May 22, 2007, the Village adopted Ordinance No. 846 which imposed restricted parking due to the YMCA being relocated La Grange to La Grange Park. "Residential Permit Parking Only" signs were installed along the 1000 block of Newberry, which restricted parking to residents only on Monday through Friday (6am-11am and 3pm-8pm) and on Saturdays (6am-11am).

Due to safety concerns raised by residents/business owners/staff about the area along the 1000 block of Newberry, the Traffic, Safety & Engineering Committee met on June 10, 2015, to discuss the potential removal of the "Residential Permit Parking Only" signs. The Committee agreed that many things have changed since the adoption of the Ordinance in 2006, including the YMCA requiring its staff to park 2 blocks away from the location, and also the addition of approximately 6 new parking spaces on the south side of the building.

The YMCA has recognized the problems with parking in this area over the years, and has shown due diligence in making changes to specifically address these issues. These changes include the following: (1) the scheduling of classes/programs to reduce large amounts of people at one time, and the relocation of classes to a variety of other YMCA sites throughout the Chicagoland area, thereby decreasing the overall use of the facility; (2) the restriction to have staff park at least 2 blocks away from the YMCA, and (3) the change in all day day-care services is now a 2-hour maximum. Also, the membership numbers have declined since moving to La Grange Park throughout the years. It is however still a great safety concern of many to have parents crossing 31st Street with small children in order to reach the YMCA building.

It should be noted that currently there are no restrictions for parking on Sundays, and there have been little to no complaints to the Police Department during this time about problems in the block. Further, recent parking data collected on the weekends during unrestricted hours show a substantial decline in street parking from the 2007 data.

Upon the conclusion of its review, the TS&E Committee recommended the removal of the signs.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Based upon the TS&E recommendation and new information gathered from the area, it is Staff's recommendation that the sign removal take place on a temporary 12 month basis while a parking / traffic study is performed to evaluate whether or how this removal has an impact on the area.

Therefore, Staff is seeking Board approval for the temporary removal of the "Residential Permit Parking Only" signs located along the 1000 block of Newberry. Staff/residents/business owners are concerned with the safety risks associated with crossing 31st Street to reach businesses in this area. By opening up this block, it will help reduce this safety concern. The Police Department currently receives over 200+ calls in a one year period for this area, due to parking complaints.

In summary, Staff feels that there is enough new information to suggest that conditions have changed since 2007 and that a more thorough study is necessary at this time. The study will allow the Village to evaluate the area in an effort to determine a course of action that will enhance the safety of pedestrians and residents and reduce the burden of Village resources without compromising the quality of life for the area.

Once the removal has taken place, an approximate 12 month traffic study will be performed to evaluate the impact of the removal of the signs. After this 12 month time period (or shorter if necessary), Staff will make a recommendation to the Board whether the signs should be reinstalled or removed permanently (or some other course of action is recommended). Should permanent sign removal be recommended, Staff will present the necessary Ordinance to remove this from the Village's Municipal Code.

MOTION/ACTION REQUESTED:

Motion to approve the temporary removal of the "Residential Permit Parking Only" signs located along the 1000 block of Newberry (alley south of 31st to Garfield Avenue), and authorizing a 12 month parking/traffic study to evaluate the impact of the removal of the signs.

DOCUMENTATION

- *New:* Responses to resident questions, dated August 14, 2015
- Map of the YMCA area
- Flyer delivered to homes in the area
- Feedback received to date
- Draft Minutes from TS&E Committee Meeting, June 10, 2015

Questions and Responses (Questions submitted by resident (

Question: Data was shared on the number of calls received for the time period January 2015 to the end of July, I believe? An additional data element would be to share the number of calls and what type of calls police received during that time period. It appeared this parking issue was triggered by the number of calls received by police to respond to illegal parking on Newberry and taking the police away from more serious police work. I understand other businesses beyond the YMCA have expressed parking concerns as well and I can say they were not the main trigger. Gathering this data would further inform the decision.

Response: It should be noted that the primary impetus for revisiting the parking issue is due to the concern of safety of pedestrians crossing 31st street from north Newberry (1100 block) where parking is not restricted. The first chart below shows the number of Non-Criminal Calls for Service, the total number of Parking Complaints and the percentage of those complaints specifically related to the Newberry parking restrictions.

Year	Non-Criminal Calls for Service*	Total Parking Complaints	Newberry Parking Complaints	% of parking complaints occur on Newberry
2015*	2453	90	67	74%
2014	6747	280	173	61%
2013	7082	246	158	64%
2012	6846	287	210	73%
2011	6675	297	229	77%
2010	6743	307	256	83%

*2015 – January thru May

Note: 55 types of Calls for Service are identified in Department reporting. This second chart gives a 5 year comparison of Parking Complaints relative to the number of other Calls for Service.

Non-Criminal Call for Service Type*	Call Volume by Year					
	2015**	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
911 Transfers (To other agency/town)	371	1016	1156	934	879	1035
911 Abandoned/Misdial	264	606	581	517	471	485
Ambulance Assist	340	1086	996	922	778	1003
Assist Request	134	344	378	479	439	428
Burglar Alarm	90	242	200	181	214	223
Civil Matter	96	225	254	226	192	172
Fire Alarm	75	225	194	211	223	247
Suspicious Circumstance/Person/Vehicle	66	185	281	240	256	171
Traffic Accident	91	240	241	208	209	196
Parking Complaint	90	280	246	287	297	307
Parking Complaint Rank						
	7th	5th	7th	5th	5th	5th

*Non-Criminal calls for service accounts for all calls received by the police department where an officer is dispatched, but no criminal activity is determined to have occurred.

** 2015 Year to date January 1 through May 31, 2015. (Data for the meeting was compiled in June prior to the June month end reports being completed. Therefore May 31 was the most recent information available.)

In conjunction, with the above information the officers are additionally involved with the following on a routine basis (*in no specific order*):

- *Daily Emergency Calls (Injury, Fire, Ambulance Assist, etc.)
- *Adopt-A-Cop Program (Grades K thru 8th) all LGPK Schools
- *Shop with a Cop (Families w/ special needs)
- *Coffee with a Cop
- *Foot Patrol (one hour each shift worked)
- *Traffic Control - (Speeders, Cell Phone, Over-weight Trucks, No Insurance, etc.) ie. 7,000 tickets written per year
- *Variety of Arrests - (Traffic related / invalid driver's license, DUI), Retail Thefts, Burglaries, Domestic, etc.
- *Walk-In Complaints – Traffic Accidents, Fingerprinting, Neighbor complaints, Civil Matters, etc.
- *School Safety – Drop Off / Pick Up, Crossings, Drill Training (Intruder Alert, Weather, etc.)
- *Assist local towns with emergency calls
- *Business / Residential Checks – Closed Home Checks
- *Variety of Training – (Safe Driver, Firearms, Self Defense, Customer Service, Ethics, Supervisory, etc.)
- *Assist in specialized task forces
- *Self-Initiated Policing (Stop / Talk, Presentations, Safety Alerts, etc.)
- *Lock Outs – Residential / Vehicle
- *Follow-up investigations on thefts, public relations, etc.
- *Report Writing and more

The list above provides some examples of the positive community-involved policing that La Grange Park Police Department accomplishes each day for the residents that we serve. These expectations are completed from the Chief downward thru the Patrol Division.

Question: Another data element would be to better understand the YMCA's customer base. I understand the YMCA is set up to serve five different communities, I myself am a member, but would not be at all disappointed if they moved. If they are serving at a higher rate another sister community how are you as a board member protecting our interest?

Response: According to the YMCA, the greatest percentage of membership is attributable to folks living in La Grange Park. Here is the breakdown:

- 40% La Grange Park
- 29% Brookfield
- 13% La Grange
- 3% Westchester
- No other zip code has more than 1%

The YMCA is a community resource for families. According to their website, the YMCA's mission is to "develop strong children, families and communities across Metropolitan Chicago through academic readiness, character development, violence prevention, fitness and healthy living." For these reasons, the YMCA is generally considered to be a positive element or influence that is typically aligned with the interests and values of the greater community.

Question: It is also important to know if the YMCA has been granted tax exempt status and, if they are tax exempt, how is the Village (tax payers) benefiting from this status? You may make the argument that this business brings folks into the Village and then they may become customers to other surrounding business (economic interest). There must be bigger monetary gains that I may not be seeing as a normal citizen so please help me understand. How is the Village of La Grange Park benefiting from having the YMCA there if it is not for financial reasons.

Response: The property is not tax exempt. The YMCA leases the building. As far as benefit to a community, see the previous response. Further, the YMCA reports that the La Grange Park location focuses on fitness and healthy lifestyle - and on a greater scale, they have a standard set of values that they operate from and they include youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. Finally, the businesses in that area have reported that they like having the YMCA at its location because it brings vibrancy to the area with the daily visits from families (members of all ages).

Question: Even though the YMCA is renting from a private citizen there has to be some incentive or something positive going on for this organization to stay where they presently conduct business. I would like the YMCA to share what is keeping them here, tax exempt status, revenue, affordable rent, etc... Can the YMCA provide a summary of what is motivating their stay?

Response: We have spoken to the YMCA about this and I will briefly summarize their response to the best of my recollection. Generally speaking, the YMCA feels as though they provide value to the community and are meeting their purpose at the current location in La Grange Park. They shared that they like the La Grange Park location because they feel closer and more ingrained with the community – they do not feel distanced as they would with a destination location (campus-like location). Staff has asked the YMCA if they would provide a statement that is more accurate than our summarized recollection. We will forward your way once we receive.

Question: If there is going to be a study I would request a study that does not randomize days for observation. Consideration must be given to place a camera to monitor the daily activities. (This may meet the citizens half way) It would be a credible and reliable element to the study. If we have someone going once or twice a week to take counts, and only share calls from the police that are initiated by the 1000 Newberry residents we may not have a clear picture to make informed decisions.

Response: If approved, we will utilize best practices for the collection of data, as recommended by the Village's engineering firm where they are experienced in this area. Randomized observation provides the most accurate representation of impacts because people act differently when they know they are being observed. I encourage folks to research this online as the data on the importance of randomization is fairly standard. Therefore, the days of the study will be random to ensure the integrity of the process. We do not have a camera available to monitor the area and we do not have data storage available for such a purpose. We will be taking photos from time to time to support data – but this will not be done as frequently as other forms of data collection. We are a Village that values and operates with integrity and ethical standards and we will conduct the study accordingly.

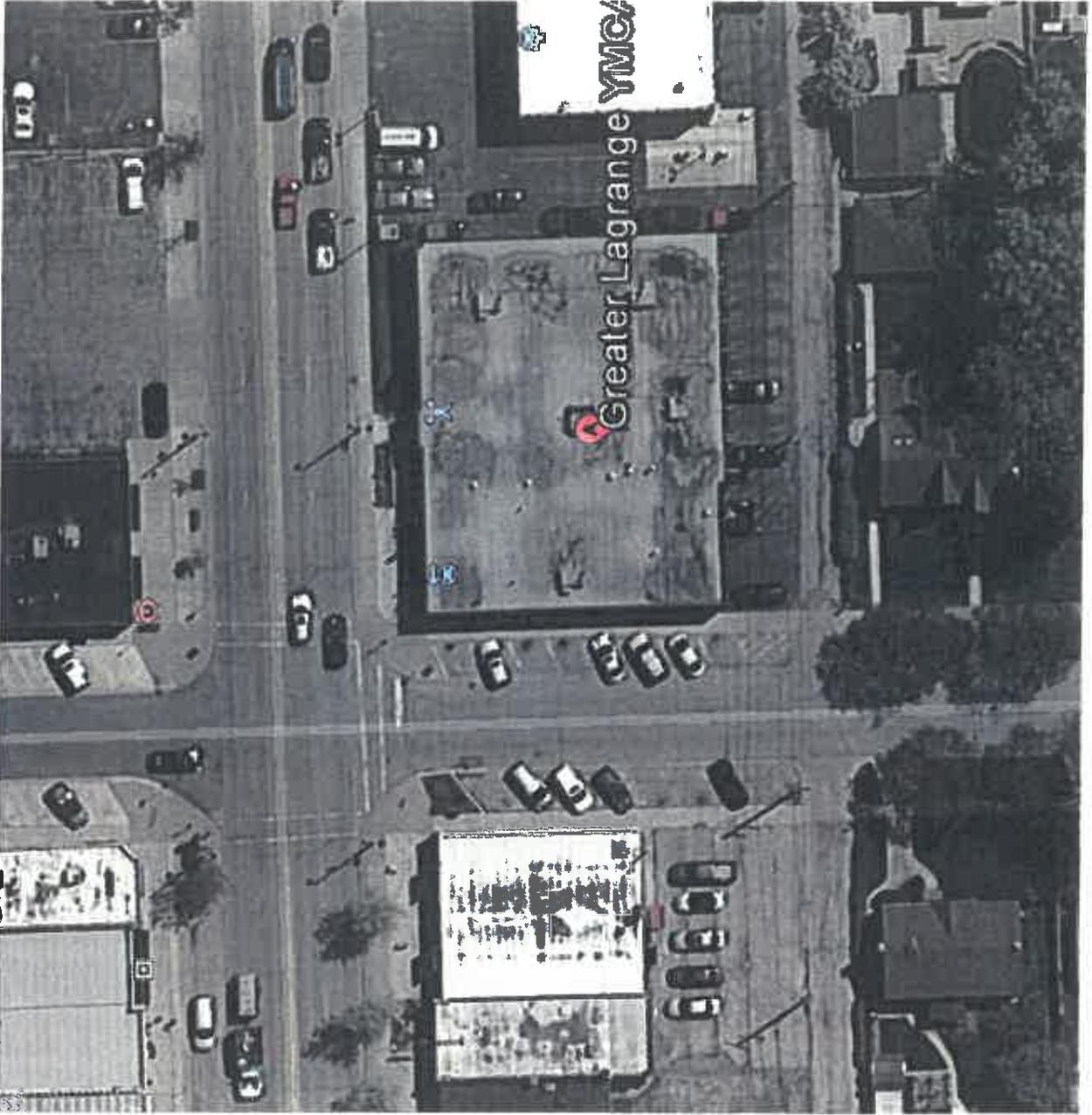
Question: I am about fairness, but I do not see how my interest are being prioritize as a resident of LaGrange Park at this time with the information made available today. I further do not understand how a study without knowing how it will be conducted would be fair in the manner it is executed. Transparency is critical. I do not want to be blindsided. I would like to be informed. Please help me understand by answering my questions and let us collectively continue working together to address everyone's interest.

Response: Thank you for your thoughtful questions and insights. It should be noted that the Village Board has not yet authorized a study. They will make their decision at the August 25th Board Meeting. The benefit of a study is to have accurate data about parking numbers and impacts. This will generally include parking counts at measured intervals and a speed study. We are a transparent organization and are happy to meet with you or your neighbors anytime. If the Board approves the study, we can share the general process with the residents once established and we will share the data once the study is complete. You may contact staff if you have further questions (Chief Rompa or Village Manager Julia Cedillo at 354-0225).

Date: August 14, 2015

31st Street & Newberry / YMCA





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Meeting Notice

Permit Parking Sign Removal
Village Board Work Session
August 11, 2015 - 7:30 p.m.
LaGrange Park Village Hall
447 N. Catherine Ave.
LaGrange Park, IL 60526

Safety and Positive Use of Resource concerns have prompted the Traffic, Safety and Engineering Committee to recommend the removal of Permit Parking signs currently located in the 1000 block of Newberry. The Village Board will consider this recommendation at their upcoming work session and invite interested residents to attend and provide comment.

If you are unable to attend the Work Session but would like your Parking concerns at this location heard, please put them in writing and submit them to the LaGrange Park Police Department on or before August 7, 2015. *Be sure to include your name and contact information. Letters submitted anonymously will not be considered.* These letters can be dropped off at the Police Desk in Village Hall or mailed to:

LaGrange Park Police Department
447 N. Catherine Ave.
LaGrange Park, IL 60526
Attn: Allyson

If you have questions or need additional information regarding this meeting, please contact the following police staff: Allyson Rackow at 708-352-7711 ext. 203, or Jackie Vieceli at ext. 204.

8/4/15

We strongly oppose the proposed removal of permit parking signs in the 1000 block of Newberry Ave. We have lived at 1016 Newberry since 1988 and have witnessed first-hand the negative impact of the Y parking. The neighbors were repeatedly told that the Y was only here temporarily, that clearly was never the case and many of the neighbors we speak with find this disturbing.

When the parking was unrestricted when the Y first came, it was impossible to pull out of our driveways safely with cars using the Y parked on all sides of the street. There is zero visibility exiting driveways. In addition, turning onto Newberry, especially going northbound, is delayed and unsafe as only one way traffic can pass with cars parked on both sides. There are a lot of cars coming from 31st at peak times and of course they cannot back up to allow someone to pull into their driveway on the 1000 block. The Y is open some 16+ hours daily during the week, weekends and holidays so this is a daily issue with pulling in and out of our driveways. This will force more traffic into the alleys and again more potential for accidents (several of which occurred prior to the parking restrictions).

Y patrons daily parked in front of the fire hydrant, even with the parking restriction signs posted for the hydrant, and routinely parked their cars over our driveway, further impeding ability to move in and out of our drives safely.

We will be limited if we have visitors who can no longer park in the street without a pass. We felt compelled to remain in the neighborhood while our kids were finishing LT and were assured by a realtor (prior to the restrictions on parking) that it would be more difficult to sell our home and that amount we would get for it would be less.

Having the parking restrictions has allowed us to tolerate staying in neighborhood which was once safe and quiet street for many years. We implore the village to keep the restricted parking in place. It took years for Y patrons to adjust and they by and large have. If the decision is made to remove the signage, we would appreciate a several month window prior to removal so we can explore selling out home at the full market value. We believe paying real estate taxes on a home should include safe access in and out of our driveway at all times.

Thank you

Tom and Debby Pater


Newberry Ave

Allyson Rackow

From: Ed Rompa
Sent: Sunday, August 02, 2015 8:24 PM
To: Edward Rentka
Cc: Julia Cedillo; Allyson Rackow
Subject: Re: Parking on Newberry

Thanks Ed, your concerns will be noted if you should have any other thoughts please do not hesitate to contact me directly. Take care.
Chief Ed Rompa

Sent from my iPhone

> On Aug 2, 2015, at 7:32 PM, Edward Rentka wrote:
>
> Dear Chief,
> I live on Kemman Ave. and heard you might be looking into changing the restricted parking on Newberry near the YMCA. I'd like to express my complete support for this change. As a resident of LaGrange Park I believe I should be able to park on the streets where I pay taxes. The homes on Newberry all have private drives and garages, no one is losing personal parking space, if you were to look down that street any given day you don't see cars parked along it, everyone parks on their property. They just "don't like" people parking in front of their houses. I don't know why this was approved in the first place but I agree it's time for a change and a better use of police resources.
> Thank You.
> Ed Rentka
> Kemman Ave.

Allyson Rackow

From: Michael Czmil
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2015 2:26 PM
To: Allyson Rackow
Subject: Parking restrictions on Newberry

I support and I am in favor of the removal of the parking restrictions on the 1000 block of Newberry ave. My concerns are for the safety of anyone who is forced to park north of 31st street because of the restrictions. I have witnessed many near misses of pedestrians and vehicles on 31st street as they try and cross, these people should be able to park on the 1000 block of Newberry and eliminate what could possibly be a misfortunate fatality.

Thank you,

Mike Czmil

Newberry ave



AFFILIATED

**1011 East 31st Street
LaGrange Park, IL. 60526
(708) 482-6170
(708) 482-6406 Fax**

July 24, 2015

**Village of LaGrange Park
Traffic, Safety & Engineering Committee
447 North Catherine Avenue
LaGrange Park, Illinois 60526**

Re: Removal of Permit Parking Signs in 1000 block of Newberry

Dear Committee Members:

I would like to encourage the committee to consider removing the parking permit restrictions on the 1000 block of Newberry, in Lagrange Park.

As a sales agent with CENTURY 21 Affiliated, it is often difficult for clients to find parking because of the close proximity to the YMCA. There is only 2 hour parking on 31st Street so we cannot park to work in the office unless we park on Beach and there are times when we have clients out showing homes and their cars are parked for longer than 2 hours.

It would be a great enhancement for the businesses on 31st Street to have the flexibility of additional parking on Newberry and would encourage you to lift the parking restrictions .

Submitted,


Loretta Helonzo

**Managing Broker
And Property Owners at
1011 East 31st Street
Lagrange Park, IL. 60526**



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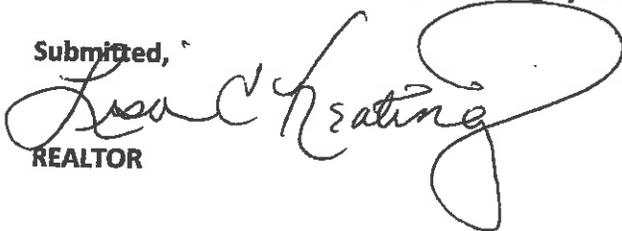
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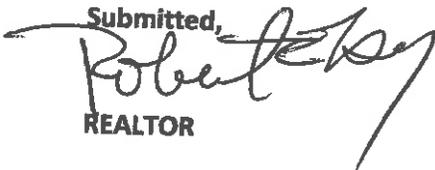
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Parking Signs Should Remain in Place

There is a push button cross walk light at the corner of Kemman and 31st Street with time added to cross. See attached

The new parking lot on Beach is not full and it is not being monitored for adherence to the 90 minute time limit. Some cars and trucks park there all day.

Jessup's business uses parking behind the YMCA.

SAFETY

*It is rare that a vehicle comes to a stop at the alley stop sign.

*Joggers of all ages jog down Newberry and through the alley and are at risk of being hit.

*It is NOT uncommon to see a driver in reverse for more than 3 houses and exceeding the posted speed limit.

*When the children wait outside in the alley for the Y bus they are often running around without supervision.

*There IS a MARKED crosswalk at the Newberry crosswalk on 31st st. The STATE LAW states you must stop when people are crossing. Have IDOT install a new signs on 31st street at the crosswalk.

*La Grange Park's Fire Code Number 11.5 states that the State NFPA requires a minimum of a 10 inch water main for Commercial and Industrial Buildings. The Fire Chief reported that there is a 10 inch water main at Kemman Ave which is less than a block away. Thus, if it is

close for Fire Safety for the people and building it should be close for people to go to Kemman Ave where there is a light and crosswalk. See attached letter.

*If this area is so dangerous why change the neighborhood to accommodate the YMCA? Instead, relocate the YMCA to a safer location.

Nuisance

*Many of our friends and family are elderly and have walking issues. We were told that they can just "park and walk", but this is not acceptable. They should not have to walk a long distance to visit us when they can just park in front of our home.

*Garbage trucks come almost daily and sometimes up to 3 times per day. Oversize 65' semis turn into or from the alley and damage our parkways.

There are men urinating on the building and even on our across the street neighbor's garage, the overhead door and gate.

* Noise begins at 4am (radios blasting, doors and trunks slamming, car alarms beeping or being set off).

* Although the YMCA closes at 10pm, the cleaning crew comes in a few minutes after closing and continues making additional noise well past midnight while we are trying to sleep. This includes dumpster lids dropping, dragging garbage cans, and general nuisance noise.

Conclusion

- We have lived here since 1947. Our quiet bedroom community is **GONE**. We have to put up with this added traffic pressure and disturbances 24-7, 365 days a year, from 4am until 10pm. These issues were all addressed **BEFORE** and the YMCA was still allowed to move in. This was supposed to be a temporary 3 to 5 year situation, and now it is going on 9 years. (The YMCA moved in March 2007, and we originally addressed these issues in the Fall of 2006.)
 - *By removing the parking restrictions, the traffic pressure caused by the YMCA will be increased. This will include an increase in speeding and reckless driving.
 - *The valid reasons the parking signs were installed are still the same today.
 - * Please keep the parking restriction signs! Thank you.

Other concerns and comments

- * Do YMCA bus drivers hold CDL licenses?
- * By your standards all the signs on Edgewood should be removed as well.
- * Why weren't we notified or invited to the traffic safety meeting originally?
 - There was NO agenda on the Village Web site for the traffic and safety meeting.
 - It feels as though the traffic and safety meeting were held so as not to include affected residents.

Submitted by:

Charles and Gail Nemecek

Barbara Lanting

(WITH ATTACHMENTS)

6-28-2015

Gail and Charles,

Here is the initial email I sent re: next week's TS&E meeting...more emails to follow for your reference.

Mimi

-----Original Message-----

From: Bill & Mimi Lampert [mailto:net]
 Sent: Tuesday, April 17, 2007 9:56 AM
 To:

dy;

Cc:

Subject: Traffic, Safety & Engineering Meeting 4/25/07

Dear Neighbors,

I have received confirmation from Bodhan Proczko, Village Manager, that the Traffic, Safety & Engineering Committee will meet next Wednesday, April 25 at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be at Village Hall (same room we recently met in.

This committee will be presented with our recent parking recommendations and the Village's traffic study information. The residents will have an opportunity to speak and express additional concerns and details prior to the committee proceeding with making any recommendations to the Village Board at its next meeting.

I hope you can schedule to attend this important meeting--the next step in ensuring our voices are heard and concerns are addressed in a public forum.

Bo has sent confirmation that the pedestrian crossing at 31st and Kemman has had its timing increased from 7 seconds to 10 seconds by IDOT.

In addition, Bo has been sent an inquiry regarding the status on implementation of painting the curb at 1020 Newberry (fire hydrant location) as well as installation of restricted parking (6-month trial of resident permit parking only 6:00 am - 2:00 am) by police order and distribution of associated resident parking stickers. It is anticipated that other questions will be addressed at next Wednesday's meeting.

Thanks,
 Mimi

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4/25/2007

Meeting Minutes

3-20-07

A sign in sheet was provided, and all attendees were asked to sign in.

The following items were discussed:

- Mrs. Casas initiated the meeting with the variables that were considered when purchasing a home on a quiet street in LaGrange Park:
 - Resale value-quiet neighborhood, well kept homes lawns, etc.
 - Safety
 - School district
 - Community spirit

When the YMCA moved onto our block, it changed the character of our neighborhood.

- Mr. Lampert questioned the site selection process/protocol, as well as the YMCA timeline. Mr. Lampert asked if there was there any incentive offered to the YMCA to move to this location. They had ample opportunities to move elsewhere; why was this location chosen? Mr. Proczko, the Village Manager responded by stating that the village has very little involvement in the site selection process. The YMCA inquired about the site, and it is zoned for this occupant. The decision was between the tenant (YMCA) and the owner (Mrs. Jessup). Mr. Lampert then stated that proper permits were not issued on a timely basis. Retroactive permits were authorized. A site impact study should have been done to ensure that the neighbor does not undergo change. Increase traffic and decrease stop sign usage present a real safety concern. Over 30 children under the age of 12 live in the 900-1000 blocks of Newberry. Mr. Proczko could not comment on the timeliness of permits issued, but will investigate and report back to attendees. The Village President responded by stating that a special permit was not needed because the building was already zoned for commercial use.
- The next item discussed was timeline. Mr. Lampert asked what the village doing regarding fact gathering, and was 8 weeks necessary? What are the timelines and can we compromise? The Village President responded by saying if the village restricts parking on Newberry, the cars will simply be displaced to other streets. There is adequate parking at the bank. The Village encountered a parking situation with Nazareth High School, and the board was rushed into a decision, and had to retract some of the decision later. Mr. McCollum, the Police Chief, added that the police were gathering information, and peak time need to be identified. He stated that traffic counters have been set to determine traffic volume; as traffic before the YMCA occupancy was negligible. Mr. Lampert suggested that the timing on the traffic light needed to be examined, and that longer delay times should have been addressed BEFORE high volume of YMCA patrons began invading our streets. The Traffic and Safety Commission will be meeting on 4-11-07

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- Mr. Stenner discussed the need to be proactive to ensure the safety of our citizen:
 - Drive ways are blocked
 - Fire hydrants are blocked
 - Cars parked on both sides of the street make it difficult to see children playing
 - Street is simply not wide enough to accommodate parking on both sides of the street, should an emergency vehicle need to drive thru.

Precedence was set in Lagrange Park regarding the parking situation at Nazareth High School parking, and the decrease in property value was acknowledged.

- Economic development was then discussed; codes need to be updated. Mr. Vaiciulis added that the grassy property between the YMCA and Jessup's could provide and extra 8-9 parking spaces. The board members had no response. Mr. Vaiciulis had a printed copy of the LaGrange Park Code (153.040) and read it aloud. Specifically, section 153.030 of the La Grange Park Code indicates: *"(A) For the purpose of classifying, regulating and restricting the use of lot areas and buildings and the erection, restoration and alteration of buildings and the erection of additions thereto, so as to secure adequate light, pure air and safety from fire and other dangers, to prohibit the abuse of land and buildings throughout the village and to conserve the taxable value of land and buildings within the village limits, to lessen or avoid congestion in the public streets and otherwise to promote the public health, safety, comfort, morals and welfare of the inhabitants, the village is divided into eight classes of use districts and seven classes of volume districts"* The YMCA violated the automotive parking requirements enumerated in section 153.040 (C) of the Code. Mr. Proczko replied that he is not familiar with all the codes. Mr. Vaiciulis reiterated that the Village can still require the YMCA to comply, and emphasized that the building has been altered, both physically (interior now has locker rooms, showers, child care, etc), and in it's use (it was vacant for 5 years, and before that it was a union facility). The board members had no response.
- Mr. Nemecek asked about the sewage capacity with the increase of water usage due to increase showers/toilets installed into the building. Mr. Proczko replied by stating the water usage is not that intense and the building complies with plumbing codes. Mr. Nemecek understood that the building complies with the plumbing code, but restated his concern about increased sewage/water usage. Mr. Nemecek asked for documentation of water usage, and if the Village can provide documentation that the increase of water usage/sewage would not affect the home closest to the YMCA.

- Mrs. Wilder asked if there was a Project Manager assigned to this project, and was patron parking evaluated. What is the building's capacity (how many patrons can be in the facility at one time?) This in itself may be in violation of fire codes. The Village President responded by saying that the old YMCA was a very busy facility, and it appears that the YMCA did not expect this volume of patrons. No board member had any details regarding the building's capacity.
- Mrs. Petersen asked if one handicap parking space was adequate for that size building, and that the public parking spaces on Newberry are used exclusively for YMCA patrons. What about the other businesses (hair salon, video repair, etc)? Our neighbors on Beach have shared many complaints about the inferior snow removal, leaf pick-up, waste management pick-up, etc. due to the overflow of parked cars on their street because of inadequate parking at Ace Hardware. That hardware store has been there for many, many years. If anyone purchased a home on Beach within the last 20-25 years, the prospective owner knew about the increased cars parked on their street before they purchased their homes. The Village allowed the YMCA to move onto our block and change our quiet, low traffic street into a traffic/congestion nightmare without our consent/input.
- Mr. McCollum took an informal poll (show of hands) regarding the desire to establish restricted parking. Some hands were raised. The Village President again stated that there was adequate parking at National City across the street, and the village needs to come up with a plan to "get these cars off the street". He himself resides on Newberry (much further down from the YMCA), and acknowledges there is a serious congestion problem now, and the safety of the kids/citizens is a top priority.
- Mrs. Casas closed the meeting by thanking the board members for their attendance, and stated that the minutes to this meeting would be available to anyone who is interested in having a copy. She had one more suggestion. Could the YMCA offer their patrons valet parking service to park their cars in the National City lot? She concluded with reiterating that the citizens of Newberry moved onto this quiet street with the desire to raise our children in a safe neighborhood, turn our houses into homes, and be good neighbors to each other. We are apprehensive to allow our children to play in front of our homes, and riding their bikes in the street is now prohibited. Cars are constantly using our driveways to turn-around, and the volume parked cars make it difficult to see children playing. This drastic change in our community was done without our permission or involvement; and now we are forced to protest after the fact. Neighbors closest to the YMCA are being awakened at 5:30-6:00am every morning of the week. This is unacceptable and we look to the Village to correct this injustice. We want our lives back!

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PRESIDENT
Dr. James L. Discipio

VILLAGE MANAGER
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VILLAGE CLERK
W. Kerry Brunette



TRUSTEES

Tim Hayes
Charles E. Joern, Jr.
Rimas V. Kozica
David O. Raddatz
Michael A. Sabella
Tina L. Sonderby

April 17, 2007

Dear Resident:

The Traffic, Safety, and Engineering Committee (TSE) will meet on Wednesday, April 25, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of Village Hall, 447 North Catherine Avenue, La Grange Park, Illinois, to review several recommendations related to residential parking regulations. This meeting follows a healthy exchange of ideas between residents and Village representatives that were articulated on April 11, 2007, to address concerns related to the YMCA.

You are receiving this letter because you may be impacted by any regulations that might be implemented. Your attendance at this meeting is welcome if your schedule permits. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me by calling 708-354-0225, x107.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bohdan J. Proczko".

Bohdan J. Proczko
Village Manager

cc: Dan McCollum

YMCA neighbors in LaGrange Park raise concerns on traffic

BY KEN KNUTSON
STAFF WRITER

Residents on the 1000 block of Newberry Avenue in LaGrange Park say their new neighbor to the north has generated something other than good will. Their street is now lined with the vehicles parked by users of the Greater La Grange YMCA much of the day, which they contend threatens the safety of their children and diminishes their quality of life.

"Our whole lifestyle has been severely altered these past two months," homeowner Cheryl Petersen said.

LaGrange Park trustees were unable to reach consensus on a solution during discussion at their Tuesday work session meeting. The village's Traffic, Safety and Engineering Committee recommended the block be restricted to resident permit parking only from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m. A village count found 42.3 cars on average park each day on the block.

"I'm just afraid that this will set a precedent that anyone who doesn't live on the block can't park on the block," Trustee Tina Sonderby said.

The YMCA, formerly known as Rich moved to LaGrange Park after moving its facility at La Grange Road and Garden Avenue. Plans are under way to sell that property and build a new YMCA at another location. However, the YMCA has a five-year

lease on the LaGrange Park site, with an option to extend.

President Jim Discipio indicated the village did not anticipate the traffic impact the YMCA would have when it moved onto the corner of 31st Street and Newberry in early March. But he supports the permit parking plan to give relief to the residents.

"This (parking situation) is unique, and we've thrust this upon the residents. I think it's up to us to help them as best we can," Discipio said.

Several references were made to the overly sweeping parking restrictions imposed on the west side of the village two years ago to discourage Nazareth Academy students from clogging residential streets. The board later reduced the scope of the regulations after complaints it was too sweeping, and some trustees seem loathe to over-regulate again.

Village officials say the YMCA has been encouraging patrons to use available parking at the National City Bank lot at 1215 E. 31st St. But residents say some patrons aren't getting the message and the village needs to step in before an accident occurs.

"There are 28 children under 13 in a two-block area," resident Donna Wilder told trustees. "We are so fearful because we have constant traffic going in and out of our driveway"

Trustees will revisit the issue at their meeting at 7 p.m. May 22 at Village Hall, 447 N. Catherine St.



NEW

Residents get relief from the YMCA parking

By Ken Knutson
Staff Writer

Responding to impassioned pleas from residents, LaGrange Park trustees Tuesday enacted parking restrictions on the 1000 block of Newberry Avenue to reduce the influx of patrons using the nearby Greater La Grange YMCA.

The approved ordinance allows resident permit parking only from 8 to 11 a.m. Monday through Saturday and 9 to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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voted down, expressed concern that area businesses would be adversely affected.

"We can't restrict parking in total on Newberry. We have to have parking available for retail stores," Sabella said.

In the end, he and his colleagues all voted in favor of the regulations, with Trustee Charles Joern recusing himself due to his involvement on the YMCA's board of directors.

Permit parking

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Since the YMCA opened on March 5, residents say their block has been inundated with parked cars along both sides of the street and dangerous levels of traffic in a neighborhood with dozens of young children.

Resident Barbara Laning, who on the other side of an alley behind the YMCA, said motorists regularly back into her fence and leave litter in her yard.

"The quality of life has completely changed. We need your help," Laning implored trustees.

Parking across street

YMCA Executive Director Kathy Bosco has said the agency continues to direct patrons to park in the National City Bank lot across the street, where they have been given 65 spaces.

Trustee Michael Sabella, whose proposed shorter time frame on the parking ban was

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Resident Cheryl Petersen said she was encouraged by the board's action, but she did not think it went far enough and could be challenging to enforce.

"I'm disappointed that there was not anything addressed for Sunday," Petersen said.

A study had shown that Sunday was the lightest day, on average, for parking on the block. But Petersen noted that not every day is average.

"(The parking volume) is random and unpredictable," she said.

Officials noted that the situation on the block would be monitored, and some trustees have said this could open the door for residents of other blocks demanding similar restrictions.

Village Manager Bo Proczko said he expects signs identifying the restrictions to be installed next week.

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In Brief

LYONS

Undercover drug bust ends in car chase

Lyons police arrested a man after police said he sold drugs to an undercover officer and led them on a high-speed car chase.

Police said they arranged an undercover drug purchase at about 6:30 p.m. Nov. 15 in the parking lot of the Amoco gas station at First and Ogden avenues.

Police said an undercover informant entered a man's car during the deal. After police revealed themselves and attempted to arrest the man, he drove out of the lot with the informant in the car. Police said the man hit a police car while driving off.

Police said the man drove at a high rate of speed and did not stop at stop signs. Police said about two block after the chase began, the informant jumped out of the moving vehicle onto a resident's lawn.

Police said the man continued to drive westbound on 40th Street and northbound on Conrad Street before driving onto Patricia Drive, which is a dead-end street. Police said after being surrounded by police vehicles, the man attempted to drive away and hit another police vehicle.

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LA GRANGE PARK

Loud muffler ends with aggravated battery arrest

A check on a report of a loud muffler ended with the arrest of a 21-year-old Norridge man on charges of aggravated battery and harming a police officer.

Police were called to the Greater La Grange YMCA, 1100 E. 31st St., La Grange Park, at 2:45 a.m. Nov. 9 after neighbors complained of noise made by a vehicle parked on the side of the building. A woman in the vehicle said it belonged to her boyfriend, who was a supervisor of a cleaning crew inside. The woman agreed to turn the vehicle off and police went to look for the boyfriend who had come to the building to check on an employee.

The man came around a corner and police said he immediately started to yell obscenities and threats at police.

Police said the man started to threaten officers, who noticed a strong smell of alcohol on his breath. Police said the man became more agitated and combative.

Police charged Justin Miskawitz with aggravated battery and harming an officer.

Correction policy

It is our policy to publish accurate information, and we will make every effort to get it right. If you notice inaccuracies, please let us know.

The Ticker

THE WESTERN SPRINGS ROTARY CLUB

By Ellyn Ong Vea
eovea@mvs.suburbanlif.com

Max Flores said from told him he didn't know himself into in becoming member of the Morton High board.

When he was appointed officials were under fit student's account that at Morton West Oct. 15 gestion of police official school. A student was bringing a handgun to t

The board was also controversial district school uniforms mand

Then, not even a w tion, the district caught attention after student staged a sit-in protest and were given suspension with expulsions for a day.

Aside from the recession he began to hear drop-out rate and gang trict.

"I was thinking about that have to be done as test scores and increase lege-bound students." think about all the negative to overcome to get to guess we've got to focus safe before the academy throw everything else c

Flores lives in Cicero Morton East in 2002, w ball and said he receive

"But a lot of the th board member I didn't he said. "I didn't real bangers. ... I was too ir and schoolwork and h group of friends, most (advanced placement) class."

Now that he's been for the town of Cicero graffiti removal program of Housing, he sees ma in the area all the time.

His job consists of town, documenting graffiti removal.

Flores joins the major members who work for Other such members in director Mike Iniguez, resources Derek Dorn

**MINUTES
TRAFFIC, SAFETY & ENGINEERING COMMITTEE
VILLAGE OF LA GRANGE PARK
June 10, 2015
Village Hall
447 N. Catherine Avenue
La Grange Park, Illinois
7:00 P.M.**

1. Call to Order

Chairman May convened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 10, 2015, in the BoardRoom of the Village Hall, 447 N. Catherine Avenue, La Grange Park, Illinois.

Committee Members Present: Steve May- Chairman
James Seguin
Keith Krysa
Eric Johnson
Brian Lisek

Committee Members Absent: Paul Graham
David Bryant

Also Present: Village Clerk Amanda Seidel
Police Chief Ed Rompa
Village Engineer Paul Flood

2. Approval of Minutes- March 13, 2013

The motion to approve the Minutes of March 13, 2013 was made by Committee Member Krysa and seconded by Committee Member Seguin. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

3. Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

4. Discussion- (1) removal of residential PERMIT PARKING SIGNS Chapter No 76, Parking Schedules-Schedule IV (Residential Permit Parking Only Mon. through Fri. 6am-11am, 3pm-8pm and Sat. 6am-11am) located along the 1000 block of Newberry (alley south of 31st Street to Garfield Avenue); and (2) additional signage to be added around Forest Rd School, along the Barnsdale Avenue area to assist with traffic flow during school days.

Chief Rompa gave the background of the items up for discussion and explained the reasons for the evenings meeting of the Traffic, Safety & Engineering Committee Meeting. Chief Rompa discussed how residents, patrons, & business owners have brought concerns to Village's attention. Discussion began over Schedule IV: Residential Permit Parking and the current regulations to the 1000 block of Newberry Ave. The safety of the pedestrians (many being families with young children) parking on the North side of 31st to utilize the businesses on the South side of 31st was discussed. Chief Rompa explained the safety issue of this matter. Chief

Rompa moved on to the history of placing the parking permit signs and explained how only a few residents on the 1000 block of Newberry utilize the permits. The staff time of officers having to respond to complaints regarding parking on Newberry was also discussed as well as police resources. It was discussed how this is the only street with Parking Permits in the Village. It was discussed how other residents have expressed concern not to be able to park on streets that their tax money pay for. The history of parking restrictions in the Village was discussed including parking around Nazareth. Parking and the 31st Street corridor were discussed as well as how business owners want more options for their patrons to park. One of the Committee Members expressed concerns over the shrubs near the alley. The importance of safety for children, patrons, and residents was reiterated. Chief Rompa and Engineer Flood clarified concerns and questions of the Committee. Chief Rompa discussed future communication with the residents affected by this on the 1000 block of Newberry. At the end of discussion; *The motion to recommend approval to the Village Board for removal of residential permit parking signs (Ordinance No. 76, Parking Schedules-Schedule VI) located along the 1000 block of Newberry was made by Committee Member Krysa and seconded by Committee Member Johnson. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.*

Chief Rompa moved on to the next item of additional signage to be added around Forest Road School. Discussion began over No Parking/Standing This Side signs to be added on the East Side of the 900 block of Barnsdale between Garfield and Jackson. Discussion moved to how this would help with the flow pattern of northbound traffic. Chief Rompa discussed the safezone between Garfield and Jackson. The safety issue of children being dropped off and picked up from school was discussed. Discussion moved to the parents utilizing Department of Public Works for dropping off and picking up their children from school as well as the difficulty of maneuvering DPW vehicles during drop off/pick up times. Chief Rompa discussed the cue line and flow of traffic for school drop off/pick up times. Chief Rompa discussed communication to parents and the school regarding this possible change. The Committee was in consensus to add NO PARKING this side signs to the East Side of the 900 Block of Barnsdale Rd. Discussion moved to parking and safety on Homestead and Forest Rd. surrounding Forest Road School. The concern of Homestead and no parking between Jackson and Garfield was discussed. Chief Rompa and Engineer Flood clarified concerns and questions of the Committee. The Committee came to consensus to add No Parking From Here To Corner Signs to be added 20 feet from the stop sign at Forest Rd and Jackson as well as Forest Rd and Garfield. At the end of discussion; *The motion to recommend approval to the Village Board for No Parking/Standing This Side signs to be added on the east side of the 900 block of Barnsdale between Garfield and Jackson; and No Parking From Here To Corner Signs to be added 20 feet from the stop sign at Forest Rd and Jackson as well as Forest Rd and Garfield was made by Committee Member Krysa and seconded by Committee Member Lisek. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.*

5. Adjournment

When there was no further discussion Chairman May asked for a motion to adjourn. *The motion to adjourn was made by Committee Member Lisek and seconded by Committee Member Krysa. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously on a voice vote.* With no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman May declared the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda G. Seidel
Village Clerk

President's Report

Village Board Agenda Memo

Date: August 20, 2015
To: Village President and Board of Trustees
From: Dr. James Discipio, Village President
Julia Cedillo, Village Manager
RE: Appointment and Reappointments to Youth Commission

GENERAL BACKGROUND:

The Village currently has one vacancy on the Youth Commission. Over the summer months, the Village solicited for new members and received one application within the time limit. Based on an interview with staff, community involvement, interest in serving on the Youth Commission, the Village recommends that the following candidate to serve on the Commission for a two year term:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>
1. Amaria Clarke	Sophomore	Lyons Township High School

MOTION / ACTION REQUESTED:

Motion for the appointment of new member Amaria Clarke, and for the re-appointments of seniors Nicholas Fuentes, Alex Scotty, Laura McAllister for one year terms to expire on September 1, 2016, and a two year term for Joey Johnson to expire on September 1, 2017. The five other current members; Desa Bolger, Charlotte Phillipp, Seamus Scotty, Zoey Forsyth, and Halee Stirrat have terms that do not expire until September 1, 2016.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

The staff recommends the Board affirm President Discipio's recommendation to appoint and re-appointment the aforementioned individuals to the Youth Commission.

DOCUMENTATION:

- Application submitted by the candidate



**YOUTH COMMISSION
APPLICATION - FALL 2015**

Feel free to attach a separate sheet if necessary.

NAME: Amaria Clarke	PHONE NUMBER: /
ADDRESS: LaGrange Park, IL	EMAIL:
SCHOOL NAME: Lyons Township High School	YEAR IN SCHOOL: Sophomore (Fall 2015)
LIST SCHOOL ACTIVITIES IN WHICH YOU PARTICIPATE OR HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE PAST. I am very active in student government at my High School, including Student Council as well as Class Board I am currently Class Board President.	
LIST COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES / PART-TIME JOBS. BRIEFLY DESCRIBE YOUR ROLE IN THEM. I am an active member of the Leadership and am apart of the LT teen leaders. We participate in volunteering all over the community, organizing fundraisers and taking our annual out-of-state work trip.	
HONORS / AWARDS YOU HAVE RECEIVED: Honor roll; both semesters.	

WHY ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE YOUTH COMMISSION?

I believe youth's involvement is crucial to ensure future success in our society. Anything I can do to better our community is worth the while.

WHAT ONE LOCAL ISSUE OR MUNICIPAL SERVICE ARE YOU PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING AND/OR CHANGING? WHY?

More and more teenagers are encountering problems with our downtown area. I believe we should revitalize a new downtown LaGrange in a way that our youth is not continuing to act into mischief.

PLEASE LIST THREE ADULT REFERENCES (At least one reference should be a teacher or school administrator. Please do not list relatives as references.)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RELATIONSHIP</u>	<u>PHONE NUMBER</u>
1. Linn meyer	Mentor	
2. Samantha Grzeca	LT Teen Leader cordinator	
3. Peter Geddeis	LT Student Activities Director Ext.	

WILL YOU BE ABLE TO ATTEND ONE MONDAY EVENING MEETING PER MONTH AND OTHER OCCASIONAL EVENTS AS SCHEDULED?

Gabriel Jones YES NO 6-1-15
SIGNATURE: DATE
Amaria Clarke 10-1-15
PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: DATE

Items of Interest

VILLAGE OF LA GRANGE PARK
La Grange Park Village Hall, 447 N. Catherine Ave., La Grange Park, Illinois

First meeting of year for Youth Commission, September 7th

2015 MEETINGS REMINDER

September 8, 2015	Work Session Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Village Hall
September 22, 2015	Village Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Village Hall
October 8, 2015	State of the Village	7:00 p.m.	Village Hall
October 13, 2015	Work Session Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Village Hall
October 27, 2015	Village Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Village Hall
November 10, 2015	Work Session Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Village Hall
November 24, 2015	Village Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Village Hall
December 8, 2015	Work Session Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Village Hall