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Spring 2013

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*The Village of La Grange Park*



# President's Corner

Spring is just around the corner and just like many of our residents, the Village has been busy preparing to break ground on some long anticipated projects.

This month, the Village will break ground on the first phase of the La Grange Road water main replacement project. Using primarily grant funds received from the Army Corp of Engineers, the Village will be replacing the water main on south La Grange Road from Brewster to Woodlawn. The new main will be located under the existing sidewalk and the old main, which is located under the street pavement, will be abandoned. As you might imagine, this will be a significant undertaking and will at times require lane closures and traffic flow changes to allow construction to proceed. Phase Two of the project will extend the water main from Woodlawn to Oak and is anticipated to be constructed later this summer. Upon its completion, residents will experience improved fire protection due to stronger water pressure.



The Winter edition of the Rose Clippings provided an update on the planning for the Public Works Facility renovation and construction is scheduled to begin in May. The renovation work includes replacing the windows and roof, restoring the brick, installing a locker room and ADA compliant restroom, and adding office space. The project is anticipated to be completed by early 2014.

The Village isn't the only one breaking ground on new projects this spring. In February, the Village Board approved a new 9-lot single family subdivision. McNaughton Development, Inc. will be breaking ground on this project in April, which is located at 145 Timber Lane. The subdivision

will extend Finsbury Lane north and connect into Pine Tree Lane and Timber Lane to the east. In addition to extending the street network, McNaughton will be installing water, sanitary and storm sewers, as well as sidewalks and street trees to serve the new homes. The semi-custom homes are expected to be approximately 3,000 square feet and sell in the \$650,000+ price range. McNaughton chose this location because of the lots proximity to the Forest Preserve and because La Grange Park is centrally located near transportation and shopping. This is just another validation of how desirable people find our community for living and raising their families. A new subdivision not only brings these new families, neighbors and friends to the community but it also brings additional property tax, utility tax and sales tax to the community as well.

Spring is also budget season for the Village and as in recent years, the Village has some tough decisions to make to ensure that we are able to sustain our services and plan for future investments in critical infrastructure and emergency service equipment. In March, the Village held a Capital Projects Prioritization workshop with the Village Board, during which the Board was asked to review all capital expenditures anticipated over the next 10 years and to prioritize their importance. The Board's direction will serve to guide the Village's budgetary decisions over the next several years to ensure that we properly plan and allocate funding for critical capital investments. The draft budget is currently under review and I encourage residents to visit the Village's website to view the draft budget and see what is being considered.

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 6. Finally, the Village's Youth Commission will be hosting the Community Volunteering weekend on April 20th and 21st. 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. As always, please feel free to contact me at any time.

*President James J. Discipio*



## Shop Local in La Grange Park

### Arundel Group Inc. d/b/a West Suburban Museum & Starr Emporia

The Arundel Group Inc. d/b/a West Suburban Museum & Starr Emporia is now open in the Village of La Grange Park! The Starr Emporia features antiques, jewelry, as well as fine and decorative arts. Other unique services include repair, restoration and appraisal of antique and fine jewelry. Starr Emporia is the retail aspect of the West Suburban Museum. The museum specializes in the acquisition and exhibition of artifacts and memorabilia relating to Freemasonry and its' concordant bodies, and other Masonic organizations, such as the Order of the Eastern Star. The museum is not open at this time; however, there are a few select artifacts and memorabilia which can be viewed within the store. Starr Emporia is located at 1018 E. 31st Street. Their hours are Mondays & Tuesdays from 10am to 5pm; closed Wednesdays; Thursdays through Sundays from 10am to 5pm. Their shop is a great addition in conjunction to the other antique stores located on 31st Street!

### CR Improvements, LLC

CR Improvements, LLC offers a wide variety of products and services to suit the budgets and tastes for all homeowners, and the Better Business Bureau has awarded them an "A+" rating. CR Improvements specializes in senior accessibility design,

construction and installation, including walk-in tub and shower conversions, grabs bars, automatic door openers, custom closet systems, as well as interior/exterior threshold ramps. CR Improvements also offers remodeling services, energy efficient appliance installation, basement finishing, floor installation, carpentry and custom woodwork. Their address is 909 E. 31st Street, Suite B. Check out their website at [www.crimprovements.com/default.html](http://www.crimprovements.com/default.html) for contact information and to check out other featured services and products!

### Generations Family Dentistry

Generations Family Dentistry located at 1012 E. 31st, just east of the firehouse, is proud to be a new member of the La Grange Park community. Dr. Deval Shah recently purchased the dental office previously owned by Dr. Angelina Kula DDS who is now transitioning into full time teaching at Midwestern University's Dental School. The office hours are Tuesday and Thursday 9:30am to 5pm, and Wednesday 1pm to 8pm. Dr. Shah and her staff continue to build on the foundation set by Dr. Angelina Kula over the past 20 years providing comprehensive general dentistry. Please call (708) 482-3567 to schedule your appointment or if they can answer any questions you may have prior to your visit.

## Police Department Safety Corner

### Spring Crime Prevention Tips

As the warmer weather approaches, the La Grange Park Police Department wants to remind you of some tips to keep yourself, your home and your valuables safe during the spring months.

#### Home Safety

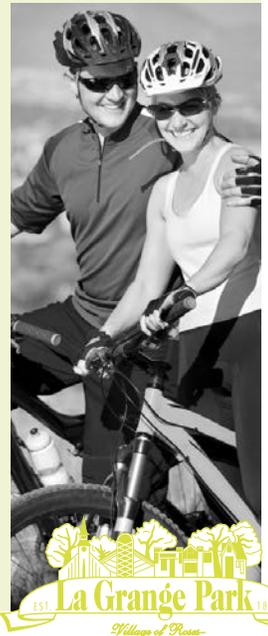
Warmer weather months appeal to criminals when they are typically more mobile. The following reminders are provided to keep your home and valuables safe.

- Always lock your doors. This includes the house, garage and any vehicles you own. Criminals focus on easy targets. Make it more difficult to choose you.
- Store all ladders and other tools in a secure location. Otherwise, criminals who illegally enter your home, garage or vehicle may use them.
- Be aware of home improvement scams. Check with the Village Hall or Police Department to see if a salesperson is a licensed contractor and has references.
- If a utility representative comes to your home, request identification. Actual employees are more than happy to show you their ID. Call their company for verification.
- Being a good neighbor can be one of the best tools used in fighting crime. Report suspicious activity to the Police Department.
- Beware of a scheme involving thieves approaching homeowners asking to use the bathroom. **DO NOT LET ANYONE INSIDE YOUR HOME THAT YOU DON'T KNOW.** Once inside, valuables can be taken and you may not realize it until it's too late.
- If you don't wish to be contacted by solicitors at your home, display a NO SOLICITING sign conspicuously near the front door. Anyone who attempts to solicit is in violation of Village ordinances if such a sign as displayed. Report solicitor complaints to the Police Department.

#### Bicycle Safety

The rules of the road apply to persons on bicycles as well. Bike riders are required to obey traffic lights and stop signs and yield when appropriate to other vehicles and pedestrians. Some additional safety tips for bicyclists:

- Always wear a helmet.
- If riding at night, use a light on the front and rear of your bicycle. Wear bright colors as well.
- Ride with the flow of traffic, not against it.
- Always lock your bicycle, even if it's kept in your own yard.
- Register your bicycle at the Police Department. It's free!



# Free Mulch

Mulch is available throughout the year. Public Works crews will deliver mulch to residents on Fridays, depending on availability. When requesting a delivery please email [mulch@lagrangepark.org](mailto:mulch@lagrangepark.org) or call Public Works at 352-2922, and provide the following:

- address
- phone number
- where on the driveway the mulch should be delivered (right side or left side as you are facing your home)
- ½ truck load or full truck load\*

\* ½ truck load equals approximately 1.5 cubic yards, and a full truck load equals approximately 3 cubic yards (generally, one cubic yard will cover a 6-foot x 9-foot area). Mulch is also available for pick up at the Public Works facility at 937 Barnsdale Road, Monday through Friday.

# 2013 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 6:00am 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 (708) 354-0225 or Allied Waste Customer Service at (708) 345-7050 if you have any questions.

## BRUSH COLLECTION PROGRAM

The Village will conduct pickups beginning on the Monday of the first full week of each month from May 6 through the week of October 7. Through the program, Village Public Works crews pick up tree branches and brush debris that are stacked in neat piles on the parkway.

The Village will no longer be scheduling specific sections for pickup. Instead, multiple crews will be picking up brush beginning on Monday of the collection week. To ensure pickup, brush needs to be on the parkway by 6:00am on the Monday of the pickup week.

## Guidelines for the Brush Collection Program

- Brush must be stacked neatly on the parkway, piled no more than 4-feet high, with the butt end facing the curb. Please be sure that brush is not piled in such a way that interferes with motorist or pedestrian visibility.
- In narrow parkways, if brush extends onto the sidewalk, the brush may be piled parallel to the curb.
- Brush must be no longer than 6-feet in length and 4-inches in diameter.
- Logs must be cut into small, manageable pieces, and should be kept separate from brush.
- Stumps and root balls will not be picked up. They should be removed from trees or bushes.

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

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

# This Spring, Call JULIE at 811 Before You Dig

April is National Safe Digging Month. Safe digging is no accident. According to the Common Ground Alliance, every eight minutes an underground utility line is damaged due to unsafe digging. Know what's below – call JULIE at 811 before beginning any outdoor projects!



# Money Smart Week: Preparing Your Estate Plan

Wednesday, April 24, 7 p.m. La Grange Park Library  
Presented by Keith Hill, Edward Jones in La Grange

This seminar will familiarize you with the basic steps of estate planning, including the function of a will and different types of trusts. It's never too early to start planning!

Take advantage of this FREE opportunity to learn how to protect your assets for the future.



# Seeking New Members for Village of La Grange Park Youth Commission: 2013-2014 Term

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 Commissioners are required to attend at least one monthly Village Board meeting per year in order to share the input and opinions of the Youth Commissioners with the Board. The purpose of the Commission is to involve youth in Village decision-making as a way to gain new perspectives and original insights into issues that the Village encounters on a regular basis. 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.

**Mission Statement:** *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.*

Individuals interested in serving should fill out an application (available on the Village website, [www.lagrangepark.org](http://www.lagrangepark.org)). Applications should be sent to the attention of Emily Rodman, Assistant Village Manager, email: [erodman@lagrangepark.org](mailto:erodman@lagrangepark.org) or fax to: (708) 354-0241. If you have any questions please contact Andrea Bagley at (708) 354-0225.

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE TO THE VILLAGE NO LATER THAN JUNE 14, 2013.

## Registration is Open for the Annual Youth Commission Community Volunteering Weekend

The La Grange Park Youth Commission is planning its eighth annual Community Volunteering Weekend to take place on April 20th and 21st. Registration is now open for volunteers able to perform various service projects around La Grange Park, as well as homeowners who require assistance with outdoor projects. Youth 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.

### Need help at your house?

If you have a difficult time managing outdoor spring cleaning on your own property or know of someone else who does, 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 20th or Sunday, April 21st, 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!

When	Types of Projects	
Saturday, April 20th from 9am – noon	Painting	Gardening / planting
Sunday, April 21st from 1pm – 4pm	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](mailto:abagley@lagrangepark.org) no later than April 17th.



# Monthly Waste Removal Fee & Sticker Price Increases

Effective April 1, 2013

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

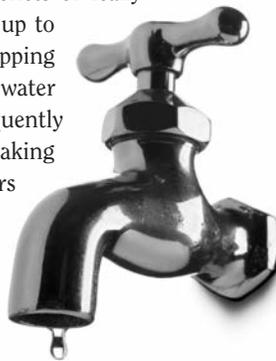
**Option 1:** Monthly fee + one waste sticker for each can or bag of trash or waste.

**Option 2:** Monthly fee + toter fee (either 96 gallon or 64 gallon)

	April 1, 2013	Previously
Sticker	\$2.90	\$2.80
Monthly Fee	\$5.35	\$5.05
96 Gallon Toter (includes 65 gallon recycling toter)	\$18.65 (+monthly fee)	\$18.45
64 Gallon Toter	\$15.15 (+monthly fee)	\$14.95

## Notice to Monitor Water Usage

The Village of La Grange Park Finance Department has noted a few incidents of unusually high water bill amounts. This can be attributed to dripping faucets, running toilets or leaky pipes. In fact, a running toilet can waste up to 1,000 gallons of water a day, and dripping faucets can also cause large increases in water usage. The Village reminds you to frequently check your pipes, faucets and toilets for leaking or running water. Also, many water meters have a "low flow indicator", a small dial on the meter face that turns when water is moving through the meter. This dial should not be moving if water is not being used in your residence. Be proactive – monitor your water usage frequently to save yourself time and money in the future!



## The File of Life Saves Lives!

The FILE OF LIFE program is coordinated by Aging Well to facilitate the work of paramedics who are called to a senior's home in an emergency situation. The older adult's medical profile and critical contact information are gathered in a convenient packet that adheres magnetically to the refrigerator. Emergency personnel are trained to look for the packet, so that vital information can be transmitted immediately to the hospital to expedite treatment. The results can truly be lifesaving.

You can pick up a File of Life in either a refrigerator magnet style or a version designed to be carried in a wallet at Aging Care Connections, the La Grange Police and Fire Departments, the La Grange Village Hall, or La Grange Park Village Hall.



## Notice Regarding Fee/Fine Increases for Certain Licenses, Services and Code Violations

On January 22nd, the Village Board voted to approve increases to some Village fees, including the Village vehicle sticker fee. These measures are a result of the Village's Local Revenue Study, which evaluated the Village's fee, fine and other revenue levels. The Village reviewed how services are provided and also considered the fee/fine levels charged by neighboring communities. The purpose of conducting the study is to ensure that the Village is recouping all of the costs associated with the various services we provide. The results of the Local Revenue Study will inform future adjustments and assist the Village in meeting ongoing and future obligations. Information regarding these increases is outlined below.

- **Class B Liquor License** This annual license fee increased from \$600 to **\$800**. This license applies to businesses selling beer and wine, either in the original package or for consumption on the premises. *Effective February 15, 2013*
- **Class E Liquor License** This fee is now **\$25** per event, per day and available to all eligible organizations (under state law). Previously the fee was \$5 per event and available to churches and private schools only. This provision was modified to be consistent with state law and to enhance the Village's ability to monitor such events, ensuring public safety. *Effective February 15, 2013*
- **Tobacco Retail License** This annual license fee increased from \$50 to **\$75**. *Effective February 15, 2013*
- **Water Turn On Fee** This fee has increased from \$25 to **\$50** and applies to requests to turn on water service during Public Works business hours only (between 7:00am and 3:00pm). An additional fee payment of \$100 is required for turning on water between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 7:00am (after hours). *Effective February 15, 2013*
- **Vehicle and Motorcycle License** Also known as the "vehicle sticker fee," this fee has increased from \$30 to **\$35**. The fee for the replacement of lost or damaged licenses is now **\$5** (previously \$1). *Effective June 1, 2013*

### Notice Regarding Fine Increases for Certain Violations

*Effective February 15, 2013*

On January 22nd, the Village Board voted to approve increases to fines for certain public safety violations. Information regarding these increases is outlined below.

- **Compliance Warning** This fine increased from \$25 to **\$40**. The fine will double after 10 days if not paid. Examples of compliance warning violations include: equipment violations (lighting, exhaust, mirrors, etc.); improper display of license plates; failure to notify the Secretary of State of change of address as required; overweight vehicle violations and failure to wear a seat belt as required.
- **Parking Violations** This fine increased from \$20 to **\$30**. The fine will double after 10 days if not paid.
- **Dogs Running At Large** This fine increased from \$25 to **\$40**.

# Celebrate Arbor Day

La Grange Park has been designated a “Tree City USA” for the past 25 years by the National Arbor Day Foundation. In keeping with our status as a “Tree City,” the Village has planned a special event for this year’s Arbor Day Celebration.

## Honorary Tree Planting

For the tenth consecutive year, the Village will plant a tree in memory or in honor of a special person. In the same manner that many people plant trees to celebrate the birth of a child, a marriage, or to memorialize someone who has passed away, the Village will publicly honor a La Grange Park resident or group with the planting of a tree. Planting a tree can be a terrific tribute to someone; trees grow tall and strong, provide shade for cooling in summer, release moisture into the air, help reduce flooding and erosion, and are a source of beauty from season to season over a lifetime.

Arbor Day this year is Friday, April 26th. To mark this Arbor Day, the Village is accepting nominations to plant a tree in honor or in memory of a person or group that has made a positive contribution to the community, or whose achievements deserve special recognition. Previous years’ honorees included a tree planted at the Library in honor of Mary Lou Hurley who had served as President of the Library Board for many years, as well as Paul Matlas for his untiring involvement with the Village Church of La Grange Park.

To submit your own nomination, please use the form below, or create your own, and send it to Tree Planting, La Grange Park Village Hall, 447 N. Catherine Avenue, La Grange Park, IL 60526, or via email to [abagley@lagrangepark.org](mailto:abagley@lagrangepark.org) no later than April 15th, 2013. Be sure to tell why the person or group you are nominating deserves to be recognized, and indicate what kind of tree you feel would most appropriately honor their achievements and community spirit. After reviewing all the nominations, the Village will select one from among all nominations received to honor with a public tree planting. The tree will be planted in a public space (in a park, parkway, etc.) during a public ceremony in late April or early May, and a small plaque mentioning the honoree will be installed at the base of the tree.

I nominate \_\_\_\_\_ to be

honored with the planting of a \_\_\_\_\_ tree

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# Village Board Highlights

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

- Resolution Authorizing Execution of “Collective Bargaining” Agreement Between the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 150, Public Employee Division and the Village of La Grange Park
- Ordinance Granting Certain Variations for 320 N. Ashland, La Grange Park, IL (Public Hearing No. 12-03)
- Authorized Staff to Enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Murray Weather Intelligence Reports for 2012-2013
- Motion to Eliminate the Phase Two Portion of the Request for Proposal & Negotiate a Guaranteed Maximum Price Contract w/Leopardo Construction not to Exceed One Million Dollars and Authorize Staff to Enter into a Letter of Understanding for Design Services
- Proclamation – National Drunk and Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month December 2012
- Ordinance Amending the La Grange Park Municipal Code as Amended (fee increases)
- Ordinance Amending the La Grange Park Municipal Code as Amended (fine increases)
- Approve Payment to J&L Electronic Service, Inc. in the amount of \$13,511.35 (equipment conversion)
- Resolution Adopting the Commercial Revitalization Plan
- Supplemental Resolution for 2010-2011 MFT Funds
- 2013 Combination Sewer Repair Project – Award of Bid
- Resolution Accepting Engineering Agreement w/Edwin Hancock Engineering for South La Grange Road Water Main Replacement Project
- Resolution Accepting Bid/Contract for Homestead Avenue Valve Insertion Project (Unique Plumbing)
- Approval of the FY 2013-2014 Budget Schedule
- Resolution Approving Audit Services Agreement (Selden Fox, Ltd.)
- Ordinance Granting Variations for 145 Timber Lane (Public Hearing No. 2012-04)
- Ordinance Approving Final Subdivision Plat for Heatherdale Subdivision
- Proclamation for St. Baldrick’s Foundation

# Empty Bowls 2013 Share the Bounty



Good food in plentiful supply is something many of us can take for granted, but not everyone in our community is so fortunate. The Village Potters are sponsoring a local Empty Bowls Event on May 9th to raise money to support local food pantries.

**Mark your calendars! May 9th from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.**

Stop by the Village Market and purchase a handmade bowl to fill with tasty treats from local restaurants and businesses. All proceeds go to support local food pantries and you get to keep the bowl as a reminder of how your generosity helped fill one of the many empty bowls in the world. For more information on the event, please call (708) 352-2330 or visit: [www.villagepotters.com/empty-bowls](http://www.villagepotters.com/empty-bowls)





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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.

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Please mail to: Village Manager, Village of La Grange Park, 447 North Catherine, La Grange Park, IL 60526. Email address: [jcedillo@lagrangepark.org](mailto: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](mailto: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 holidays:

**Monday, May 27 – Memorial Day**  
**Thursday, July 4 – Independence Day**