

The *Rose* CLIPPINGS

Village of Roses

Fall 2011

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The Village of La Grange Park



President's Corner

It is hard to believe it is already October and summertime is a thing of the past. Autumn in La Grange Park is a beautiful landscape with houses decorated for the season, eagerly awaiting the festivities. Halloween is only days away and parents should know that Trick or Treating takes place on October 31st from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. For a list of Halloween safety tips, please see page ___.

The Fall season is always a busy time of year for the Village - this year particularly so. Driving through town residents will notice that some of our streets and sidewalks are getting a makeover. One block of Blanchan and one block of Morgan are being resurfaced while two blocks of Beach Avenue, from Jackson to 31st Street are being reconstructed with all new concrete. The Village anticipates that work on Beach will be complete by mid November. Residents are encouraged "not to mind the mess" and patronize the businesses in that area that are impacted by the construction. Those area businesses need your support! When the work is done, the area will look better than ever.

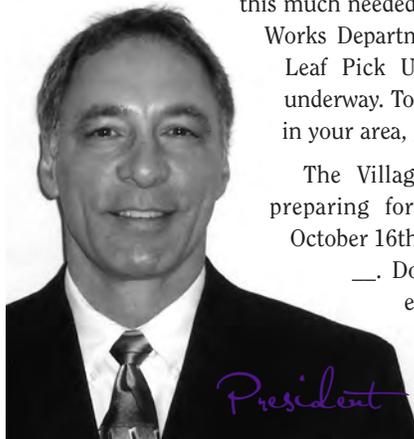
The Village will also complete two large asphalt patching projects on Jackson and Harding to make the ride smoother in those areas while new concrete sidewalks and curbing are completed in areas around town. This year, the Village is able to complete sewer cleaning and televising in addition to a significant sewer lining project to help extend the life of our existing sewer infrastructure, all proactive efforts that can save substantial dollars in future budgets. All of this work is being overseen by the Village's hardworking Public Works Department. Along with this much needed infrastructure work, the Public Works Department will be busy with the Fall Leaf Pick Up Program, which is already underway. To catch a glimpse of the schedule in your area, go to page ___.

The Village's Fire Department is busy preparing for this year's Open House on October 16th - for all the details, turn to page ___. Don't miss this family orientated event that focuses on fire preven-

tion and home safety - and offers a bit of fun for the kids with a fire truck ride around town. The Police Department encourages residents not to miss the Drug Take Back Event on October 29th at the Police Department. This program is invaluable for our Village as it keeps unused and expired prescription drugs out of our homes and out of the landfill and waterways. For the details on this program, please see page ___.

Fall is also a time to reflect and remind ourselves of that for which we are thankful. This year, while we are still feeling the impacts of a recession - we are indeed grateful for all that is good in this Village. On September 15th, the second annual State of the Village Address allowed us to take time and reflect on how we continue to persevere to meet tough challenges. The Village Address recognized the efforts of our residents in helping the Village to achieve its goals. Whether it was residents providing much needed feedback about flooding issues or ComEd outages, or resident groups emphasizing the need for a greater focus on environmental issues - our community clearly works together. Whether it is the Park District or the Library District reaching out to partner with us on valuable community programs - we are all beneficiaries of what happens when we work together. And finally whether it is the La Grange Park Business Association wanting to partner up for a banner program, or our local businesses that give us valuable feedback about "shopping local" in our community, I have no doubt that we will see a difference by working together. The State of the Village message is such that although we continue to be challenged in the current economy, we are moving forward with projects, programs and the planning of new ideas - we are doing so responsibly and optimistically - and with the input from residents and businesses.

I would be remiss if I closed this message without a reminder to our residents to come out and celebrate the winter festivities with the Annual Christmas Walk and Tree Lighting ceremony on December 2nd at the Village Market this year (see page ___). We will alternate this event each year between our two main commercial areas as a reminder that we support all of the local businesses that make our lives more convenient and even better in La Grange Park. It is always a privilege to serve as your President and please feel free to contact me anytime. Thank you! Jim



President James J. Discipio



Fall Leaf Pick Up for 2011

Autumn leaves are falling! The Village is happy to continue its leaf collection program again this year. You can choose from either of two methods for disposing of your leaves.

Option One: The Village's Leaf Collection Program

The Village collects leaves raked into the gutter beginning in mid-October through early December (weather permitting). Following are the rules for our program:

1. Please follow the collection schedule! While we try to remain flexible, the village allocates its financial and manpower resources to provide this program during a particular time period. We are unable to make exceptions for citizens who do not comply with the schedule. Please follow the schedule below.

Similar to last year, the Village is divided into three sections for leaf collection purposes. To help those residents who would prefer to not always be the first (or last) section to be collected, leaves are collected on an alternating schedule which this year begins with Section III.

Section I - all streets west of La Grange Road

Section II - all streets from La Grange Road east to the IHB railroad tracks

Section III - all streets east of the IHB railroad tracks.

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

SECTION III (East)	SECTION I (West)	SECTION II (Central)
October 17 th – 21 st	October 24 th – October 28 th	October 31 st – November 4 th
November 7 th – 11 th	November 14 th – 18 th	November 21 st – November 25 th
Weather Permitting we will continue removing leaves in December.		
November 29 th – December 2 nd	December 5 th – December 9 th	December 12 th – December 16 th

2. Except for residences on La Grange Road, 31st Street, and Maple Road, all leaves should be raked into the gutter immediately adjacent to the curb (not the street). Leaves should not be placed in bags but loosely piled in the gutter in front of your home. Residents on La Grange Road, 31st Street, and Maple Avenue, however, are the exception and may bag their leaves and leave them on the parkway during their collection week – no stickers required. Residents on these streets also have the option of placing leaves on side streets.

3. Leaves must be out in the morning of the first date of your collection week. Because the condition of leaves (wet, dry, etc.), weather, and equipment breakdowns can all affect the speed of our collections, we cannot predict where we will start or stop our routes on any given day. To ensure that your leaves get picked up, they must be out by Monday morning.

4. Please rake your leaves into low piles. When our trucks hit high piles, they tend to scatter and flow back onto the parkway. Several small, low piles are preferable to a single pile stacked five-feet high.

5. Please be sure leaves are free of debris. To ensure the safety of our workers, please be sure your leaves are free of debris (wire, plastic, etc.).

6. Please be sure not to include brush with the leaves. Brush removal is a separate program that stops prior to the leaf removal program and begins again in the Spring each year.

Option Two: Yard Waste Collection - Last Day to be Confirmed

The other leaf disposal option is the yard waste collection program offered by our refuse hauler, Allied Waste. Residents may dispose of leaves on their regular refuse/recycling collection day through December 1. Leaves can be placed in a brown bag or a 32-gallon container. A yard waste sticker must be attached.

Leaf burning is prohibited in La Grange Park. Please use one of the above methods for disposing of your leaves. Do not park near piles of dry leaves. The heat of car mufflers can ignite the leaves and start a fire. Be safe and not sorry: avoid parking near leaf piles. The Village also urges residents to use caution while driving: *Wet leaves, wet leaves, you will slide into trees. Drive Safe!* Thanks for your cooperation!

Clean Up Day Coming Soon **October 20**

Mark Your Calendars and do tell your neighbors - Clean Up Day is October 20th! Single-family residences in La Grange Park will receive a one-time clean up service on the regularly scheduled collection day. Clean Up Day cannot be rescheduled so don't miss out! 4 REFUSE STICKERS ARE REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE (four stickers in total will insure that all of the acceptable items placed on the curb will be picked up). If you choose not to participate, your trash will be handled as a regular pick up. Acceptable items must be placed next to your regular refuse on the curb by 6:00 a.m. Items other than furniture, large bulk items and appliances must be placed in bags, cans and/or boxes, not larger than 35 gallons or heavier than 50 pounds each. For more information, please contact the Village of La Grange Park at 354-0225.

ACCEPTABLE Items:

- Appliances
- Bulk Items (Bicycles, Fans, etc.)
- Carpet (Must be cut down to 4 feet in length, securely bundled, & less than 30 lbs. in weight.)
- All Furniture

UNACCEPTABLE Items:

- Yard Waste
- Construction and Demolition debris
- Scrap Wood and Lumber
- Paint
- Concrete, Asphalt, Rocks, Bricks.
- Car Parts

- Tires
- Batteries
- Any type of fluid
- Ammunition
- Hazardous or Medical Waste
- Radioactive Materials
- Yard Waste
- No Fencing
- No Railroad Ties



Yard Waste is not included in the Clean Up, but will be collected if properly prepared, stickered and set out on your regular collection day. If you would like to dispose of construction or demolition material, please contact Allied Waste at 345-7050 for a quotation. For information on options for the disposal of Household Hazardous Waste, please contact the West Cook County Solid Waste Agency at (708) 453-9100. Unacceptable items will not be collected.

E-Waste Recycling Day **October 22**

As you prepare for Clean Up Day, don't forget that old computer and electronic equipment! Get rid of it for free! Bring it down to the Village's Public Work's Facility, located at 937 Barnsdale Road, on Saturday, October 22nd, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This event is sponsored by the Village of La Grange Park Cool Village Commission. Vintage Tech Recyclers will be handling all collected materials. Vintage Tech utilizes hard-drive wiping and destruction that has been approved and validated in compliance to the R2 (Responsible Recycler) certification. For more information, please call the Village at 708-354-0225.

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

- Monitors, Laptops, TV's, Printers, Computers,
- All Computer Parts, Printers/Fax/Scanners
- DVD/ Stereos/VCR'S, Video Game Consoles
- Peripherals-Mice/Keyboards
- PDA/Cell Phones
- MP3/IPods/etc
- Phones
- Microwaves



National Drug Take Back Day 2011



The La Grange Park Police Department has partnered with the La Grange Park Cool Village Commission to sponsor the National Drug Take Back Day 2011. Unused prescription drugs are dangerous to our society and environment. Prescription drugs can be abused and illegally sold, and, when flushed, they can contaminate the water supply. To prevent these dangers, participate in the National Drug Take Back Day by dropping off your old prescription drugs at:

La Grange Park Police Department, 447 N. Catherine
October 29, 2011, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
For more info call: (708) 354-0225 x211

Christmas Walk & Tree Lighting Ceremony **December 2**

Last year's Christmas Walk saw a great turnout and an impromptu visit from Congressman Dan Lipinski! Who knows what this year's Christmas Walk will bring! The La Grange Park Business Association and the Village will partner for a combined Christmas Walk and Tree Lighting ceremony at the Village Market to take place on Friday December 2nd. The walk will take patrons on a path that includes visits and treats from participating Village Market businesses. The walk will culminate with holiday caroling and a tree lighting ceremony led by Village President, Jim Discipio. The Tree Lighting event's potential location will be the Memorial Park Amphitheater (to be confirmed). Come on out for some holiday cheer and celebration!

Fire Prevention Week October 9-15

What's the best way to protect your family from fire? Be ahead of the game, of course. With more than 360,000 home fires reported in the United States in 2009, according to the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), your best defense is a good offense. That's why La Grange Park's Fire Department is teaming up with NFPA during the October 9-15, 2011, to let our community know: "It's Fire Prevention Week. Protect your Family from Fire!" This year's campaign focuses on preventing the leading causes of home fires -- cooking, heating and electrical equipment, as well as candles and smoking materials. Additionally, it urges people to protect their homes and families with life-saving technology and planning.

La Grange Park Fire Department offers the following tips for protecting your home and family from fire:

- Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- Have a three-foot "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- If you smoke, smoke outside.
- Blow out all candles when you leave the room or go to bed. Avoid the use of candles in the bedroom and other areas where people may fall asleep.
- Install smoke alarms inside each bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home (including the basement).
- Test smoke alarms at least monthly and replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or sooner if they do not respond when tested.
- Pull together everyone in your household and make a plan. Walk through your home and inspect all possible ways out. Households with children should consider drawing a floor plan of your home, marking two ways out of each room, including windows and doors.

This year is the 140th Anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire of October 1871. Fire Prevention Week was established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire, the tragic 1871 conflagration that killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres. The fire began on October 8, but continued into and did most of its damage on October 9, 1871. In October of 1922, President Harding initiated the first Fire Prevention Week in remembrance of the Great Chicago Fire. As such, during this time of the year, the La Grange Park Fire Department reminds you that with fire safety education, and a little extra caution, preventing home fires and many serious burn injuries is within your power. You can make a difference!

Fire Department Open House

The annual Fire Department Open House will be Sunday, October 16th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Station #1 (447 North Catherine Avenue). This year's open house will feature a number of interactive activities designed to educate children and adults alike about fire safety. As in past years, there will also be fire truck rides. Please join us for the fun!

To find out more about Fire Prevention Week programs and activities in our community, please contact the La Grange Park Fire Department at (708) 354-0225. To learn more about "It's Fire Prevention Week. Protect your Family from Fire!" visit NFPA's website at www.firepreventionweek.org.

Thank You Fire & Police Departments September 11, 2011

This past September celebrations were held all around the United States to commemorate the 10th anniversary of September 11th. On behalf of its citizens, the Village of La Grange Park would like to extend our gratitude and appreciation to our local La Grange Park Fire and Police Departments and to all firefighters, policemen and women and first responders. Thank you for keeping us safe!



Security Reminder from the Police Department

The La Grange Park Police Department encourages residents to be mindful of important security measures to be taken in neighborhoods, homes and automobiles. Residents must be diligent in locking up cars, garages, and residences. Do not leave laptops, cell phones and other expensive equipment in your automobile which would be visible to the passerby. Be sure to report any suspicious behavior or people in your neighborhood. The non-emergency phone number to the Police Department is 708-352-2151 and call 911 in an emergency.



Holiday in the Park

Mark your calendars for the 2011 La Grange Park Business Association's Holiday in the Park on Saturday, December 10 from 1:00 – 4:00 at the Community Park District located at 1501 Barnsdale Road. Don't miss this local favorite where kids get to visit with Santa, make holiday crafts, decorate cookies, and play games. There will be lots of entertainment for grownups too – music, refreshments and a raffle. More details will be announced as we get closer to the event. For more information, email Amy at: amy@oasisforher.com



Be Safe This Halloween

Halloween in La Grange Park is celebrated on October 31st, with "Trick or Treat" hours from late afternoon until 8 p.m. Everyone wants to have a safe and happy Halloween for themselves, their guests and their children. Using safety tips and common sense can help you make the most of your Halloween season and make it as enjoyable for your kids as it is for you!

- Costumes should be fire proof; the eye holes should be large enough for good peripheral vision.
- For greater visibility during darkness, decorate costumes and sacks with reflective tape that will glow in the beam of a car's headlights. Reflective tape is available in hardware and sporting goods stores.
- To easily see and be seen, children should also carry flashlights.
- Young children should always be accompanied by an adult or an older, responsible child. All children should WALK, not run from house to house and use the sidewalk if available, rather than walk in the street. Children should be cautioned against running out from between parked cars, or across lawns where ornaments or furniture present dangers.
- Children should go only to homes where the residents are known and have outside lights on as a sign of welcome. Children should not enter homes unless they are accompanied by an adult.
- People expecting trick-or-treaters should remove anything that could be an obstacle from lawns and porches. Candlelit jack-o-lanterns should be kept away from landings and doorsteps where costumes could brush against the flame. Indoor jack-o-lanterns should be kept away from curtains and other furnishings that could be ignited.

Make Halloween a fun, safe and happy time for your kids and they'll carry on the tradition that you taught them to their own families some day!



The Village Would Like to Welcome

Village Manager *Julia Cedillo*



Last month the Village Board appointed Julia Cedillo as the new Village Manager. Julia has served La Grange Park since 2008 when she began her tenure as the Assistant Village Manager and most recently has served in the capacity of Interim Village Manager since last October. She came to the Village from serving the Village of Woodridge where she spent several years in the Administration Department as the Management Analyst. In that position, Julia was heavily involved with strategic management, contract management, personnel, budget and finance, as well as special events. She began her career in local government with two years of service at the City of DeKalb while she completed her studies in the Masters of Public Administration program at Northern Illinois University. Aside from her responsibilities here in La Grange Park, Julia is actively involved with the Illinois City County Manager's Association (ILCMA) and recently completed her term as Past President of the Illinois Association of Municipal Management Assistants (IAMMA). To quote Village President Discipio, "Julia is fully dedicated - she respects our community and every one of our residents."

Village Clerk *Amanda Seidel*



Our New Village Clerk, Amanda Seidel! Amanda is a resident of La Grange Park who earned her degree in Political Science at Iowa State University. She currently works as a Development Manager at the Anderson Animal Shelter in South Elgin. At the Shelter, Amanda is responsible for managing member relations and fundraising events; this job requires tremendous planning and organization skills, as well as determination. Amanda is also passionate about public service; she has volunteered at over a dozen organizations, including our very own La Grange Park Library! We welcome Amanda and we hope that her position as Village Clerk will be a fulfilling and rewarding experience!

Administrative Intern *Traci Steger*



We would also like to welcome Traci Steger as our Administrative Intern at the Village Hall. Traci is a second year student in the Masters in Public Administration program at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Prior to working at the Village, she spent a year teaching English in San Roque, Spain after graduating from Saint Louis University with a bachelor's degree in International Studies and Spanish in 2009. She enjoyed her time abroad, but is eager to get involved and learn about local government. Traci has been busy working on a variety of projects within the Village including developing a local business contact database, researching a social media proposal for the Village and updating the Village's website and cable channel content. Welcome, Traci and we wish you luck and success!

Youth Commission

On Friday, August 12th, the Village of La Grange Park Youth Commission took a summer field trip to Cellular Field to meet with staff from the Sox organization and briefly toured the stadium. The Commission members learned first hand how marketing, advertisement and sponsorship are critical to a successful ball game season. Immediately following the meeting, the Youth Commission visited the ball field and took a run around the baseball diamond. The Commission finished the field trip with a brief visit to old China Town.



Village Board Highlights

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

- Approved - DCEO Grant Agreement – Beach Avenue Public Parking Lot
- Purchased Information Technology Infrastructure – Exchange Server
- Public Hearing 2011-02 to consider a petition for a zoning variation (300 N. Stone)
- Public Hearing 2011-03 to consider a petition for a zoning variation (316 N. La Grange Road)
- Approved Ordinance Ascertainning the Prevailing Wage Rates for Construction Work in Cook County
- Approved Resolution Accepting Proposal for Sidewalk & Curb Slab-Jacking Program (AAA Concrete Raising Co.)
- Approved Resolution Accepting Proposal for the 2011 Sewer Cleaning and Televising Program (National Power Rodding Corp.)
- Approved Resolution Accepting Bid/Contract for Sewer Lining Work (Insituform Tech USA)
- Approved Resolution Accepting Proposal for 1029 Beach Avenue Demolition (Donegal Excavating)
- Approve Resolution Accepting Proposal from Kamp Synergy for SCADA Upgrades
- Approved Sidewalk Removal and Replacement Program
- Approved Resolution Accepting Plan for Action Against Emerald Ash Borer in 2011
- Approved Sewer Repair at 800 block of Brainard
- Approved Resolution Accepting Proposal for Paving Beach Avenue from Jackson to 31st Street to Include Garfield (2011 Paving Program – G&M Cement)
- Approved Resolution Accepting Proposal for Paving Morgan Avenue from 30th Street to 31st Street and Blanchan from 30th Street to 31st Street (2011 Paving Program – Brothers Asphalt)
- Approved Resolution Authorizing Street Patching of Jackson from Waiola to Stone and the Harding Left Turn Lane East of La Grange Road
- Approved Village Manager Appointment Julia Cedillo
- Approved LGP Business Association Banner Program
- Approved Appointment of Sarah Cervak to the Cool Village Commission
- Approved Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Alarm Monitoring Agreement with ADT Security Services
- Approved an Ordinance granting a special use permit for the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse property located at 1515 West Ogden Avenue, La Grange Park, Illinois (Public Hearing No. 2011-04)

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Attention Local Businesses *Senior Discount Day*

The Village of La Grange Park and La Grange have partnered with their respective Village's Business Associations and Aging Well (a program of Aging Care Connections) to endorse Senior Discount Day. Senior Discount Day is an age 60+ Program which will take place every Wednesday. This Program benefits all who participate! Seniors get a reduced price for a product or service, while local businesses generate additional revenue and the benefit of word of mouth advertising!

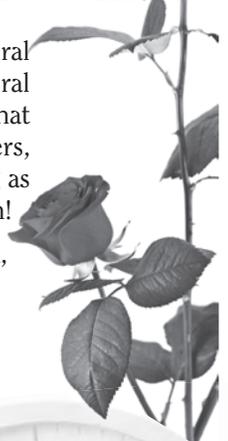
Participating businesses decide the offer; whether it is a percentage off, buy one/get one free, a reduced rate, it's up to the individual business. The Program will be marketed through local news releases, door-to-door flyers, church bulletins, the Villages' websites and local TV stations. Seniors can check out participating businesses by going to www.agingcareconnections.org and clicking on Senior Discount Day.

If you are a La Grange Park or LaGrange based business, contact Linda Hussey, Community Care Coordinator, via email: lhussay@agingcareconnections.org to sign up!

Protect Your Roses This Winter

Roses can lose up to 80% of their natural moisture over the winter. GSI Horticultural has developed a product called Moisturin that acts protects the plant from the harsh winters, insects, extreme heat and windburn by doing as the name suggests, keeping the moisture...in!

If you are interested in a sample of Moisturin, please contact GSI Horticultural at info2@gasihorticultural.com or call (541) 383-0222.



Don't Forget to *Fall Back*

Central Standard Time officially begins at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 6, 2011. Remember to change your smoke detector batteries when you move your clocks back one hour.



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.

Be A Good Neighbor! Take Care of Public Spaces!

Fall is the time of year when people like to get outside and enjoy the crisp air and fall foliage! As such, please remember to cut back any trees or bushes that are encroaching upon public sidewalks. These low – hanging branches and obstructive bushes force pedestrians to walk or run in their neighbor's lawns or in the streets. Please trim them back so that we can all share public spaces and practice public safety!

Good Neighbor Nomination Form

Your Name: _____

Your Address: _____

Please provide the name and address of the person/group you are nominating:

Why are they a Good Neighbor to you? _____

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RESIDENT FEEDBACK

Please use this section to give us your comments, suggestions, questions, problems or compliments. If you have something on your mind . . . let us know! Just jot it down and send it to us.

Please mail to: Interim Village Manager, Village of La Grange Park, 447 North Catherine, La Grange Park, IL 60526. Email address: jcedillo@lagrangepark.org. If you would like a response, please include your name, mailing address, email address or daytime phone number.

Stay connected with Village news and community happenings, subscribe to E-Briefs, the Village's weekly electronic newsletter. Send an email to jcedillo@lagrangepark.org and type "sign me up!"

VILLAGE *HALL*

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

LOST & FOUND

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

VILLAGE *HOLIDAYS*

Just a reminder that Village offices will be closed for the following holiday:

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