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Spring 2012

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The Village of La Grange Park

President's Corner



The warm weather has brought Spring early and what a treat it has been! With the season already in full bloom, we are reminded of the promise of new things to come this year. This year we continue to move forward as a Village and I am pleased to be able to give you the update.

The Village Board's tough budgetary decisions in recent years have thus far sustained us through the impacts of the recession. However, the impacts of the recession are not over and the Village must remain steadfast in implementing cost cutting measures, making adjustments wherever possible to ensure financial stability today and to better position the Village in the future. Due to strong fiscal management, and although the budget is preliminary, it looks as though the Village will be able to proceed with some capital projects in the upcoming fiscal year. I encourage residents to visit the Village's website to view the draft budget to see what is being considered.

Being proactive with grant opportunities will help the Village accomplish some of the projects listed in the draft budget. In the coming year, the Village has plans to replace the water main on South La Grange Road, from Brewster to Oak, a significant undertaking. This project will provide for more effective fire protection to the area with stronger water pressure and will mitigate the frequency of repairs to the 50+ year old main. The Village is currently working with the Army Corps of Engineers to help fund the project. If the terms of the grant from the Corps can be met, the cost savings will allow the Village to engage in future water main projects sooner rather than later. The Village has also received a \$150,000 grant to replace the emergency generator at Village Hall, which provides backup power for the Village's 911 communication's system. This fiscal year, the Village was successful with two grants from the DCEO to retrofit lighting at Village Hall as well assist in the payment of necessary monitoring equipment for the Village's Water System. The Village is the recipient of a \$100,000 grant from the State of Illinois for the construction of a parking lot on Beach Avenue. The Village Board approved the design and Zoning Board of Appeals recently completed the site plan



review for this project. The Village anticipates that construction will begin soon. The parking lot provides twelve parking spaces for patrons of 31st Street businesses. What a boon the lot will be for the area and the Village plans to engage in a ribbon cutting event for the lot's opening, once complete.

Residents should also be aware that the Village is the recipient of three grants from the State, totaling \$600,000 for the Public Works facility. The Village is currently progressing through the schematic design process with a contracted architect to gain a better understanding of what new construction might look like as well as the estimated costs associated with the project. Upon completion of the process, we will post the schematic design to the Village's website.

This spring will bring some new changes for the Village. In the organization side of things, we will welcome a new Director in the Public Works Department, as well as a new Village Treasurer. On the services side, the Village will move forward with the electric aggregation process, and it is important that you stay informed. On March 20, 2012, the referendum passed which allows for the Village to solicit competitive bids for an electric power supplier to potentially serve residential and small businesses owners who have not decided to "opt-out" of the program. As part of the process, the Village is drafting the required "Plan of Operation and Governance" which will outline the process for selecting an electrical supplier. The Plan will be presented to the Village Board in April and will be available on the Village website for residents to review. The Village will hold two public hearings in May (May 7th and May 14th) to provide residents further information on the process and to gather input on the draft plan. Once the Plan is approved by the Village Board, the Village will work with our consultant, NIMEC to solicit a new electrical supplier. This will most likely occur in June.

Some residents have reported receiving calls from alternative suppliers and have expressed that they do not have all the information they need to make an educated choice regarding their electric service. The Citizens Utility Board (CUB) is a great resource for residents who are evaluating their options. CUB's Guide to Municipal Electricity Aggregation can be found at their website and CUB can be reached directly at 800-669-5556.

In anticipation of the springtime "showery" weather, the Village will soon revisit the work of the Village's Engineering and Capital projects Committee. This fiscal year, the Committee worked diligently in its evaluation of a number of strategies to mitigate flooding and the impacts of heavy rain. It is anticipated that the Committee's report will be presented at the May Village Board Work Session.

Information about this committee's work is at the Village's website: www.lagrangepark.org. Finally, each Spring, I encourage residents to think about those in our community who have made a difference. The Village's Arbor Day Tree Planting Program is our way of commemorating those in our Village who have given so much. To nominate someone deserving for this award, see page 5. Finally, the Village's Youth Commission will be hosting the Community Volunteering weekend on April 21st and 22nd. If you know a neighbor who is need of assistance with outdoor chores, please read up on this program on page 4.

Indeed there is much happening in our Village, and it is important that residents stay informed. It is a privilege to serve as your President. Please feel free to contact me at anytime. Thank you!

President James J. Discipio



2012 Yard Waste & Brush Collection Program

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

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

Allied Waste collects bundled brush along with other yard waste. Brush and branches must be securely bundled with

bio-degradable twine or rope. Each bundle must be no more than four feet in length, two feet in diameter and weigh no more than fifty pounds. Individual branches must be no larger than three inches in diameter. A yard waste sticker must be affixed to each bundle. Please call the Village of La Grange Park at 354-0225 or Allied Waste Customer Service at 708-345-7050 if you have any questions.

The **Brush Collection Program** begins May 7. Through the program, the Village Public Works' crews pick up tree branches and brush debris that are stacked in neat piles on the parkway (please see "Guidelines" below for further details). The Village will conduct a pickup during the first full week of each month from May 7 thru the week of October 1. The order of collection is rotated so that different areas of town will be serviced on different days, it is very important that all brush be set out prior to Monday of the collection week. *(If your brush is not placed out for pickup on time, crews may not be able to return until the next scheduled pickup.)*

The Village's 2012 Brush Removal Schedule

- AREA 1 is West of La Grange Road
- AREA 2 is all streets from La Grange Road East to the IHB Railroad
- AREA 3 is all streets East of the IHB Railroad



Start of Program each Month/Week	Estimated progress of program per week Days/Area		
START DATE	AREA 1	AREA 2	AREA 3
May 7	Thurs/Fri	Mon/Tues	Wed/Thurs
June 4	Wed/Thurs	Thurs/Fri	Mon/Tues
July 2	Mon/Tues	Tues/Thurs	Thurs/Fri
August 6	Thurs/Fri	Mon/Tues	Wed/Thurs
September 4	Wed/Thurs	Thurs/Fri	Tues/Wed
October 1	Mon/Tues	Wed/Thurs	Thurs/Fri

Please be aware that the above time schedule is only a guideline. The Public Work's Department will do its best to adhere to this schedule, however in the event of an emergency, brush pickup may be delayed. Should the schedule be delayed, every attempt will be made to get back on schedule as quickly as possible. During those times when the schedule is delayed, your patience and understanding are appreciated!

Guidelines for the Brush Collection Program

Brush should be on the parkway prior to the Monday of the brush pickup week.

- Brush must be stacked neatly on the parkway, piled no more than 4-feet high, with the butt end facing the curb. Please be sure that brush is not piled in such a way that interferes with motorist or pedestrian visibility.
- In narrow parkways, if brush extends onto the sidewalk, the brush may be piled parallel to the curb.
- Brush must be no longer than 6-feet in length and 4-inches in diameter.
- Logs must be cut into small, manageable pieces, and should be kept separate from brush.
- Stumps and root balls will not be picked up. They should be removed from trees or bushes.
- Brush must be free of all wire, tape, rope, or other inorganic materials.
- General yard waste (i.e., grass clippings, leaves, weeds, etc.) will not be picked up during brush pickup.

Brush pickup is strictly for residents who have performed tree or brush work on their own property. If no evidence exists that work has been performed on the property, the Village reserves the right to charge the resident for this service. *The brush will not be picked up until a check for payment of services is received, and our work schedule permits.*

Contractors working for homeowners are NOT allowed to use this service, since we are not able to handle the quantity of brush that they produce. If evidence exists or contractors are seen by our Village workers placing tree or brush debris at the curb, the Village will charge the resident for removal of the tree/brush debris.



The Village of La Grange Park Welcomes New Businesses to 31st Street!

The Village is proud to announce the opening of three new businesses on 31st Street: Arbor Animal Hospital, Premier Cabinetry and Design and Children's House Montessori School. All three are currently open for business. If you haven't already, stop by and check out them out! Read below for further information on their services and hours of operation:

Arbor Animal Hospital

Dr. Susan Dowd's vision for Arbor Animal Hospital is to provide a calm and relaxing environment for you and your pet while offering a variety of quality veterinarian services. The exam rooms and reception area are designed to maximize natural lighting to minimize anxiety, and a small play area for toddlers ensures that all are at ease during a very stressful time. Dr. Dowd earned her doctorate with high honors in veterinary medicine from the University Of Illinois College Of Veterinary Medicine. Through Arbor Animal Hospital, she has realized a number of professional goals, including designing her own practice where excellent veterinary service can be provided at reasonable prices. Arbor Animal Hospital is located at 14 East 31st Street. Their hours of operation are open Monday-Thursday 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.



Here is a list of the services Arbor provides:

- Vaccinations
- Puppy, Kitten and Senior Care
- Spay and Neuter Surgery
- Microchipping
- Pharmacy
- Emergency and Critical Care
- Digital Radiography/Abdominal Ultrasound
- Behavioral Consultations
- Hospice and Euthanasia Services

To learn more, visit their website at www.arborvets.com/services.html, call (708) 352.1414 or email them at contact@arborvets.com

Premier Design & Cabinetry

Premier Design & Cabinetry is your local, one-stop shop for American-made and eco-friendly cabinet lines, as well as design and installation services! Premier Design opened in January of 2012, and they feature "green" products including entertainment centers for the home or office, tile, countertops, cabinets, sinks and faucets. The owner and operator, Sheri Sauer, is committed to offering services and products that are suitable for all budgets, certified eco-friendly and made in America. Sheri, a La Grange Park resident and the President of the La Grange Park Business Association, has been a designer for 8 years and has worked in the construction industry for over 13 years.



Premier Design & Cabinetry will be holding an Open House on April 10th from 1-7 p.m., and refreshments will be provided. They are located at 1101 E. 31st Street. For more information, visit their website at www.premierdesigncabinets.com, check them out on Twitter @shericabinets or simply call (708) 354.4205.



The Children's House Montessori School

The vision of co-owners, Steve and Jamie Archer, is that "[w]e are a community of learners working together to provide a Montessori educational experience that engages and inspires children to become life-long learners and responsible citizens in our diverse global community." The Children's House Montessori School (TCHMS) will operate one early childhood classroom comprised of ten children, as well as before and after school programs. TCHMS will also offer parent-child classes, lectures available to the community and parent education seminars. The school is tentatively set to open on April 9th. Community members are encouraged to visit TCHMS' website at www.tchms.org/index.html for updates on programming dates and times.

Ace Hardware Open House – April 28

While visiting 31st Street's newest businesses, don't forget to stop by the La Grange Park Ace Hardware on April 28th from 10 am to 3 pm for their Spring Open House. The event will feature fifteen vendors, many of which will provide the "How To" advice you need for the warm weather activities. There will be grilling demonstrations (food samples for the tasting!), tips for lawn care and planting, including guidance in planting designs. There will also be an Ace Paint representative onsite to assist with Spring color choices and advise on interior and exterior painting projects. Don't miss this local event that prepares residents to make the most of the Spring and Summer seasons. Ace Hardware is located at 900 E. 31st Street.



These are just a sample of some of the local businesses La Grange Park has to offer. Look out for the Summer 2012 edition of the Rose Clippings when we will highlight all the wonderful shops, salons and businesses along 31st Street!



Village of La Grange Park Seeking New Members for Youth Commission 2012-2013

The Village is seeking applications to serve on the La Grange Park Youth Commission. The Youth Commission is comprised of ten young people in grades 7 through 12. Commissioners serve one or two-year terms beginning in September of each year.

The Youth Commission serves alongside other Village Committees that make recommendations to the Village Board. Youth have been involved in Village decision-making as a way to gain new perspectives and original insights into issues that the Village encounters on a regular basis. The Village Board hears and considers the input of our ten Youth

Commissioners, and the Village as a whole benefits from their contributions. In addition, the Village hopes to help secure the future of La Grange Park by fostering a life-long appreciation and interest in public services within this generation of our future leaders.

Individuals interested in serving should fill out an application (available on the Village website, www.lagrangepark.org). Applications should be sent to the attention of Andrea Bagley, email: abagley@lagrangepark.org or fax to: 708-354-0241. If you have any questions please call Andrea Bagley at 708-354-0225.

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE TO THE VILLAGE NO LATER THAN JUNE 15, 2012.

The Village Youth Commission is Organizing the Annual Community Volunteering Weekend

The La Grange Park Youth Commission is planning its seventh annual Community Volunteering Weekend to take place on April 21st and 22nd. This is an event where the commissioners and other volunteers perform various projects around the community, including assisting senior citizens or others who need help completing spring projects around the house. The Commission hopes to enlist other volunteers from the community to perform various service projects around La Grange Park, and would like to get as many additional volunteers to participate as possible in order to make the weekend a success.

Need help at your house?

Though some of the projects the volunteers will work on will be around the Village Hall, in public parks, or around Forest Preserve Property, they also are willing to help out at your house. If you have a difficult time managing outdoor spring cleaning on your own property, a Community Volunteering Team made up of Youth Commissioners and other volunteers will help! Projects could include cleaning out gutters, general yard cleanup, planting flowers or bushes, fixing shutters, painting, or other projects that can easily be accomplished by a small team in one 3-hour shift. All Volunteering Teams will have at least one adult supervisor to help. All necessary tools and supplies should be provided by the homeowner. In the event that we receive more requests for assistance than our volunteers can address in one weekend, projects will be selected based on priority of need.

Want to serve on a Community Volunteering Team?

If you can give three hours of your time on either Saturday, April 21st or Sunday, April 22nd, you can be on a Community Volunteering Team! Volunteers will be divided into teams and dispatched to various areas of the community that need assistance. Tools and work gloves will be provided. If the thought of meeting new people and giving back to the community appeal to you, then this is the weekend for you!

Summary

When: Saturday, April 21st from 9am – noon and Sunday, April 22nd from 1pm – 4pm

Types of Projects: Painting, Gardening/Planting, General yard cleanup, Clean gutters, Trash pick-up, Light home repairs

To sign up: To register to have a team come to your house or to serve on a Community Volunteering Team, please contact Andrea Bagley at 708-354-0225 or via email at abagley@lagrangepark.org no later than April 13th.

The La Grange Park Youth Commission was founded in 2002 and serves alongside the other Village Committees that make recommendations to the Village Board. The ten Youth Commissioners receive the same agenda and discuss the same issues that the Village Board discusses at their Workshop meetings with the goal of making a recommendation to the Village Board. In addition to discussing the Board agenda items, Youth Commissioners also discuss various issues that they have highlighted as important and perform various activities in the community.



Village Board Highlights

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

- Ordinance Providing for the Submission to the Electors of the Village of La Grange Park, Cook County, the Question Whether the Village Should Have the Authority Under Public Act 096-0176 to Arrange for the Supply of Electricity for its Residential and Small Commercial Retail Customers Who Have Not Opted Out of Such Program
- Ordinance Modifying Planned Unit Development Plat (Case #2011-06), Granting Zoning Map Amendment (Case #2011-07) and Granting Zoning Variation (Case #2011-08) for Bethlehem Woods Retirement Living Center Planned Unit Development
- Authorized the Purchase of New Tires for Public Work's Loader
- Authorization of payment of \$8,633.00 to DuPage Security Solutions from Justice Assistance Grant Funds
- Authorization to Approve the Proposal from Air One Equipment, Inc. for the Purchase of New Rescue Air Lifting Bags and System – Grant Funded
- Authorization to Approve Resolution Approving Audit Services Agreement
- Accepting Bid Proposal for Build-Out of 2011 GMC Cab and Chassis
- Authorization to DCEO Grant Agreements – Public Works Facility
- Approval of Sprinkler Variance Request – 1015 E. 31st Street
- Conducted a Special Board Meeting on February 27, 2012 for Commercial Revitalization Strategic Planning
- Approval of the Purchase of an AMKUS High Performance Cutter for \$5,800, a System Power Unit for \$6,750, and Two (2) 30 Foot Pump Hoses for \$950 from Paul Conway Shields, of New Berlin, WI
- Resolution Approving the DCEO Rebate Agreement in the amount of \$13,800 for the Installation of Variable Frequency Drives on Pump #2 and #3 in the Water Plant
- Resolution Accepting the Bid from Richmond Electric Co. in the amount of \$15,600
- Approval of the FY 2012-2013 Budget Schedule
- Ordinance Amending Chapter 51, Section 51.43 of the Village of La Grange Park Municipal Code Establishing Water Rates

Free Wood Chips

Soon, wood chips will be available for pick up at the Public Works facility at 937 Barnsdale Road Monday through Friday. Public Works crews may also be able to deliver the wood chips to residents, depending on availability. When calling to request a wood chip delivery, please call the Public Works Department at 352-2922 with your address, where the woodchips should be left, and the quantity in cubic yards you would like delivered. Generally, one cubic yard will cover a 6-foot x 9-foot area. A truckload equals about 3 cubic yards.

Free Compost

The compost is made from leaf mulch and will be available for a limited time. You can view this compost material at the Public Works facility located at 937 Barnsdale Road. It will be located in the outside material storage area and the bin will be clearly marked as compost. You can follow the same instructions as listed above for delivery.

Monthly Waste Removal Fee & Sticker Price Increase Effective April 1st

The pricing structure stays the same with residents having two primary options for waste removal. Monthly fees will continue to be charged on your water bill.

Option 1

Monthly fee + one waste sticker for each can or bag of trash or yard waste.

Option 2

Monthly fee + toter fee (either 96 gallon or 64 gallon)

	April 1, 2012	Previously
Sticker	\$2.80	\$2.70
Monthly Fee	\$5.05	\$4.80
96 Gallon Toter (includes 65 gallon recycling toter)	\$18.45 (+monthly fee)	\$18.20
64 Gallon Toter	\$14.95 (+monthly fee)	\$14.70

Water Rate Increase Effective March 1st

In January 2012, the Village Board approved an increase of 12.5% to the Village's water rate. This increase is largely a pass-through of rate increases from the Village's water supplier the

Brookfield North Riverside Water Commission (BNRWC), who purchases its water from the City of Chicago. The City of Chicago raised its water rates by 25% effective January 1st of this year.

New Village rate:	\$5.58 per 100 cu. ft.
Previous Village rate:	\$4.96 per 100 cu. ft.

The new water rate went into effect on March 1st. Because residents are billed quarterly for their water, residents will not see the full impact of the rate increase on their water bill until June, July or August (depending on when you receive your bill).

If you have questions on the new rate or how it impacts your water bill, please contact Village Hall at (708) 354-0225.

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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: 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.

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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 holidays:

Monday, May 28 – Memorial Day
Wednesday, July 4 – Independence Day