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Summer 2013

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The Village of La Grange Park



President's Corner

Summer is finally here and La Grange Park residents are making the most of the warmer weather. It's time to catch up with our neighbors, watch our kids play and create lasting memories with backyard BBQ's. As summer draws on, the Village continues to make progress on a number of large-scale initiatives to improve the quality of services we provide to the community. Many of these services include the provision of vital infrastructure; including Village facilities, roads, water, sanitary sewer, and storm sewers. Read on for more details on the many projects currently underway.

Village Facilities

The renovation of the Public Works facility is well underway. Leopardo Construction was awarded the contract to design and construct the renovation. Remediation work to remove the asbestos and lead in the building was completed in June. The rest of the work, which includes major masonry repairs, a new roof, window replacement, installation of a fire sprinkler system, and the

construction of a new locker room and bathrooms are currently underway. The total cost of the project is \$1,053,938 of which \$600,000 is being funded through grants. Work should be completed by the end of August.

Roads

This summer the Village will also be completing the resurfacing of Beach Avenue from 31st Street to 29th Street. Schroeder Asphalt Services is the contractor that was awarded the bid for the nearly \$315,000 project. The work includes not only the resurfacing of the street but also some associated sewer and water line adjustments. The Village is continuing to evaluate a variety of funding mechanisms that would allow us to increase the amount of resurfacing work we do each year. More information regarding these efforts will be included in future Village communications.



Water Infrastructure

As I'm sure many of you have experience first-hand, the Village is currently in the process of replacing the water main along La Grange Road between Brewster and Woodlawn. Construction on Phase 1 of the project is expected to continue through summer. For more information on this project, please see page 2. This is a significant infrastructure improvement project for the Village and we thank residents for their patience and understanding during the construction.

Sanitary Sewer Infrastructure

The Village regularly monitors and repairs its sewer infrastructure on an annual basis in order to ensure the system functions properly and to maintain the longevity of the infrastructure. This spring, the Village completed sewer line pipe repairs at 30 locations throughout the community. This month, our contractors will clean and televise an additional 16,500 linear feet of sewer pipe. Based on their inspection, the Village will identify additional areas in need of repair, which will be completed this fall. As part of a separate project, the Village will also re-line nearly 4,000 linear feet of sewer lines to re-enforce the current pipe and prevent pipe failures.

Storm Sewer Infrastructure

As a result of the heavy April rains that impacted a number of our residents, the Village has undertaken an evaluation of how we can improve the storm sewer system that feeds into Salt Creek. This summer, the Village will be installing a backflow prevention device on the Morgan Avenue storm sewer. This device is designed to allow storm water to drain into Salt Creek, but will close when the creek rises to the elevation of the storm pipe outfall. The installation of this device will prevent water from flowing back through the system and resurfacing on the streets in the 30th & Ostrander area.

As you can see, the Village has a very busy summer ahead! We at the Village are continually striving to improve our community and to ensure that it remains a great place to live, work and play. I invite you to join me in our effort.

Have a great summer and as always, feel free to contact me anytime.

President James J. Discipio



Construction Underway on the La Grange Road Water Main Replacement Project

Construction began on the La Grange Road water main replacement in June. The new main is being constructed under the sidewalk. The old main, which is located under the street pavement, will be abandoned. Upon completion, residents will experience improved fire protection due to stronger water pressure.

The work zone for Phase One of the project begins at Brewster Avenue on the south and extends to Woodlawn Avenue to the north. Phase One of the project is anticipated to be completed in mid-September.

During the construction period, southbound traffic on La Grange Road will be restricted to one lane during daytime hours. All lanes will be open by approximately 4:00 PM each day to accommodate the evening rush hour. There will be no detour routes through the residential areas of La Grange Park.

Access to the residents on the first block west of La Grange Road will be limited. Residents and visitors should use Ashland Avenue to access these homes.

Phase One of the project is funded and managed by the Army Corps of Engineers and the contractor performing the work is

Trine Construction. Phase Two of the project will extend the water main from Woodlawn north to Oak and is anticipated to begin this fall.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and Trine will do their best to have traffic back to normal as quickly as they can. During the construction period, please drive with patience and caution. Thank you for your understanding regarding this matter.

General Public Works Phone: (708) 352-2922 Extension 100
After hours (Police Department Phone): (708) 352-2151



“Lock it or Lose It”

The LaGrange Park Police Department recently initiated the “Lock it or Lose It” program. Most of the items stolen from victims in our community are a direct result of a failure of the owner or responsible party to use supplied or installed locks on vehicles, homes, bicycles and garages.

Thefts from unlocked vehicles are the most common of all categories. Locking your vehicle whenever it is parked is a great idea to deter theft. Additionally, by not leaving certain items visible inside of your vehicle, you may also avoid being victimized.

Avoid leaving any of the following in plain view:

- Cell phones
- GPS systems
- Charge cords
- Antennas
- Sports equipment (including golf and baseball bags)
- iPods
- Cigarettes
- CDs/DVDs
- Briefcases
- Wallets
- Radar detectors
- Laptop computers
- Extra set of car keys
- Removable radios
- Clothing
- Money, including loose change
- Address books
- Credit cards

Other helpful suggestions:

- Always remove your keys from your vehicle
- Park in well-lit areas
- Use attended parking lots
- Completely close all windows and sun roofs
- Use your garage – and lock it!
- Engrave expensive accessories
- Use tire and wheel locks
- Install an alarm system



The Police Department will be glad to answer any of your questions and make specific crime prevention suggestions as well. Please contact the department if any assistance is needed.



Community Park District of La Grange Park Update

For more information about Park District Programs, please visit their website at www.cpdlagrangepark.com, or call (708) 354-4580.

BEACH-OAK ADDITION

Governor Patrick Quinn recently awarded the Community Park District with a \$150,200 grant that will increase the size of Beach-Oak Park by roughly 30%. The grant represents 50% of the acquisition cost of the residence located adjacent to Beach-Oak Park's southern border. The grant is made available in the federally funded Land and Water Conservation Fund (LAWCON) and is administered by Illinois Department of Natural Resources in their Open Space, Land and Development Fund (OSLAD) program. The existing home and garage will be razed later this year followed by grading and grass seeding of the lot. A total improvement project is scheduled for 2015-16, hopefully with another OSLAD grant award. Go to www.cpdlgp.org and click "About" for a conceptual plan.

MEMORIAL PARK IMPROVEMENT

An OSLAD grant application has been submitted July 1st that would yield \$400,000 towards a major improvement of Memorial Park. If awarded, construction in 2014-15 would feature a new family sized picnic shelter, an improved playground and a small water/sand playground at the north end of the park. The southwest corner of the park would also be improved to enhance the park's use for small fairs, festivals, art & craft shows, etc. A conceptual plan can be seen by clicking on "About" in the Park District's website; www.cpdlgp.org.

VETERANS MEMORIAL FUND RAISER

The Community Park District is very pleased to announce a plan to erect a new, more visible Veterans Memorial at the corner of Sherwood and Oak in Memorial Park. The project's \$85,000 construction cost will be raised this summer and fall in a campaign administered by the Park District's Veterans Memorial Committee. The drive commenced on June 26th at the annual Fourth of July Concert under the Stars. The conceptual plan can be viewed on the Park District website; www.cpdlgp.org and, pending the success of fund raising will be completed in time for dedication on May 26, 2014.

Cool Summer Fun for All Ages at the Library

Whether you love books or high tech gadgets, the La Grange Park Library has something for everyone this summer. There's still time to sign up for the Summer Reading program, Have Book - Will Travel! Children, teens and adults have until July 20 to read or listen to just three books/audiobooks to be eligible for great prizes. Sign up at the Library, 708-352-1203, or at lplibrary.org.

Are you confused by Kindle, Windows 8, smartphones or Facebook? Get up to 30 minutes of technology tutoring at the La Grange Park Library. Bring your device or use theirs. Limited time slots are available weekly, and advance registration is required. Call 708 352-0100 or visit the Reference Desk to arrange a session.

Ready to Wear & Ready to Paint: Fashion and Modernism in Late 19th Century Paris

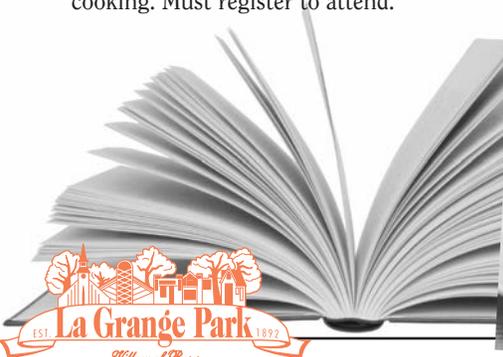
Monday, July 15, 7 p.m., La Grange Park Public Library

In this slide lecture, Dr. Michelle Paluch-Mishur, will discuss works by the artists featured in the Art Institute's newest exhibition, including Cassatt, Tissot, Caillebotte and Renoir, and their relationship to the Parisian fashion industry. Please register at the Library, call 708-352-0100 or go to lplibrary.org. Sponsored by the La Grange Park Friends of the Library.

Cookbook Club: Every Grain of Rice by Fuchsia Dunlop

Thursday, July 18, 6 p.m., La Grange Park Public Library

It's potluck meets book discussion! Sign up at the Reference Desk, pick a recipe from the cookbook selection, and prepare it for the program. Sample good food and talk about what worked and what didn't. This summer's book is authentic (and simple) Chinese cooking. Must register to attend.



Vehicle Stickers & Dog Licenses Due July 31st

La Grange Park vehicle stickers and dog licenses must be purchased and displayed prior to midnight on July 31, 2013. Renewal applications were mailed to each home in early June. To renew your license, please correct any incorrect pre-printed information on your renewal application and return it with payment to the Village Hall for processing. If you have not received a renewal application, blank forms are available at the Village Hall. Vehicle stickers may be purchased at the Administration desk Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or after hours at the Police Desk. Please note: Village Hall will be opened on Saturday, July 27th from 9:00 a.m. to noon for your added convenience. You may also mail your renewal application and payment to the Village of La Grange Park, 447 N. Catherine Avenue, La Grange Park, IL 60526.

Vehicle stickers are \$35.00 per year, \$15.00 per year for seniors who are 65 years of age prior to July 1, 2013. Seniors are limited to one senior rate per household. Licenses purchased after midnight July 31, 2013 are assessed delinquent penalties. Vehicles not properly licensed are in violation of Village Code and may be ticketed by police. Fines are \$50.00 per offense. The fee for the replacement of a lost or damaged sticker is \$5.00.

Dog licenses are \$10.00 per dog.



Pick Up After Yourself...and Your Pet!



Summertime means that more people (and their pets) are outside enjoying the warm weather. Let's make sure our sidewalks, streets and lawns are kept clean so that everyone can enjoy the outdoors.

As such, the Village would like to remind residents that it is unlawful to discard dog droppings (or other litter for that matter), upon

any public or private property. The penalty for any person convicted of this violation is a minimum \$10 fine and a maximum \$500 fine.

The Village has provided a Guide to Responsible Dog Ownership to promote a happy, healthy, pet-friendly La Grange Park. The Guide is available at Village Hall, and also on the Village's website at www.lagrangepark.org.

Keep La Grange Park Safe and Beautiful!

Residents are most active during the summer months, as such, please be sure to keep sidewalks and rights-of-way free of brush, lawn ornaments and lawn furniture in order to provide a clear path for pedestrians. Further, recent summer storms have been very damaging to our Village. Help us manage the danger of these storms by storing and displaying lawn furniture, large statues and other potentially dangerous objects in backyards to prevent them from being displaced in the street impeding traffic and pedestrians.

Thank you for your participation and cooperation in making La Grange Park a safe and beautiful community!



Check out the New Village Website!



On June 5th, the Village upgraded our website format. The new website has a more contemporary look, is more user-friendly and has improved functionality. Some of the changes include:

- A streamlined homepage that displays the most current Village news
- A document center that contains important Village documents, forms and applications
- A new online block party submission form
- A Village staff page with information on the background and expertise of the Village's managerial staff
- New "Resident" and "Business" tabs so that website users can quickly find information relevant to them

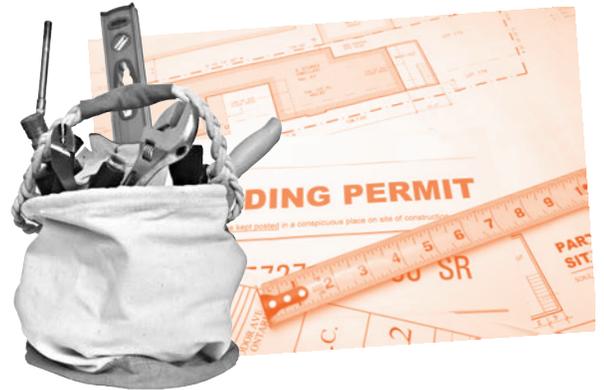
Have suggestions for information you'd like to see available on the Village website? Email erodman@lagrangepark.org with your suggestion or request.

Stay Informed with E-Briefs

Want to be kept informed with the most up-to-date information on what is happening in the community? Want to be the first to get vital information in times of emergency? Sign up for the Village's weekly electronic newsletter, E-Briefs. E-Briefs is a once weekly newsletter that contains important Village information and links to activities going on in and around the community. Recently, the Village switched to a mobile-friendly E-Briefs format so that you stay informed on the go. To sign up, visit the Village's website (www.lagrangepark.org) and click on the "Sign-Up For Village E-Briefs".

Tool Time

Now that the weather is getting warmer, many residents will begin home improvement projects. Many such projects require village permits, which help to ensure the projects meet village codes. In turn, these village codes and permits help to ensure minimum construction and other standards are met, overall keeping the Village of La Grange Park a beautiful and safe. If you plan on doing work this summer and are not sure if a permit is required, please contact the Village of La Grange Park Building Department at 708-354-0225. We would be happy to work with you to make sure your project goes smoothly and safely. And don't forget the safety glasses!



Sprinkler Regulations Reminder

Residents are reminded that the Village of La Grange Park has sprinkler regulations that are in effect from May 15th to September 15th of each year. All residents bearing an odd-numbered street address may use water for sprinkling lawns on days having an odd-numbered calendar date. All residences bearing an even-numbered street address may use water for sprinkling lawns on days having an even-numbered calendar date. The Village may impose stricter regulations to conserve water usage in the event of prolonged hot and dry weather, or due to conditions that impact our ability to maintain adequate water pressure and supply.

Annual Water Quality Report

The Village of La Grange Park's 2013 Consumer Confidence Report (Water Quality Report for Calendar Year 2012) is now available on-line at: [http://www.lagrangepark.org/vertical/sites/%7B84B8C7A6-E0D4-419A-B9AB-402A81379BFC%7D/uploads/2013_La_Grange_Park_Consumer_Confidence_Report\(1\).pdf](http://www.lagrangepark.org/vertical/sites/%7B84B8C7A6-E0D4-419A-B9AB-402A81379BFC%7D/uploads/2013_La_Grange_Park_Consumer_Confidence_Report(1).pdf). This report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water. Please call (708) 352-2922 if you would like a paper copy of the report mailed to your home.



Village Board Highlights

The Board of Trustees conducted the following business during the months of March, April, and May:

- Resolution Regarding a Delegation of Negotiating Authority to the West Central Cable Agency
- Ordinance Amending the La Grange Park Municipal Code as Amended (weight restriction and loading zone)
- Ordinance Amending Chapter 51, Section 51.43 of the La Grange Park Municipal Code Establishing Water Rates
- Approved Temporary Use Permit for Jewel Greenhouse
- Authorized Village Manager to Execute a Contract for Services with Cagwood Consulting (lobbyist)
- Resolution Accepting Proposals/Contracts for Tree Removal, Stump Removal, General Tree Maintenance and Emergency Tree Work
- Resolution Authorizing Hancock Engineers to Submit an Application for Roadway Improvements through the Surface Transportation Program for Harding Avenue
- Authorized the Purchase of LaGrange Road Light Poles
- Adopted Five Year Plan FY 2013/14 – 2017/18
- Resolution Approving FY 2013-14 Operating Budget
- Resolution Approving Pay Plan and Schedule of Authorized Positions for FY 2013-2014
- Approved Amendment to Village Manager’s Employment Agreement
- Proclamation Arbor Day 2013
- Proclamation Older Americans Month 2013
- Proclamation Municipal Clerk Week
- Proclamation Code Enforcement Officer Appreciation Month
- Authorized Environmental Mitigation Work to Begin in Advance of the Renovation Work at the Public Works Garage, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$40,000
- Proclamation Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week May 19-25, 2013
- Ordinance Amending the La Grange Park Municipal Code as Amended (establishment of returned payment fee)
- Ordinance Amending the La Grange Park Municipal Code as Amended (Pine Tree Lane Parking Restrictions)
- Authorized Village President to Execute Professional Engineering Services Agreements in Support of the 2013 Construction Projects
- Resolution for Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code for the Expenditure of \$235,000 in MFT Funds
- Ordinance Authorizing the Sale by Public Auction of Personal Property Owned by the Village of La Grange Park
- Authorized the Purchase of a F150 Pick-Up Truck, as Specified from Freeway Ford in the Amount of \$26,989
- Awarded Contract to Globe Construction, Inc. in the Amount not to Exceed \$30,000 for Completion of Sidewalk Removal and Restoration and Other Concrete Work to be Performed in the Village
- Obligation Retirement Resolution Appropriating \$223,20348 of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the Purpose of Paying Bond Principal and Interest
- Ordinance Approving Amended Final Subdivision Plat for Heatherdale Subdivision
- Approved the Addition of an Aggregate Service Cost Table to be Distributed first this June/July 2013 and Subsequently Included in Future Budget Documents
- Authorized the Village President to Execute a Design Build Agreement with Leopardo Construction in an Amount not to Exceed \$1,053,938 (Public Works Garage Design Build)

Cooling Centers Available in La Grange Park



The following locations are cooling centers open to everyone.

La Grange Park Village Hall

447 N. Catherine Avenue.
Open 24 hours.

Adventist La Grange Hospital

5101 S. Willow Springs Road.
10:00 am – 8:00 pm
(Over 90 degrees with high humidity)

La Grange Park Public Library

555 N. La Grange Road
(During regular Library hours)

Brush Collection Schedule

The Village brush collection pick-up occurs on the Monday of the first full week of the month. Brush must be at the curb by 7:00 a.m. A first sweep is conducted by picking up the smaller piles of brush. Larger piles will be left for the end loader and dump truck to pick-up.

If you miss putting your brush out by the first Monday of the month, the yard waste can be packaged for the Village’s waste hauler, Allied Waste, to pick up. Brush and branches must be securely bundled with bio-degradable twine or rope. Each bundle must be no more than four feet in length, two feet in diameter and weigh no more than fifty pounds. Individual branches must be no larger than three inches in diameter. A yard waste sticker must be affixed to each bundle.

Fall Leaf Removal Schedule

Residents are advised that the schedule below 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, leaf pick-up 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!

West: All streets west of La Grange Road

Center: All streets from La Grange Road east to the IHB railroad tracks

East: All streets east of IHM railroad tracks

10/14 – 10/18	East	Weather Permitting:	
10/21 – 10/25	West	11/25 – 11/29	East
10/28 – 11/1	Center	12/2 – 12/6	West
11/4 – 11/8	East	12/9 – 12/13	Center
11/11 – 11/15	West		
11/18 – 11/22	Center		



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.

Good Neighbor Excerpts:

Nominating: Jill Madison

I was wintering in southern Florida when I received a phone call from my dad who periodically collected my mail. That day, he found an opened Amazon package lodged between the storm and front door. Attached was a note from Jill Madison explaining that she rescued my opened package from the middle of the street in front of her house – nearly 3 blocks away! Thankfully, my merchandise was not damaged. It is caring, watchful neighbors, such as Jill, who make the Village of Roses a special community to live in. Thank you again, Jill! – Gary Charles Metz

Nominating: Herb Jones

Herb Jones has been my neighbor for years. I am 88 years old and slightly handicapped. He has been my benefactor by taking out my garbage, carrying my groceries and being a “Mr. Fix It”. He comes every day to check up on me to see if I’m well and to see if I need anything. We also sit and chat about current events, and when he leaves, he always makes sure my door is locked. I’ll soon be moving into a retirement home. I will miss my house, but I will miss my good neighbor and friend, Herb Jones. – Lois Bearman

Nominating: Michael & Laura Murphy

If it wasn’t for my next door neighbors, I would be a lost person. Last summer, due to the extreme heat, my garage became very damaged. The Murphys offered to paint my garage, and they did such a great job that it looked brand new. Their son helps me take in my groceries after I have gone to the store, and they also help me plant flowers and shovel snow. The Murphys have been very helpful for us. We are very lucky to have them around. – Phil & Rose Marie Kuharchuk

Nominating: Community Volunteer Weekend Volunteers

I would like to personally thank La Grange Park for the help they provided me on Community Volunteering Day. I was so impressed with the wonderful people who came and worked so hard spreading weed and feed, fertilizing trees and bringing my furniture to the deck. As an 89 year old woman, I can’t do these things by myself anymore. I am proud to have lived in La Grange Park for 55 years and raised my family here. Thank you! – Ellie Laben

Nominating: Community Volunteer Weekend Volunteers

I want to thank the volunteers who gave up their Saturday to help me with chores around my house. They not only did an excellent job, but they were cheerful and gracious with a very giving spirit. With all the bad news we see today, the volunteers proved there are good people in the world. Thank you again. – Sharon Trusina

Nominating: Community Volunteer Weekend Volunteers

Thank you for including me in the Community Volunteering Weekend. Brittany Kuharchuk, Kiley Roache, Katie Hosso and Melanie Topps did an excellent job. Also, all yard waste was picked up on Monday. I’m one very lucky La Grange Park resident! – Eleanore Mate

Nominating: Tom Chyna

Tom is a great neighbor. He goes out of his way for everyone on the block. Last summer when the house around the corner was for sale, Tom cut the lawn to make sure it looked well maintained. He also helps the neighbors shovel and plow, especially the widows and elderly people on the block. He is always willing to help out no matter what the task. Thank you for being a good neighbor and friend, Tom. – Joe Caputo

GOOD NEIGHBOR CORNER

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: 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 holidays:

Monday, September 2 – Labor Day